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Green Terror rated top of Div. III

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

Street & Smith's prediction that the 1998 Green Terror football team will win the NCAA Division III (D-III) national championship, is two games closer to fruition.

The Green Terror football team has launched into the season with a 2-0 record.

Last year's undefeated season of 10-0 (the third in Terror history) was only the sixth one in the Centennial Conference (CC) since 1983 and only the second for a CC school in a regular season since 1974.

Last year's game attendance was equally record-breaking. Scott S. Bair Stadium's average attendance per game was 2,578, second-place Ursinus stadium did not even approach that number with 1,895.

Many individual players received honors in 1997. Topping the list are quarterback Ron Sermarini and linebacker Tommy Selecky.

Sermarini and Hopkins' Harrison Bernstein became the first pair of sophomores to take CC Players of the Year in '97, for Sermarini ranked highest in passing with 159.38 points and placed third in total offense.

Selecky was named to Hewlett-Packard's Second-Team All-American. He also received preseason honors. He was named First-Team All-American by *Street*

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WMC's top-rated football team achieved a 56-24 win over Bridgewater in their first game of the new season

WMC professor's movie to be shown in Baltimore

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Staff Writer

With all the publicity in the *Baltimore Sun*, the *City Paper*, the *Carroll County Times*, and *The Hill* magazine, WMC film professor Jonathan Slade should be speechless by now over the creation of his first full-length independent film, but he's still more than eager to talk about it.

This former WMC grad and Westminster native has made his dream come true in the production of *Forest for the Trees*. The 16 mm film about a group of old college friends reuniting for a bicycle trip along the C&O canal took 2 1/2 years of hard work, credit card balances totaling \$26,000, and a very devoted volunteer cast.

These devoted friends were the ones who encouraged Slade when he thought the film would never get finished. "No matter how much you believe in a project, there's always a point when you'll lose hope," says Slade.

He is most thankful to Dr. Robert Saporita, WMC English and communications professor, who was "a non-stop energizer bunny," according to Slade. Saporita did all the film's photography and was willing to work at all times, even post-

poning a double hernia operation to film scenes.

The actual filming took only 28 days but was spread across a 2 1/2 year span since the schedules of the cast had to be accommodated. At one point, one of the main characters moved to San Francisco and Slade had to finance her trip back in order to complete the film. He says he is incredibly grateful to all the cast members and wishes he could pay everyone back, but he feels he must settle for the viewing of his film at as many locations as he can find.

Forest for the Trees made its

premiere at the Charles Theatre in Baltimore on July 25 and will be showing there again September 19. In addition, it will be showing in Annville, Pa., close to Hershey, on October 4 at 4 pm at the Allen Theatre. The owner of the Allen called Slade after seeing the review in the *City Paper* which called the film "a sincere, insightful exploration of love, friendship and infidelity...engaging and ambitiously realized."

Slade says he knows he will probably never make his money back, but by trying to get his film

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COURTESY OF JONATHAN SLADE

Professor Jonathan Slade's movie, *Forest for the Trees*, premiered in July.

Changes improve campus

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

Renovations to Albert Norman Ward Hall...more parking on campus...better Glar food...yes, it's all true. And it all took place during the summer.

"We accomplished a lot this summer. Our main job is to satisfy the students' needs, and by listening to their concerns we can improve life on campus," said Dr. Philip Sayre, dean of student affairs.

Almost 50 years old, ANW received a much needed facelift this summer. According to Dean Sayre, the renovations were part of a six year program which was initiated in 1994 to renovate all of the residence halls.

Every window in the building was replaced with thermal pane windows, which will improve insulation in the building. There are also three new bathrooms, one on each of the first three floors, and new sinks and counters were installed in the existing bathrooms.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, said "The overall quality of the bathrooms is better. We sacrificed housing capacity to improve the student to bathroom ratio." He believes that the new bathrooms will have a major effect on the living environment in ANW.

The interior of the building was completely painted and carpeted, and most of the furniture was replaced, including new loft beds and dressers in every room. All of the ceiling tiles were replaced, as were the light fixtures in all of the rooms.

The laundry rooms that existed on the floors were converted into single rooms, and two new laundry rooms were built in the basement.

However, the biggest renovation in ANW is the redesign of the building to a suite-style facility.

"The suite configuration allows many more housing options. Now people who want to live together have the option of living in a suite, which results in a happier atmosphere," said Seidel.

The design consists of four suites with nine students each, one with 12 students, and two with 27 students each (used for the Greek

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New school year brings changes to the campus

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organizations). The fourth floor was left alone because of its small size, according to Seidel.

Chad Boyle, a senior sociology major, is a three year veteran of ANW. "I think that it is wonderful that they finally renovated the place. The suite style is working out great and the whole building looks nice."

Each suite even has its own different color scheme, complete with matching furniture. Seidel said that this was done to give each suite an identity, to make the students feel more at home.

Kristen Ullmann, a junior graphic design major, is pleased with the change to the suite style. "They did a great job of accommodating with the colors and the furniture. It does feel a little bit more like home," she said.

Even the outside of ANW was improved. The college replaced all of the old storm gutters with new ones, in an effort to end problems that have plagued the building for years. The college is currently fixing the storm drainage system, which was backed up, behind the dormitory and will build a new sidewalk at the completion of the project.

There are also other changes that occurred to the landscape of WMC.

Approximately 70-75 new parking spaces were added to the campus to calm the ever-imposing problem of parking here at WMC. They include approximately 22 around the football stadium, 34 new spaces behind ANW, and 16 behind Whiteford and Blanch Ward halls.

According to Sayre, the Baltimore



Englar Dining Hall has seen several improvements and changes since last semester

Ravens, who hold their training camp here, paid for most of the parking renovations around the football stadium, while the spaces behind ANW were financed with money saved from the new science building.

The Ravens also paid for the construction of a paved road around Bair stadium to improve traffic flow at football games, and a Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the college was also paved.

Brent Fuchs, a junior business major, said "I'm glad that they have finally helped to alleviate the parking problem here on campus. Now I don't have to drive around all day looking for a space!"

Some of the most monumental changes that occurred this semester were the changes in the meal plans and the addition of some

new items in Englar Dining Hall.

Unlike the previous meal plans, which allotted only a certain number of meals per week, the new meal plans allot a sum number of meals for the entire semester, and allow for those meals to be used at any time.

The traditional block plan offers students a tremendous amount of flexibility; however, students are assigned specific meal plans based on where they live.

According to Alan Dolid, director of dining services, those who live in the dormitories on campus must choose the 220 plan, those not in a dorm but still on campus can have the 90 meal plan, while commuters are offered the five-lunches-per-week plan.

An additional benefit of the new plans is that some of the meals can be redeemed in

the pub. Those with the 220 plan can eat up to 15 meals in the pub, and those with the 90 plan are given the opportunity to eat in the pub five times each semester.

Dolid said that a meal in the pub consists of an entree, a side order, a bag of chips, and a fountain drink.

Sophomore Stephanie Peery said that Glar has changed for the better. "The block system is good. It allows us the opportunity not to waste meals anymore."

Another major change is that the hours of Glar have been extended. Hot breakfast is now served from 7:15 am to 9:30 am and continental breakfast from 9:30 to 10:30 Monday through Friday. Lunch is from 11:00 am till 3:00 pm, and dinner is served from 4:15 pm to 7:00 pm, also Monday through Friday.

"The object of the administration is to listen to the students and incorporate their ideas. We feel that these changes give the students more flexibility than they have ever had here before," said Dolid.

Other changes in Glar are the addition of the wrap station, which serves made-to-order fajitas and other such Mexican foods, and the cook-to-order hamburgers and hot dogs. There is even a grill station now, which serves a different grilled item each day.

Andrew Scott, a sophomore business major, is pleased with the changes to Glar, especially the grill stations. "The grilled items are an awesome idea. They cook the food right in front of you, just like a barbecue!" he said.

Dolid said that there are no changes planned for the near future, but "the door is open for more changes down the road."

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Sculptures invade WMC

"Virus," an installation of steel creations by area sculptor Jim Roberts, has invaded the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery for a two-week show which began September 8.

Featuring a compilation of work Roberts began in 1997, the more than 100-piece show will run through Sept. 18.

The sculptures depict what he terms contemporary social viruses such as TV, computer, fast food and telephone, items that have, he perceives, relentlessly attacked society. Even the Bible makes the list because of its all-consuming use by many in today's world. Each of the viruses is mounted on a spider-like set of thin legs.

"The main difference between my viruses and the biological kind is that mine only live because of man's influence and they only directly affect humans," he said.

Roberts, who started sculpting two years ago and is a student in Towson University's master of fine arts degree program, actually created his first "bug" by accident.

Needing a collection of work for acceptance into the Towson program, Roberts was creating a stand when he accidentally welded the legs on backwards. With the oddly bent legs, the piece now looked more like a bug. The concept was born and the TV became his first specialized "virus." All of the "virus" pieces use real objects except for his latest on fast food which primarily focuses, on McDonald's since it was the first of the nationwide chains.

"A real set of the golden arches was just too large," he said.

Roberts' fascination with the subject is not a new one. He had studied biology and ecology when he first started college in the 1970s. He later dropped out and bought a piano-moving business in Baltimore. But he continued to sketch and when he decided to pursue a college degree again, he chose art. He earned a degree in art education and teaches at Gateway School in Westminster.

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Books Sandwiched In discusses Irving novel

Books Sandwiched In will kick off the fall semester with the review of blockbuster author John Irving at noon today, in McDaniel Lounge.

Robert Hartman of Westminster, professor emeritus of philosophy and religious studies, will review "A Widow for One Year," a novel The New York Times Book Review calls Irving's "best story." Other critics also are joining in and moving it ahead of Irving's already acclaimed list of nine novels which includes "The World According to Garp," "The Hotel New Hampshire," "The Cider House Rules," "A Prayer for Owen Meany," and "A Son of the Circus."

Twenty years after "Garp," probably the most recognized Irving fiction, the writer has crafted a story that marks the appearance of his first female main character, a member of a family marked by tragedy, yet who eventually overcomes the widespread dysfunction.

The book, a three-part narrative, begins as four-year-old Ruth walks in on her mother, Marion, in bed with 16-year-old Eddie, an assis-

tant for her estranged father, a so-far failed, and often drunk, novelist who spent many days and nights with other partners of his own.

Topping it off is the home's pictorial shrine to Ruth's two brothers who died in a gory wreck before she was born. But her mother clings to grief for her boys and claims it the reason she does not dare to love little Ruth.

The second section skips ahead to 1990. Although all members of the love triangle-plus-one have become published writers, Ruth enjoys the most literary and popular success. But her personal life is still messy, especially relations with the opposite sex.

Finally, the book concludes five years later when Ruth, already married and widowed and now a mother of one, is about to fall in love for the first time.

Books Sandwiched In is jointly sponsored by the Hoover Library and Public Information Office at WMC and Locust Books of Westminster. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

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WMC Professor's movie shown in Baltimore

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shown in D.C. and entering it in film festivals, he hopes to just have as many people as possible see it. Then, in about a year, he looks forward to starting another film based on one of the two scripts he has in the making now. His main goal at this point, he says, is to cut down the credit card bills.

Despite the debt, Slade says he will encourage and help students like Sapora supported him so that they too will realize their dreams. His advice to them is to "enjoy the process, not just the end result and enjoy working with people...[because] nothing operates in a vacuum." He feels society is

"programmed because all we hear is the great success stories" which often give the false impression that making a film will instantly lead to big bucks.

Obviously Slade, who works at Maryland Public Television, has not quit his day job. When his talent earned him a place at University of Southern California's nationally accredited film school, after having received full scholarship to WMC, many thought he would be the next great Hollywood producer, but life there was not his style. He tried his hand at being an assistant to the producer on the set of "Doogie Howser, M.D.," but

was said that dealing with the pretentiousness of those around him made him miserable.

He feels he is much more appreciated at MPT, where his work has received several awards, and he has more freedom to do what he wants.

Slade said that he has used what he calls the "Theory of Dents" in creating his film, meaning that he slowly put dents into the project rather than being obsessed with the process as a whole. From the extreme enthusiasm he expresses when continually discussing it, his theory, and more importantly, his film, have been a success.

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Survey finds AIDS awareness low among WMC students

BY JENNIFER ROSS

Contributing Writer

Despite extensive efforts by certain members of the campus community, few WMC students seem concerned about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

According to a recent survey of 31 students of varying sex, age, and major only nine had been tested for HIV within the past year. When asked why they have never gone for AIDS testing most students responded that they did not feel it was necessary because they had not participated in any behavior that put them at risk. However, 22 percent reported that they did not always practice safe sex.

During the 1995 January term

Here at WMC, Stromberg is aware of two HIV-positive students. "But," she adds, "I'm sure there are more."

WMC's AIDS: Support, Awareness and Prevention (ASAP) group tried to organize a free HIV testing clinic on campus.

According to Emily Grant, a senior and one of ASAP's founding members, the group made their decision to implement free testing based on the results of a campus wide questionnaire which asked students to evaluate their knowledge about safe sex and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

"We wanted to know how aware people were about HIV and the

importance of safe sex. We found out that they weren't informed at all," Grant said.

The group decided to campaign for more awareness. "It is necessary in this day and age to be informed and know your options," Grant added.

Part of that campaign was to contract with the AIDS case manager for the Carroll County Health Department, Linda Stromberg, to run the testing clinic.

Stromberg tested all the ASAP members so that the group would understand how the process works. With the help of Bonnie Bosley, health department coordinator for WMC, Smith House was chosen as the testing site. Testing began at the start of the 1995 spring semester.

The free testing takes place every other Tuesday during the regular school year by appointments made through Smith House.

According to Stromberg, 5-12 students are tested in an average month. However, only 9.6 percent of the survey respondents said they had been tested at Smith House.

Stromberg explained the details of the pre-testing proceedings. "The first thing I do is get their permission," she said. Any student who wishes to be tested must sign a consent form. Then she discusses the implications of a positive test result with the student. She also asks them to respond to a questionnaire about risk behavior.

"It gets them to think about what put them at risk," Stromberg said.

The lab slips that accompany the blood that Stromberg takes have

no names on them, just an identification number that the student is assigned when they are tested. The test looks for HIV antibodies that are present in the system within three months of initial infection of HIV. In a week's time the student calls the health department, reads off his or her identification num-

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Emily Grant, Founding member of ASAP

ber and gets the results.

A positive test result indicates the HIV-virus is present. However, the virus may not take effect for 2-10 years, Stromberg explained. "Confidentiality is of greatest paramount importance," she said. "No one is informed about a person's HIV status except the person infected."

Current national statistics provided by Stromberg reveal that one person gets infected with HIV every 15 minutes and one-fourth of all new infections occur in persons under the age of 20.

Stromberg said that heterosexual sex has become the world's leading cause of all new AIDS cases. Homosexual sex is still number one in the United States,

but that number is "losing ground fast," she added.

Stromberg attributed a lack of concern about AIDS to people overlooking the real issue. "There is still a lingering thought that this is still a gay and drug-related disease," she said. "It's still difficult for people to take it on a personal level."

Here at WMC, Stromberg is aware of two HIV-positive students. "But," she adds, "I'm sure there are more."

The WMC AIDS Policy, found in the February 1998 edition of the Staff Handbook, stresses non-discrimination and education. The guidelines for implementation for the AIDS Policy stress that "Student Health Services will serve as the coordinator and resource for educational programming for students."

ASAP is open to provide assistance for students in any way they can. Kristina Benson, a member of the group said, "Projects such as AIDS quilt display or the speaker last semester are geared towards making students aware of the reality of AIDS."

Smith House offers a GYN clinic for students who want to explore birth control or safe sex options. They also provide the campus with pamphlets on AIDS.

Resident Assistants are available to provide students with free condoms. In addition, they are required to hold an AIDS and STD awareness program for their students.

Despite RA's reporting a high availability of this condom distribution policy, only an average of five

students per month actually ask for free condoms.

Most RA's felt that students did not ask for condoms because they were embarrassed. According to RA Jason Valentine, "Once someone breaks the barrier by asking the first time it becomes easier to ask again."

On the other hand, RA Jessica Heil speculated that, "Some people just don't care."

The success of the required AIDS and STD seminars varied. Some had a low turnout, while others had better results.

RA Tokk Okorie held his AIDS awareness program for last semester in March. "I had 19 girls show up, which was a pretty good turnout," he said.

Another RA, Joe Gruszka, tried

Resident Assistants are available to provide students with free condoms.

something other than a lecture to attract the attention of the residents on his floor. He hosted a picnic and a game of "Sex Jeopardy."

"I had about 20 out of 29 guys show up," he said.

He followed the format of the nightly quiz show and asked questions in the categories of: erotica, men's sex systems, birth control, fetal development, and nonconsensual sex.

"They didn't know a lot about fetal development," Gruszka said. He added that the group did pretty well in the other categories.

Information superhighway offers WMC a bumpy ride

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

Although Western Maryland College is situated 20 miles from the Baltimore Beltway, the campus contains an on-ramp to the largest superhighway in the world: the Internet.

In an age when computer technology is changing the world in which we live, computers have become a necessary part of our day-to-day lives. As such, they have become a critical tool in teaching and learning throughout schools in the United States, and WMC is no exception.

In the past few years WMC has joined the computer revolution, and the effects can be seen almost everywhere on campus.

Dr. Joan Coley, the dean of the faculty, said, "We have made a tremendous amount of progress in the computer age during the past few years, and I believe that it will continue."

According to Christine Mathews, director of information services, there are approximately 500 computers on campus. There are seven computer labs available to students: the Maggie Lab, located on the second floor of Hoover Library; the Writing Center, on the first floor of Hill Hall; the Hoover Lab, on the first floor of the library; the Windows Lab, in the basement of Lewis; the Graphics Lab, in Peterson Hall; the Howard Hughes Lab, on the second floor of Lewis; and the Math/Computer Science Lab, on the first floor of Lewis.

However, despite the 500 computers that are on campus, only 137 are for student use, which is a source of considerable frustration.

E-mail has also made a tremendous impact at WMC. Mathews said that the college handles over 2000 e-mail accounts from students, faculty and staff.

One important effect of the computer revolution is the use of computers in the classroom. An increasing number of professors have recently begun to use computers to do everything from teaching lectures with the click of a button to sending graded tests back to students via e-mail.

Richard Dillman, an assistant professor of communication, has been using computers in his classroom for three years. He takes advantage of the technology by holding on-line classroom discussions and sending back graded papers through e-mail. He even holds out-of-class discussions through the e-mail system because of its convenience.

"When our students leave here they are going to be using computers anyway, so they might as well get accustomed to them now," said Dillman.

Amy Hacker, a junior biology/premed major, said she enjoys working with computers in the classroom. She is excited that more and more of her teachers are beginning to use computers for learning purposes, and she hopes that one day computers will eliminate note-taking.

"Computers make my work quicker, easier, and neater than if I were to have to do everything by hand," she said.

Although the computer revolution has benefited WMC, there are some areas of concern that must be addressed before the campus can continue its technological advancements.

Perhaps the most significant problem is the lack of computers available for student use. Senior Michael Bogart believes that

students should be getting more computers than the staff, especially when staff members who barely have a use for computers are getting upgrades.

"Staff members aren't paying to go here, we are, yet they are the ones who are getting the computer upgrades while we have to wait in line for 45 minutes to type a paper!" said Bogart.

Mathews said that there are no immediate plans to increase the number of computers available for student use. She only plans to replace the existing ones as they grow old.

"I want to do as much as I can," said Mathews, "but it takes money, time and resources. And right now we don't have the money."

Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, said, "Increasing the number of computers for student use is not one of our main priorities for spending at this time. We do see it as a concern, but there are no plans for an increase anytime soon."

One option that might become reality is the extension of lab hours to 24 hours a day,

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Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance

according to Mathews. This would only apply to the Hoover Lab. This will be done by installing a card reader in the front of the library that would read the strip on a student identification card, allowing students and staff members to enter the building after its closing.

Mathews and Chambers believe this will be a low-cost solution to the problem of overcrowded labs, which is especially evident toward the end of each semester.

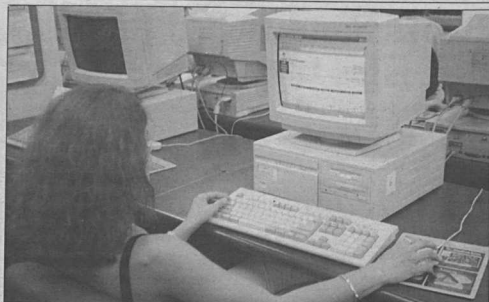
Nearly everyone agrees that another major area of concern is that the residence halls do not have cable lines. Instead, data phones are used by those who have the Internet in their rooms. This creates the "tying up" of phone lines which plagues the telecommunications system.

Mathews said the school is examining the possibility of using coaxial cable instead of the data phones. Coaxial cables are connected with television cable lines, so that phone lines will not be disturbed. Mathews said this change might become a reality within the next two to three years.

Another problem that detours the information superhighway on campus is the Macintosh computers' small-memory capabilities. Many of these computers are unable to handle the memory required to "surf the net," so they shut down.

Mike Wolfe, a sophomore, said, "One night I went into the Hoover Lab and there were five computers shut down. I couldn't get any of my work done because there were not enough damn computers that were running."

Virginia Story, administrator of the Writing Center, admits that the limited memory capabilities of the Macintosh computers is a problem. Story said that the school tries to increase the memory each year, but part of the problem is the computer user. She explained that students bounce from one site to another, sometimes in a frantic way. The computer then must download each site, and after too many sites the computer shuts



NICOLE LEHRMANN

The college only has a limited number of IBM computers, such as this one in the Hoover Lab.

down. She believes students need to be more educated in how to use computers, or else the problem will continue.

The tremendous disparity in the number of quality IBM computers to the number of inadequate Macintoshes is also a concern. Mathews admits that the number of Macintosh computers compared to the number of IBMs is a problem "Four percent of the computer population in the world is made up of Macintosh computers," said Mathews.

will benefit the entire college."

Despite these problems that hinder the progress of the information age at WMC, the future does have a silver lining.

This fall, WMC will establish a computer network system with the Carroll Community College library and the public library of Westminster. This system will allow the holdings of each library to be viewed by each other. For example, a WMC student will be able to scan the catalogues of both the community college library and the public library without leaving Hoover Library.

According to Mathews, the top priority of information services over the next year will be to "improve the existing network infrastructure which is based on telephone lines by replacing them with fiberoptic cables, making the system extremely faster and more secure."

Information Services is also looking at the possibility of student registration occurring over the Internet, a concept that could become reality within the next "couple of years."

There is no question of the impact that computers have had on WMC over the past few years. They have changed the way teachers teach, the way students learn, and the overall course of campus life. WMC is caught up in the computer revolution, and only time will tell how far we will go.

President Chambers summed it up this way: "Now we're cruising down the highway, whereas three or four years ago we weren't even on the on-ramp. Who knows just how far we're headed!"

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Four faculty members promoted to full professor

Four Western Maryland College faculty members were promoted to full professor this month, according to Joan Develin Coley, provost of the college.

They are: Charles Neal, political science/interdisciplinary studies; Vasilis (Bill) Pagonis, physics; Pamela Thompson Regis, English; Sue Singer, economics/business.

Dr. Neal, who came to WMC in 1978, teaches courses on judicial process, political theory and American political behavior. He also is the pre-law adviser and directs the College's team each year at the Harvard National Model United Nations. Before coming to WMC, Dr. Neal was a teaching assistant at University of Minnesota where he also earned his doctorate in political science. He earned a master's degree from Iowa State University and a bachelor's degree from Luther (Iowa) College.

Dr. Neal, the College's first full-time African American professor, is a member of Pi Gamma Mu (social sciences) and Pi Sigma Alpha (political science) national honor societies, as well as the American Political Science Association, Law and American Society Association, and Association of Northeastern Pre-law Advisors. He also has taught at Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) College and Iowa State.

Dr. Pagonis joined the faculty in 1986 after teaching at Allegheny (Pa.) College and Northeastern (Mass.) University. Besides specializing in solid state physics, microcomputers and archaeological dating, he developed WMC's thermoluminescence lab in 1988, one of the first such programs at a small, private liberal arts institution. Known simply as TL, it is a method of dating archaeological and geological materials that rivals the more familiar radiocarbon dating. He became fascinated with archaeological artifacts as a graduate student while studying in the world's best TL lab at the University of Birmingham in England.

He still often travels to his native Greece and other countries to visit archaeological sites. Dr. Pagonis earned doctoral and master's degrees at Northeastern and a bachelor's degree at University of Athens in Greece.

Dr. Regis, who came to WMC in 1983, teaches courses in 17th and 18th century literature, and expository writing. She has written for several publications and her first book, "Describing Early America: The Rhetoric of Natural History in Bartram, Jefferson, and Crèvecoeur," which provides an in-depth re-examination of the intellectual history of science as prac-

ticed by these three men, was published in 1992.

"Not many people think of Jefferson as a scientist," Dr. Regis said. "But he was a biologist and a very good one, too."

Next year, the University of Pennsylvania Press will re-publish the book in paperback. Dr. Regis, who also has served as coordinator

of the first-year composition program, recently put together a 20-page booklet for students to use as a guide for preparing research papers. Since 1996 every incoming student has received a copy of "Writing Standards: A Guide for WMC," which includes "everything needed to write a complete paper," said Dr. Regis. It was developed, she noted, after WMC adopted a new curricu-

lum which included a focus on writing across all disciplines. Before coming to Westminster, she taught at University of Maryland School of Law, University of Maryland Baltimore County and The Johns Hopkins University. She earned a doctorate, as well as master's and bachelor's degrees from Johns Hopkins.

This semester Ms. Singer, a member of the faculty since 1983, will lead a dozen students to WMC-Budapest, the first group of WMC-Westminster students to study at the campus in Hungary. She also will teach various business and economics courses in the program which was set up in 1994 to provide the first two years of a degree to Eastern European and other international students who then trans-

fer to Westminster to complete their education. The third group of Budapest students are studying in Carroll County this fall.

In 1996, Ms. Singer, who specializes in auditing and taxation and is a licensed CPA, was appointed by Maryland's governor to serve a term on the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy, which oversees Certified Public Accountants practicing in Maryland. Before coming to WMC, she was a staff accountant and tax specialist at McGraw-Hill and Co., P.A. She also has taught at Towson State University. Ms. Singer earned a master's degree from University of Baltimore, an MBA from Loyola College and a bachelor's degree from Towson State University.

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Why are You Here?

Kevin Worley asks what you expect from your time at Western Maryland College.

Take a moment to think about why you are attending Western Maryland College. You are *here* because you paid to be here. Actually, most of us are here because our parents paid. But, why are you here? Do you want to get a degree? Do you want to party all the time? Do you want to further your athletic career?

If you answered yes to any of the above,

I am here, at Western Maryland College, because I have a vision in my head.

then you are not alone. Those three questions pretty much cover the reasons why anyone goes to college. But, there is a problem with these answers. They're too easy.

I took some time to think about myself and what I wish to accomplish by attending WMC. I think my answer would have to be something about getting a degree, but it goes deeper than that. I could get a degree at a technical school in half the time it takes to get one here and for about 1/10 the price.

I want a good degree. In fact, I want a degree in math with a couple of minors to go with it. I want a degree in math because people with those qualifications are in demand in the job market. I want to be in demand because I want to make a lot of money. I could go on and on: I want to buy a big house, some nice cars, etc. The thing is, I'm

not sure these things are what I *really* want.

So where did I go wrong? How did I end up here if I'm not even sure about what I want, even though I have said all along this is the way to get there.

I spent days, weeks thinking about this. How can the answer be so difficult when, in fact, it is something that we all just take for granted?

I was talking on the phone one day, and something struck me. I am here, at Western Maryland College, because I have a vision in my head. There I am, sitting on the bleachers of a baseball field. The field is some-

where in a nice suburb not far from where I work, perhaps in the Boston area. Beside me is a beautiful woman with a smile on her face and a ring on her finger to match the one on mine. There is a game going on. The batter is my son at the tender age of 9. It's his first at-bat in Little League. He hits the ball... not a home run, but just enough to squeeze through the infield for a base hit.

You see, the thing that is most important thing to me is being able to see my son's face as he smiles at me looking for some sort of acknowledgment. It is looking into my wife's eyes and knowing that I have made her happy.

I am at WMC because I think that it lies on the path between where I was and watching my son's first Little League game.

Why are you here?

Quirks: A Squirrel's Life

Anne Butler gives some advice to fellow students about managing your time

We're a lot like squirrels. You know, how they tirelessly pursue gathering of nuts for the winter and then forget where they buried them, how they freeze in terror if a human comes within three feet of them, how they have those big ol' bushy tails, and how they take a....

Er, well, okay so maybe we humans don't have much in common with squirrels, but that doesn't mean we can't learn from them.

Watch these furred wonders for a while and see what you notice. (Shouldn't be that hard to find one, they're everywhere on campus!) Yes, they have bushy tails and generally are only concerned about acorns and trees. And yes, they do seem hyper enough to have ingested about six bottles of Jolt. But what else do you see?

Squirrels work really hard at gathering nuts and food for the winter, just like we work really hard at our schoolwork (or at least how we *should* be working hard). Squirrels scamper around the trees looking for acorns, berries (all the while worrying about winter), and such, while students scamper around the campus looking for A's and B's (all the while worrying about winter exams). Naturally, after working so hard to gather them, squirrels do a lot of thinking about their nuts. A lot of the males on campus, for some reason, also do a lot of thinking about their nuts.

Of course, squirrels don't work all the time, even though it may seem like they do.

The truth is that squirrels take the whole winter off! That hibernating stuff is all a sham. Those crafty rodents are really kicking back in a little easy chair, munching down on their nuts, drinking a thimbleful of Budweiser and watching *South Park* reruns.

Unfortunately, we students don't have the ability to spend the winter sleeping and vegging (though I *really* wish we could!), so we have to take our R and R in short breaks between work. Overall, this may, in fact, be better for us. This way we can get our work done and not be so stressed out because we took time to relax.

Squirrels are always prepared as well. Heck, they spend months just preparing for the winter. They twist nuts off the trees and then bury them in the ground, waiting for a day when they can dig them up and eat them. Of course, squirrels often forget where they put their nuts, so they have to try hard to remember their food's location.

Similarly, we students should also be prepared for our classes and for life. We should attempt to get plenty of sleep, and bring all our materials (including homework) to class. Proper organization and provisioning can also serve to reduce stress. It helps to remember where all our "nuts" (so to speak) are. It would not do for any student to lose his or her marbles or nuts.

So remember the lessons you've learned from our furred brethren. It's good advice, especially for you new students. Work hard, play some, be prepared, and don't lose track of your nuts. Remember, the squirrels are watching.

At least their ideas are fresh

The powers-that-be behind the scenes in Glar are once again trying to make cafeteria food into a meal that doesn't make students run gagging from the room. *The Phoenix* applauds them for their efforts and for the improvements they have made.

However, the fact remains that Glar is never going to provide anything other than institutional meals prepared in mass quantities. When you're cooking for a thousand people the niceties of haute cuisine are just not possible.

There's not much students can do to avoid the monotony of cafeteria food. *The Phoenix's* advice is to try and move into an apartment or PA house as soon as possible and make your own meals.

Football crazy

At last! The Green Terror is a force to be reckoned with. Even those who aren't football fans should be proud of this fact. Rated number one in our division in the nation by one magazine and given a number 11 ranking by *Sports Illustrated*, WMC is playing with the big kids now. This national attention is beneficial to everyone at this college. Name recognition is important in the job market and if potential employers have heard of Western Maryland, it improves our chances when the time comes to head out into the real world.

So let's show some support to our players and go to the games to cheer them on. At the first game of the season WMC students were notably thin on the ground. The new cheerleading team tried valiantly to spur on the crowd but the "Terror spirit" was not really visible. Our football players are working hard to lead us to further triumphs this season so let's be there with them.

The next home game is this Saturday. See you there!

Knowing your neighbors

It is amazing to discover that someone you see almost everyday around campus has lived a life in which religious persecution and suffering have played a huge part. The experiences of Heshmat Badiee, who works in the audiovisual department, are far beyond any hardships felt by the majority of students on this campus. His fascinating account (page 10) illustrates what it means to be a member of the Baha'i faith in Muslim-controlled Iran. The article also makes us aware of how little we really know about the other members of our community. It is far from the thoughts of most students passing him in the hall that the guy who brings in the television before class has family, friends, and associates who were murdered for their faith.

Perhaps we should all pay more attention to the people around us and try to look at each other as individuals instead of part of the backdrop to our daily routine. Who knows what stories we might discover?

24-hour labs

The college has been promising to open the Hoover lab 24 hours a day for at least a year. Why are they stalling over this? *The Phoenix* hopes that it will happen before the end of the semester rush occurs because the large freshman class is going to make finding an available machine even harder.

Chris Taugher starts fresh with his positive view of orientation.

To answer that simple question the Peer Mentors helped run the

Quirks, Part II: Highlighter Intolerance

My highlighters don't get along. They bicker and argue and even have fights. My desktop and papers are always covered in different colored streaks from their brawls. While this does make my homework very colorful, my professors don't seem to be too fond of it, and, as a result, my grades are slipping.

The root problem seems to be that I have four highlighters, and all are a different color. Green is loud, hotheaded, and downright mean. He always insults the others, and often he's the one that starts the fights. He's also something of a drunkard, sucking up all the

Anne Butler strikes again with an article about harmony and tolerance.

muttering or staring into space. He gives a new meaning to the "high" part of highlighter. I should never have left him next to that open bottle of white-out.

They're bickering continued until that one fateful day:

"Eh, you stupid pansy!" Green was in full form, yelling at Pink, "Why you are insulting

computer. The screen saver had just kicked in. "Oh wow, man! It's like I'm flying through space, man! Whoa!"

The battle between Pink and Green was heating up. Green took a swipe at Pink. Pink deftly avoided it by jumping backwards. Unfortunately he collided with the enraptured Blue, causing Blue to fall off the desk in the path of the vacuum. Blue was sucked into the vacuum.

The vacuum made grating and clanking sounds as I hurried to turn it off. I pulled the plug and retrieved Blue from the vacuum bag

I keep asking myself if there was some way to prevent his death. Could I have stopped the arguing before it led to violence?

spare ink I keep in the inkwell.

Yellow is a coward. She hates to fight, but is always insulted and drawn into a fight by Green. She generally leaves long streaks on my homework as she tries to run from that bully Green. Eventually, he always corners her and beats her up. She just cowers, too afraid to fight back.

Pink is very haughty. He thinks himself above all the others, and sees it as his duty to help the "savages." He calls Yellow a fool, Blue an airhead, and Green a barbarian. Pink has strange tastes in romantic situations, which prompts much criticism by Green (calling him a pencil-lover and homo-lighter). Pink is the only one who regularly fights back with Green, though mainly his attacks are verbal and patronizing in nature.

Blue, well, he doesn't care about much of anything. Generally he just sits off by himself

my work?"

"Well," Pink sniffed, "It is good for someone of your... limited intelligence."

"Now, you be insulting me brain? Oh, you're gonna pay for that, pencil-lover!"

Pink grinned smugly, "So like a barbarian to switch to violence at the first opportunity. Don't you agree Yellow?"

Yellow was cowering in a corner. She looked up fearfully, "DON'T HURT ME!"

Pink sighed, "Ah, poor dumb beast, but at least she has the wisdom you lack, Green."

Green growled, "Now ya call me 'n animal! You're in for it now!" He dropped back into a ready pose.

"Well if I must engage in such a vulgar sport in order to satisfy your petty ego, then I will destroy you." Pink dropped into a fighting stance.

Meanwhile, Blue was staring in awe at my

while the others looked on. Blue's body was mangled, the cap dangling. There was no way he could mark something again. Pink, Green, and Yellow stared in shock at the dead highlighter in my hand. I glared at them, and they shrank from my view.

"Look where your fighting has gotten you. He's gone now!" I swept up the stunned highlighters with one hand and threw them in a drawer, along with Blue's carcass. Then I slammed the drawer shut, locking it.

So that's how I lost Blue. I guess it could seem really insignificant, just one little highlighter, but I used Blue often and it hurts now that he's not around.

I keep asking myself if there was some way to prevent his death. Could I have stopped the arguing before it led to violence? Is a death worth a stupid dispute over a being's color? Well, is it?

Letter to the Editor

Just a Little Respect

Smoking, drinking, and partying: are these not rights that many students exercise — whether publicly or personally? In addition, are not words like f***, sh**, and d*** pronounced by many students, regardless of who they might offend? Having established that point, why do a few students still insist that engaging in Christian (or any other Biblical religion) activities exceeds the boundaries?

Near the beginning of the semester, I took it upon myself, in agreement with members of the Christian Fellowship group, to make 200 flyers concerning a school-wide invitation to a prayer meeting. The prayer meeting, called "See You at the Pole," will probably already have taken place by the time this article is published. I put the majority of these flyers on the front desk, along with the other flyers, in Decker. The next day, they were all gone.

One could argue that they do not want someone's religion forced upon them. My response would be for that person to simply not take a flyer nor attend the prayer meeting. Despite this logical alternative, some-

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one believed that there was justice in basically stripping the believers' rights away by not allowing them to be informed.

I am sure that anyone would agree that there is no logic in confiscating a batch of flyers concerning, for example, the joining of a drama club. There is obviously no sense in preventing a drama-oriented student from knowing about the club — simply because one's field of interest is not acting. Enough said.

Some do not want Christianity to be discussed or acted upon anywhere near their comfort zone, but it seems to be perfectly acceptable to force upon everyone, within ear-range, one's Christ-obsessed beliefs and morals (i.e. swearing). These actions are, frankly, double standards and are hypocritical.

To whomever is guilty of these accusations, I strongly suggest that you think things out more thoroughly before you act. What you did was contrary to what you would agree with if someone violated your own interests.

Sarah Hill

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CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Oh no, it's my husband! Quick, get back on the floor."

Amazing! You step out for a minute and your wife immediately hooks up with the bear laying on the floor. What kind of a miserable idiot gets cheated on with a dead bear in his own house? How can you marry such an ugly bird anyway? Not like he's so fit himself but please, that woman must have been related to horses before plastic surgery. Hey, what do I care? I got shot by that fat bastard. Wait a minute. How come the bear didn't get shot? Perhaps he did. The bear ain't got no tail. Do bears have tails? Oh, I wish these flames would stop licking me. This is a true catastrophe of traditional rural conservatism. Of course, this sounds subjective from a devoted liberal and environmentalist like myself. But then again, what is a victim of a human fad expected to be. Why didn't this stupid bear get shot? I get the impression bears are intelligent creatures. Why have I never conversed with a bear? Or maybe it's only this particular bear. He is not just clever but is obviously extremely charming. Polar bears are smarter though. I heard they also have a unique sense of humor. One of my distant relatives, a reindeer from up north, used to tell jokes that he picked up from polar bears during his pilgrimage to the North Pole. He said they drink Coca-Cola up there. Anyway, this woman is pathetic. What's next, one of his cigars? How pitiful. What about faith, trust, the institution of marriage? I'm even uncertain as to the sex of this animal. Could this bear possibly be a female? "Not that there is anything wrong with it." This is humiliating.

-BJ

Horoscopes

a September to remember

Note: The Features Section was a little short on staff for this first issue, so we let the squirrels write the horoscopes.

Pisces(2/30 -3/20)

Stop searching for the worm in the bottom of the bottle of mescal—look within for the truth.

Aries(3/21-4/19)

Stop ramming your head against the wall over something ewe can't change.

Taurus(4/20-5/20)

You da bull. You da bull. 'Nuff said.

Gemini(5/21-6/20)

Having problems with your love monkey twin? Stop beating your chest and apologize.

Cancer(6/22-7/23)

You'll pull through these hard times if you just remember the wise words of Will Smith and "get jiggy wit' it."

Leo(7/24-8/23)

A kitty cannot scratch a lion. Roar!

Virgo(8/24-9/23)

"Like a Viiiigo...Touched for the very first time." Happy Birthday!

Libra(9/24-10/23)

Cover yourself in Wesson Oil, it's your last chance to get a tan.

Scorpio(10/24-11/22)

You're a Scorpio. Nobody likes you.

Sagittarius(12/23-12/21)

Repeat after me: "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it, I like myself!"

Capricorn(12/22-1/20)

24 hours in a day. 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? We think not.

Aquarius(1/21-2/19)

We ran out of things to say by the time we got to you.

Disclaimer: The Phoenix does not endorse underage drinking, inappropriate use of Wesson Oil, or even worse, listening to Madonna. The real horoscopes will begin in the next issue.

Hey there!

Hello, loyal Phoenix readers. My name is Sarah Radice and I am the new Features editor. I'm going to work damned hard (well, pretty hard, anyway) to make Features the most incredibly interesting and amusing section in the newspaper.

In order to do that, I need your help. Please send me comments, suggestions and story ideas—I want to know your opinion on

what should be in the section as well as what you think of the things that are there already. In short, I want to know what matters to you.

Just write a note, address it to Box 1113, and dump it in the mail. See, it's not so hard!

If you would like to write a feature yourself, don't hesitate to contact me. No experience necessary, just good ideas.

IN THE FISHBOWL...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

Eric Barry is not someone who lets the grass grow under his feet. The communications major from Canton, New York is trying to break into show business from multiple directions.

He has done extra work in movies, been in an MTV video and acted in the theater. Last year, Barry had his own show on Channel 17 which provided much of the material for his latest project—the rap CD he is releasing in October, under the pseudonym "Cheazy-E."

The CD, "Cra.k.a.—The White Mystery," is his second release on the label he himself created, Chirp Records. "My goal is to have 10 people on my label, but all of them are me under different names," Barry jokes.

Barry was influenced musically by the simplicity of '80's music, especially one-hit wonders and 2 Live Crew. Personally, he has been influenced by his three very different older brothers. "They prepared me for the world," he comments.

Although he is trying to advance his acting career as well, Barry's current focus is on the promotion of his rap CD. Barry is keeping his plans for the future open, trying to establish himself in different areas but hoping to concentrate on his rap career, if possible.



COURTESY OF ERIC BARRY
Junior Eric Barry poses for a publicity shot for his new rap album. Despite surface similarities, Barry insists that he is "not a Beastie Boy."

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While not well-known for either his skateboarding or his rapping, Professor **Jim Stutler** does bring fresh teaching talent to WMC. Well-acquainted with both his subject and the Westminster area, Stutler was recently added to WMC's philosophy department after teaching philosophy at Carroll Community College for twelve years. He holds a masters degree in theology as well as an under-

graduate degree in physics and mathematics, and is currently working on his doctorate.

A United Methodist minister, Stutler lives in nearby Finksburg. He is married with two college-aged children, and enjoys golf. He describes his teaching style as student-oriented and likes to "give students latitude with how they learn," an approach which he feels is a reaction against how he was taught in the past.



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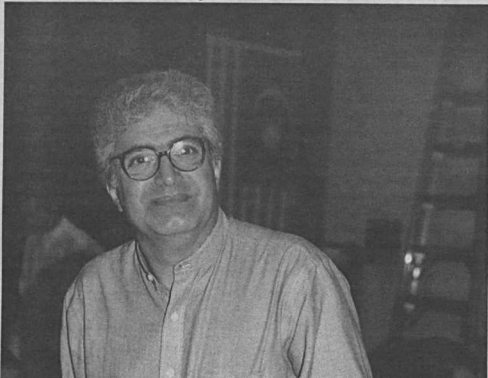


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Unsung hero: Badiee's life is shaped by his Baha'i faith



COURTESY OF HESHMAT BADIEE

Badiee, pictured at the International dinner, is a friend to many foreign students.

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Contributing Writer

Heshmat Badiee talks about his religion with conviction, and a great sense of spirituality. Excitement and faith light up his eyes.

But in the last 18 years, his father has been imprisoned twice, his aunts and uncles tortured, and an uncle, friend, and former professors executed one after the other under the Islamic Fundamentalist regime in Iran simply because they follow the Baha'i instead of the Muslim faith.

"It has been an excruciating experience as far as worrying about them, but they have sacrificed given up their lives for their faith," said Badiee, who provides the audiovisual services at Western Maryland College. He last visited his family in 1993 after 20 years of not seeing them and was afraid he would not be allowed to come back to the United States. The Baha'i are not allowed to leave Iran. And they are not allowed to receive any higher education.

Followers of Baha'i believe in one god, like the Muslims, but they have different social laws, such as when to fast and how to pray. They also don't believe in the idea of clergy, which caused many of the Muslim clergy to feel threatened about their jobs. "The old religion always rejects the new religion," Badiee said.

Badiee was able to leave Iran in 1970 and receive his education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. That was before the Islamic Fundamentalists took over. He has been a part of the WMC community since 1978 when his wife, art professor Julie Badiee, started teaching here. He officially became part of the audiovisual services department in 1982.

"I came to see the rest of my home," Badiee said of his decision to come to the United States. Baha'i believe the Earth is one country and humanity is one.

His spirituality carries over into his work as well. While most people view their jobs as a way to make money to buy the necessities of life, Badiee sees his work as serving humankind and developing his soul for the afterlife. He admits his job can be difficult, though. "Trying to make everyone happy on campus is challenging," he said.

"He has a tough job, I wouldn't want it," agreed Sociology Professor, Dr. Tim Baylor,

Badiee's duties include scheduling the use of audiovisual equipment for all faculty, staff, and students, getting that equipment to each of the classes on time and then retrieving it after class. Some days there may be 10 requests for machines during the same class time. Badiee says he has to stagger the times he arrives, sometimes appearing after the class starts or in the middle of the period to ensure each professor receives the machine he or she needs. He also purchases equipment, preferring to deal with vendors himself to ensure the best deal for students' money, and writes a budget, which is always cut, Badiee says.

In the 16 years Badiee has been employed at WMC, he has worked an average of 50 to 60 hours per week because he feels the college needs him here that much. He has also never taken a sick day. One day he came in with a 102-degree fever because a friend called, saying that he was really needed here. He does, however, take his vacations to spend time with his family, he admitted.

"I don't think people appreciate him given some of the quality and limitations of equipment that he has," Baylor said.

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of political science, agrees. He doesn't see a great deal of recognition for the type of people like Badiee who make this college work. "So often I have spur-of-the-moment requests and Heshmat is always there to get it done," he said.

The most disheartening aspect of his job has been to see the amount of equipment that is stolen each year. Badiee claims the college never has all of the audiovisual equipment it needs each year. Last semester, the only camcorder the college had was stolen. Badiee is a firm believer in the importance of education, especially since it is not legally available to his family in Iran. During his years here, he has taken many classes in just about every subject, but mostly in religious studies and philosophy.

Badiee is also available for foreign students who need someone to talk to. He employs many of them as work-study students and as campus employees, but encourages them to drop by his second-floor office in Hoover Library and tell him their problems.

"It has been a happy life for me. I'm extremely content with my work," he said.

Off-campus diversions

•Beginning August 18th, admission to the Walters Art Gallery's permanent collection will be reduced by 50%. In addition, the gallery is introducing a new price category for young adults. The discounted rate offered to college students will be extended to adults ages 17-25 (with identification). The reduced admission fees will be in place during a 3-year renovation of the Gallery, which is now underway. The new admission prices are as follows: Adults, \$3; senior citizens and young adults (17-25), \$2; children 6-17, \$1; and children under 6 are free. For more information about the new admission prices or the renovations, please call (410) 547-9000 or see the web site at www.TheWalters.org.

•September 11th through October 11th, the Fells Point Corner Theatre in Baltimore presents *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*. The cast includes: Bob Tull, Curtis Sisco and Ben Thomas. The works to be performed are: Romeo, Cleopatra, Othello, Macbeth and Hamlet. Performances are Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 PM. Admission is \$10 on Fridays and Sundays, \$11 Saturdays, and \$9 for senior citizens and students for all performances. Special group rates are also available. For information and reservations please call (410) 276-7837.

•September 19th, from 10 AM - 6 PM and on September 20th, from 12 noon - 6 PM, The Maryland Wine Festival will be held at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Nine Maryland wineries will be showcasing their vintage wines. It is a 2-day event and the admission price is \$15 for adults 21 and over with I.D. The admission price entitles ticket-holders to a logo-engraved wine glass, ten one-ounce samples of Maryland wines, attendance at the Wine Education Seminars, continuous on-stage entertainment, a silent auction and more. Those under 21 are admitted free of charge if accompanied by a paying adult.

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Advice to Freshmen: How do you combat boredom at WMC?



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"Make a trip to Wal-Mart."

Chris Selmer '01
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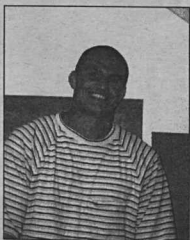
"Hang out the window and make animal noises."

Erin Owen '01
Musical Theatre



"Get yourself a Play Station."

Kevin Kramer '01
Undecided



"There are so many great things to do out there. Open your eyes and ears and get involved in college activities."

Dinali Jayasinghe '99
Economics/Business Administration



National Players come to the Hill

BY SARA GRUBER
Staff Writer

The National Players, from the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, is a renowned traveling acting company with a fifty-year history of classical theatrical performance. After touring the east coast, the group known as "America's Longest-Running Classical Touring Company," is now bringing its production of *Cyrano de Bergerac* to WMC.

Cyrano, by Edmond Rostand, is a classic comedy that may be familiar to students from a modern movie adaptation called *Roxanne*, starring Steve Martin.

It concerns the passion that the large-nosed *Cyrano* has for Roxanne, the woman he secretly loves.

Despite rejection and ridicule, *Cyrano* remains brave and poetic, repressing his attraction to Roxanne in order to help his more confident friend woo her.

The National Players will perform *Cyrano de Bergerac* in Alumni Hall at 8 pm on Saturday, September 19. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, senior citizens and the WMC community.

The National Players will also travel to Westminster to host workshops for local high school students on Monday, September 21 and Tuesday, September 22. They will perform their production of *Twelfth Night* for the participants on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall, 1998

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall, 1998 is September 30, 1998.

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 the 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 Coley would like to see what kind of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty. Grants may range from \$25 to \$500. Applications are available in Dean Coley's office.

Senior PRIDE kicks off for 1999

BY SHANNON TINNEY
Contributing Writer

This is an exciting and dynamic time for the Class of 1999! With graduation nearing, Senior PRIDE offers seniors a chance to relive memories, recognize their individual and collective accomplishments, and leave a lasting class impression on The Hill.

Instituted by the Class of 1981, Senior PRIDE is a committee of seniors who design events for their peers to encourage them to embrace the spirit of becoming alumni. The Senior PRIDE Committee encourages students to donate during their senior year, typically in the amount of their graduation year, i.e. \$19.99 for the Class of 1999. Donations are meant to inspire seniors to support WMC. They can donate in the name of a friend at WMC, in honor of an outstanding faculty member who has been instrumental in their education, or simply in appreciation for the educational and personal growth experiences gained at WMC. No donation of time or money is too small.

In the past, the Senior PRIDE Committee has organized Happy Hours for seniors to gather as a class in order to share memories of good times on The Hill, as well as to gather current information about classmates. The committee has also organized the Alumni Networking Event which allows WMC alumni the opportunity to offer their professional experience and

advice to graduating seniors. Of course, Senior PRIDE is always searching for innovative ideas for programming!

Ultimately, the purpose of organizing events throughout the graduation year is to spark interest in the senior class to gather as one and to share memories and plans for the future. Hopefully, such programming will encourage seniors to keep WMC alive in their thoughts and plans.

Seniors interested in discovering more about Senior PRIDE and helping out with the campaign can find brochures at the Information Desk in Decker Center. Those interested may also call Brad Hartin in the Annual Giving Office at x224 or Shannon Tinney at x8272. Best of Luck in your Senior Year—The Best is Yet to Come!!!

Shannon Tinney is the intern for the Senior PRIDE committee

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Tips for surviving life in Westminster

Freshmen take note: *There are things to do in this town (this isn't a joke!)*



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Baugh's homemade ice cream makes it the coolest place for Glar-weary first-year students to hang out.

BY JON BEARR
Contributing Writer

Freshmen, welcome to Western Maryland College. *The Phoenix* has asked me, as a cynical Westminster native, to tell you what exactly there is to do in the town.

Being a native, I know the first thing to

to the two shopping villages. On our side there is a cheap video rental store (you will find that on campus, videos provide a cheap and plentiful source of amusement), and some places to go for cheap eats: Frisco's Pub, the Forbidden City, and TCBY Yogurt are a few favorites. There is also Super Fresh,

day or night, nothing beats the 24-hour Wal-Mart just within walking distance on Woodward Road. For movies, your only bet is the nearby Cranberry Mall, to which a shuttle is available on the weekends.

I guess that, despite what other people say, there is a lot of stuff to do in Westminster.

Being a native, I know the first thing to do is to find someone with a car and go to Baltimore or D.C.

do is to find someone with a car and go to Baltimore or D.C. If nobody likes you, then I suggest that you learn to walk. There are quite a few things to do in Westminster that you can reach by foot, and some might even be considered mildly entertaining.

A short walk up Pennsylvania Avenue is the airport complex. At the complex, you can take sight-seeing flights, watch planes landing and departing, and perhaps even see one being refueled. After that, you can stop into Bullock's Airport Inn, which is basically a less famous (or infamous) version of Baugh's, a picturesque eatery all of the city folks flock to because they think it is good country home cooking.

If planes don't suit your fancy, then you could walk down Old New Windsor Road toward the spring. It is a pretty nice distance to travel, and I believe that the rumors surrounding the water's toxicity have been greatly exaggerated.

If you don't like planes or nature, then how about sports? You can often find a rather interesting game of basketball down at the city park behind the old post office. You can also check out King's Park which is located a short distance behind Rexall's.

You could also walk down Bishop Street

Play It Again Sports and a RiteAid. On the other side are many stores such as County Lanes Bowling, Co-op Supermarket, and Brothers' Pizza.

Down Main Street, there are numerous little antique shops to spend your parents' money in, and a Goodwill to meet all of your fashion needs. For fun at all hours of the

ster, and a lot you can get to on foot. The moral of the story: it all comes down to making the most of what you've got. Or something like that. But a car helps. If you do get a car, remember this important tip: the Burger King parking lot is for low riders and the Martin's parking lot is for jacked-up trucks.

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It's hardly home-cooked food: Making the best of Glar meals

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

If you are like most WMC students, you find Englar Dining Hall's food too good to enjoy just three weekdays (twice on weekends). Perhaps it is a late-night serving of Salisbury steak that you crave, perhaps an early afternoon snack of couscous. Whatever flavor you desire, you probably wish you had a way to bring it to your salivating 'mouth.

We here at the *Phoenix* are one with your suffering. In response to the student body's overwhelming demand, we now present a few suggestions for enjoying Glar all day long.

First and foremost, creativity is of the utmost importance when taking food out of Glar. The filling of a backpack with chicken croquettes is not an uncommon technique. The recent popularity on the WMC campus of cargo shorts (following national trend, surprisingly) practically screams, "More bagels, cheese, and marinara sauce for MicroFridge snacking fun."

Ice cream taken out at lunch on your way to a class is an example of an idea that will seem good at the time but prove disastrous to your messenger bag. Think things through before you microwave a chicken sandwich in a foil wrapper. Finally, remember that only one piece of fruit or one ice cream novelty is to be taken out of the cafeteria per visit.

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Football player wins \$10,000

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with a minor in art history. He boasted a 4.0 GPA at South Carroll High School as well.

For two years Lapato has worked with children in the Tournament of Champions, Western Maryland's own version of the Special Olympics.

He also works in the campus computer lab and belongs to the National Honor Societies in mathematics and art history.

Last year the 6-0, 200-pound earned Second-Team All-Centennial Conference honors on the field and second-team GTE Academic All-America honors in the classroom after Western Maryland (10-



Lapato wins scholar-athlete award from Burger King fastfood chain

1) won its first league title in 34 years.

Lapato broke up five passes and made 46 tackles, including seven for losses, as the Green Terror hit double figures in wins for the first time since 1929 and gained its first NCAA playoff berth.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Sports Information Director advances career to NCAA

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logged statistics and garnered media coverage for WMC's 23 intercollegiate athletic teams for nearly 11 years, left in early August for NCAA headquarters in Overland Park, Kansas, where he will edit publications for several sports including track and wrestling.

In 1999, he will move again to Indianapolis where the NCAA is now building its new facilities.

"Scott embraces the liberal arts mission of the College and is an articulate representative for Western Maryland," said Joyce Muller, director of public information.

Since joining the WMC staff in October 1987, Deitch covered more than 3,200 sporting events,

including the first US-Russian football contest in 1992 when the Green Terror gridiron squad traveled to Moscow to help promote that country's growing enthusiasm in the traditionally American sport.

He spent countless evenings and weekends tracking WMC athletics, taking many road trips with teams each season, Muller said. At least one sports editor noted publicly that Deitch does more at Division III WMC with fewer resources than many NCAA Division I schools.

"There is no slow time for Scott," Muller said. "Even during the summer when teams aren't even competing he is scrutinizing the books to make sure all of the statistics are clear and correct."

During his tenure, the longest ever by far for a Green Terror SID, Deitch also was responsible for the nominations which earned conference, regional and national awards for numerous student-athletes, in-

cluding more than 10 All-Americans. He has supervised numerous student assistants, several who have gone on to careers in sports journalism, including one SID.

In recent years, Deitch has expanded information services to include Green Terror game stories and results on the College's Internet site and sports phone line. He has even compiled a large list for his game reports via e-mail.

Before coming to WMC, Deitch coordinated the sports information program at Susquehanna University, which also is his alma mater. He earned his master's degree in administration at Western Maryland in 1997 and this summer taught a graduate-level course on sports and the media.

He, his wife Diana, and their two children will live in Olathe, Kansas.

Courtesy of Sports Information

WMC men's soccer holding steady at 2-2

By MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

In its opening game on September 2, the men's soccer team fell to Villa Julie 2-1.

Freshman Daniel Dufera found the back of the net early on in the first half to give the Terrors their only point.

The players did, however, redeem themselves on Saturday, September 5 when they defeated

Susquehanna 1-0.

Their redemption really took full sway, though, against Lancaster Bible on September 8 when they won 6-1, with each goal scored by a different player.

Yet, just as happened to the field hockey team, the men's soccer players lost their luck and fell to Bridgewater 1-0 last Saturday, September 12.

Women's soccer gains shutouts

By JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team got off to a great start in a 6-0 shutout defeating Marymount University on home turf September 3.

Leading the way for the Terror (1-1) was junior Beth Blasi, who netted three goals. Senior Natalie Hannibal scored one of her two goals at the 58:30 mark, securing

the win for her team, who also benefited from a goal by Elaine Herndon. With ten saves, sophomore goalie Becca Lyter recorded her first career shutout.

Women's soccer action continued on September 5, when the Terror fell to Messiah 2-0. Lyter recorded 38 saves in an impressive performance. "Our team played well despite Messiah's strength,

and that gives a good outlook on the rest of the season," Lyter said.

Lyter took the team to a win versus Juniata in its first match of the Wesley Tournament. With a win of 8-0, Lyter took home yet another shutout.

Freshman Thea Bayly, who scored twice against Juniata, made the only goal in their 1-0 clench of the tournament, September 13.

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Lady Terror volleyball setting-up at 2-0

By Mike Yestramski
Staff Writer

Already 2-0, with wins against Elizabethtown (15-9, 15-8, 15-8) and Susquehanna (15-4, 15-7, 22-20), the volleyball team is looking forward to November.

With such anticipation, the Lady Terrors feel that their season will end with them holding not only the Centennial Conference title, which they co-held in '94, but the NCAA Division III title as well. Under direction from sixth-year head coach Carole Malloy, the girls are looking to improve upon a 7-3 team, which included nine freshmen last season.

Sophomore middle hitter Brienne Bray is quite optimistic about her teammates. She feels that this team is "hard-working and will definitely benefit from the year of experience [we] all gained last season."

This year's team, having only graduated two seniors last season, has added three quality freshmen to replace them, filling the team with youth, energy, and experience.

The Terror opened its season on the road against Elizabethtown College. The girls won in a dominant, straight-set fashion. Junior Heather Tolkach recorded seven kills,

four digs, and two aces in a game where the Terror never trailed. Bray recorded five aces, four blocks, and three kills, while true-freshmen setter Jessica Rouse had 22 assists and four aces in her first NCAA appearance. When asked about the experience, Rouse stated, "It's incredible; it's just overwhelming."

The girls' second win came through a tough opponent—Susquehanna University. The team went through seesaw battles, gaining and losing the lead before securing the game in three straight sets.

The win was quite important for the Terrors, as Susquehanna had won the previous four meetings. Sophomore outside hitter Honesty Drumgoole (23 digs, seven kills) felt this game showed, "[The team] had heart. We never stopped fighting. Last year's team

would have looked at an 11-6 deficit, then rolled over and died."

Bray secured nine kills, five aces, six blocks, and 18 digs while Rouse continued her impressive freshman campaign with 24 assists.

The team experienced its first potential setback this past weekend at the Gettysburg Invitational, where it dropped its first two games against Moravian and Eastern Mennonite in the tournament. However, they regrouped to win their next two games, versus Randolph-Macon and Washington, and vault themselves into a strenuous bronze-bracket championship game against St. Mary's College of Maryland, where they fell just short by a margin of 3-1. Bray and Drumgoole led in kills and digs, respectively.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team opened its season at the Shepherd College Invitational on September 12. South Carroll High champion and freshman Terror Jill Krebs took won the five-km race with a time of 21:04.3, a event record. She helped the women's team place third.

Senior Mike Cuswa placed twelfth, his team placing fifth.

Field hockey games

In its opening game on September 8, the field hockey team defeated Goucher 1-0 in overtime. Junior Kerry Wilson scored the game-winner. The ladies' luck, however, turned on them as they were taken down 5-0 by Swarthmore.

Sports Opinion: European v. US tennis matches

By Sophie Boulet
Staff Writer

As a European attending the US Open tennis tournament last week, I noticed many differences between this event and other grand slam tournaments in Europe. A comparison of these events shows the differences in the sports cultures of America and Europe and the varying media coverage of such sports.

Last Sunday, the US Open final was the big sporting event for CBS, probably surpassing the viewing figures for baseball and football.

It is very noticeable here that tennis is not as popular as it is in Europe where it is practically impossible to ignore the big tournaments even if you are not a tennis fan.

If you go to Europe during the Roland Garros or Wimbledon Open, you would probably be surprised by the impact of these events on the French and British media.

Even though tennis comes a distant second to soccer as Europe's most popular sport, when an international Open begins, it is covered by all the media and people seem to watch it with great attention.

In the States, it is obvious just by watching the news or going to Flushing Meadows that far fewer people are interested in the sport. When you see the huge stadium half empty and have difficulty finding the broadcast of a match, or even the results, on the television, the differences are glaring.

Another major difference between the two continents becomes obvious in the atmosphere at Flushing Meadows. At the Roland Garros or Wimbledon competitions the public is very quiet and respectful of the game and the concentration of the players. I have been very happy to see the international French referee asking the people to sit down and be quiet during the game.

In Europe you will never see people running between the courts during the games or a game interrupted by flying papers. Tennis still has an elitist aspect there and you must respect the traditions if you don't want to be thrown out of the stadium during a match.

I must admit that I have been a bit "shocked" (although I am not British) by the behavior of the American spectators and the noisy atmosphere of Flushing Meadows.

The airport traffic overhead does not help but I would never have thought that the brand new grand stand would become a giant dustbin where the referees must stop the game because of flying papers.

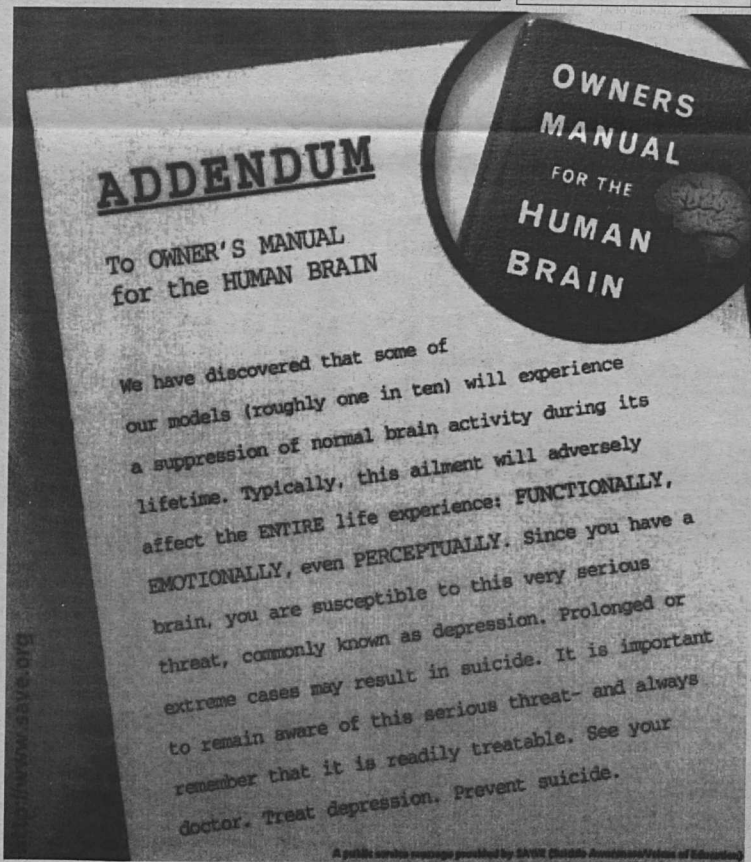
Even some Spanish tennis fans I met were surprised by this atmosphere and some English and Dutch members of the international staff of the Grand Slam tournaments thought it was very disrespectful towards the players.

Tennis is a sport that takes a lot of concentration. This is very difficult in Flushing Meadows with the public "moving, talking, and always eating," a professional told me.

If you attend a game there you will be lucky not to sit on french fries or put your bag and feet on the broken glass or sandwich trail left by the seat's previous occupant.

So, if you want to go to a European Open without being singled out and criticized by your neighbor or the chairman during a match, please be aware of these cultural differences and respect the tennis tradition.

You will probably be surprised by the quiet and clean atmosphere that tennis players seem to enjoy too!





SUMMER SUM-UP

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR &
VINCE CHESNEY

Sports Editor & Graduate Assistant

Terrors place 20th

The champion Terror golf team participated in a 72-hole, 120-player tournament, hosted by Emory University at the Jekyll Island Golf Club in Georgia on May 12-15.

Methodist placed first with 1143 (-9), while the Terrors placed twentieth with 1241 (+89). Tony Worm, who was CC Player of the Year and selected to the Golf Coaches Association of America D-III All-America Team, placed thirty-seventh with 302 (+14).

Women's Tennis Honors

ALL CC HONORS:

Lara Henderson, 1st team singles
Kim Keller and Lara Henderson, 1st team doubles
Alethea Desrosiers, 2nd team singles

1998 Women's Lax Honors

ALL CC HONORS:

Natalie Hannibal, 1st team Def.
Courtney Boden, 2nd team Atk.
Amanda Rose, H.M. Goalie

D-III ALL-STAR SOUTH:

Amanda Rose, Goalie

1998 Men's Lax Honors

ALL CC HONORS:

Mike Sargent, 1st team Mid.
Burt Witte, 2nd team Atk.

D-III ALL-STAR SOUTH:

Mike Sargent, Midfield

USILA SCHOLAR ALL-AM:

Mike Sargent, Midfield

Wilson cut from field

Sophomore Kerry Wilson, NCAA Division III women's outdoor track champion made her second trip to the Division III outdoor championship.

At the 1997 meet at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, she ran the 100 hurdles in 14.80 seconds in the final. That time was good for ninth place, 16-hundredths of a second and one spot shy of All-America status. The Green Terror

sophomore is a two-time Division III All-American indoors after placing sixth in the triple jump in 1997 and sixth in the 55-meter hurdles this year.

Wilson's time of 14.96 seconds in the preliminaries, which placed her fifth in her heat, was 14th out of 20 competitors. The winners of the three heats, plus the athletes with the next six fastest times, advanced to Saturday's final.

Softball takes trip to NCAA tournament

Heading into its first game, the softball team was loaded with power-house players.

Shortstop January Scott placed in the top ten for doubles, runs batted-in, and overall hitting, while third-base player Gina Hughes placed in the top ten for the latter two arenas.

Designated hitter Stephanie Bell and outfielder Kari Thompson also placed top ten offensively.

Pitcher Kim Ruprecht ranked second in victories and first in saves, as well as third in overall pitching, a category in which Amy Cipolloni also placed.

The team's most valuable player, Julie Backof, placed in every offensive category, taking first place in home runs with 11. She also earned several honors, including the 1998 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III Second-Team, after having placed First-Team as well in '97.

In the 18 years of Terror softball, Backof is the only player named All-American.

Backof was also named Centennial Conference Player of the Year for the second time in a row and All-American First-Team Second Base for the fourth time.

Her career record stands at 154 runs, 184 hits, 155 RBI's, 31 home runs, 357 total bases, and a slugging percentage of .895. She was also selected to the GTE Academic All-American College Division District II softball team.

With Backof as keystone, the Terrors went into their first regional game against Moravian, barely losing 5-4. After defeating Chowan 6-5, however, the ladies turned the tables on Moravian, winning at the same score of 5-4.

Despite its good season, the team ending up getting tossed from the tournament by Messiah in a 2-0 shutout.

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Football preseason ratings high

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& Smith's, as well as by both *The Sporting News* and *Division III Online*. Senior Mat Mathias has also been given such an honor by *Division III Online*.

Also pulling in honors last year was junior Marvin Deal. He placed

a bruised tailbone, though he is slated to make a late return as the feature tailback. The play against Bridgewater on September 5 didn't live up to Coach Tim Keating's expectations, despite the Terror's 56-24 win over the Eagles.

The Terrors beat Juniata 40-7 on

Linebacker Tommy Selecky was named First-Team All-American by Street & Smith's, as well as by both The Sporting News and Division III Online.

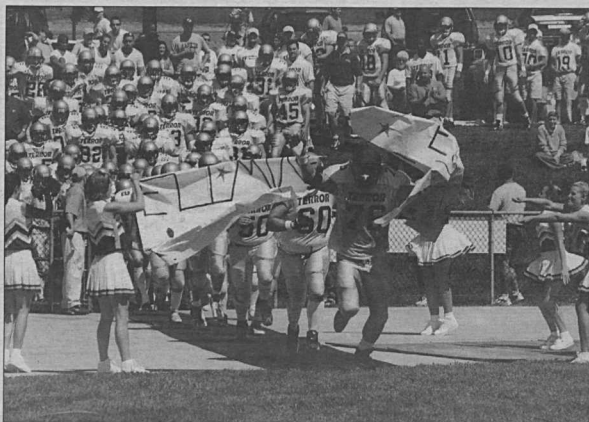
Third-Team and Honorable Mention All-American for Hewlett-Packard and *Football Gazette*, respectively. In 1997, Deal was ranked in the top three for both NCAA punt and kickoff returns.

Yet, with all these accolades, the Terrors have also lost talent. The team lost Gavin DeFreitas, a top D-III rusher, to Division I. Sophomore Jeff Groff has been out because of

the following weekend.

Reporter Josh Martin's pre-season article in the *Gettysburg Times* stated that the Terrors "will put Division III on the map this season."

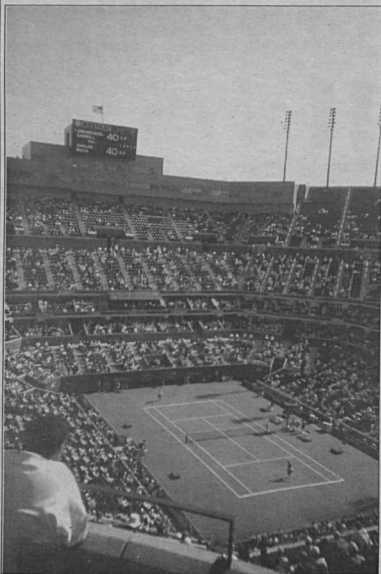
They play the Gettysburg Bullets September 19, their first CC game of the season. No team in CC history has lost its conference opener and gone on to win the title.



Terrors charge into their game against Bridgewater, winning 56-24.

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A European view of the US Open tournament



The US Open is compared with European tournaments by Sophie Boulet, director of the French House, on page 14.

SOPHIE BOULET

Breakthrough Terrors at 2-0

BY MICHAEL PUSKAS
Sports Editor

Despite a 56-24 win over Bridgewater, the Terror football team didn't play as well as head coach Tim Keating would have liked.

The team only had an average 2.8 yards per carry, making junior quarterback Ron Sermarini have to pass fairly often, though these 20 out of 25 successful passes did give him a school record 80% completion rate. Sermarini also scored two touchdowns on his own.

With tailback Jeff Groff out of play, Keating had to rely on sophomores Joe Kendorski, Tony Russo and freshman Jason Allaire to run the ball. The coach was impressed with their performance. Allaire scored a touchdown and picked up

49 yards on seven carries.

Freshman Edmund Goldsberry blocked two third-quarter punts, one of which led to the team's first safety of the season.

Despite the team's September 5 performance on home ground, the Terrors beat Juniata convincingly, 40-7, in the September 12 away game. Sophomore receiver Mike Starke took an opening period pass from Sermarini to score a touchdown with 8:45 remaining. With :58 left in the first quarter, junior defensive back Marvin Deal forced a fumble, which junior linebacker Matt Meiklejohn took for another Terrors touchdown.

Later in the first half, Sermarini ran 23 yards for yet another touchdown. Juniata then scored its only touchdown. At halftime, the Terrors were winning 26-7, thanks to a sec-

ond safety followed by a field goal by sophomore Brent Sandrock.

In the second half, Starke, on a 14-yard pass from Sermarini, brought the score to 33-7. Kendorski, who set a team record run of 92 yards, scored the final touchdown.

The Terrors left the Juniata playing field with a total offensive of 544 yards, 40 of which were run by Sermarini. The team only allowed the Juniata Eagles to net a total of 1 yard in offense, after sacking their quarterback five times and intercepting him four times. Sandrock came out of the game with 5 for 5 extra points.

The Terrors will take their 2-0 record to their first Centennial Conference game, against the Gettysburg Bullets, on September 19.

Terror Safety Lapato wins \$10,000 award

Strong safety Tom Lapato, a senior from Mount Airy, MD, won the \$10,000 Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week award Thursday, September 10, becoming the season's first Division III winner.

The money will be presented to Western Maryland's general scholarship fund at halftime of the October 3 home game against Muhlenberg.

The award winners, one for

each NCAA division, have been chosen by the American Football Coaches Association since 1995.

The honorees were featured on college football telecasts Saturday, September 12.

Lapato, a two-time Green Terror co-captain, owns a perfect 4.0 grade-point average as a mathematics and computer science major.

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Deitch goes to NCAA

Terror fans have to tune their ears to a new voice booming over the fieldhouse and stadium loudspeakers this season. Long-time sports information director and Green Terror announcer Scott Deitch is headed west to pursue a college sports fanatic's dream—a job with the NCAA.

Deitch, who has meticulously

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Campus Safety has new image



Campus Safety officers Bryan Burkholder and Davit Root model the department's new purchases. PAUL HIMES

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

The Department of Campus Safety now has the ability to climb the world's tallest mountains and participate in the Tour De France.

With the additions of a Jeep Cherokee, two mountain bikes and two new officers, Campus Safety should add the words "new and improved" to their title.

The white Cherokee, with the Campus Safety emblem decorated on both sides of the vehicle, is Jeep's 1998 edition of the model. According to a sales representative from Len Stoler's Jeep Eagle dealership in Reisterstown, the list price for the vehicle is \$24,190.

According to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the department had been requesting money in their budget for a new vehicle for the past four years. The department's old vehicle, a 1990

Chevrolet Celebrity station wagon, has over 70,000 miles and had been experiencing a number of different problems, including those with the automobile's brake system.

The money to purchase the new vehicle did not come directly out of WMC's budget. According to Webster, Gettysburg College contacted President Robert Chambers last year concerning a proposition that involved Webster assisting Gettysburg's campus safety department. The head of the Gettysburg

campus safety department had apparently been internally promoted and the college was in the process of selecting a replacement.

However, in the meantime they needed assistance in operating the department. The president of Gettysburg contacted President Chambers and proposed a deal that would involve Webster spending one day a week at Gettysburg and half a day assisting Gettysburg by way of

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Renovations to ANW fall behind schedule

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
Assistant News Editor

Despite students being resident for over a month, the renovation of ANW is still not complete.

Many of the locks on the doors and the magnetic locks on the fire doors have not been working, a situation that has caused concern for many residents.

It was not until last Friday that the locks on the fire doors were fully installed and operational.

"It was an issue of time and money," said Scott Kane, director of residence life, on why the renovations were not finished when students moved in. According to Kane, there was not enough time to get the renovations finished before school started.

The fire doors divide the first floor of ANW into three suites, and the second and third floor into two suites and a hallway.

This new arrangement has also

caused some confusion regarding which areas are considered private.

Kevin Cooke, a senior living in the Gamma Beta Chi suite, believes that "because the situation in ANW is so new, there is some confusion if Campus Safety is allowed to come into the suites."

According to Cooke, Campus Safety came into their suite during a party last week. One student was written up for an alcohol violation, but it was later taken back because the student was over 21, Cooke added.

Michael Webster, director of campus safety, said that "any lockable suite is private. However, the suite is not considered private if the door is open and you can see inside."

It is expected that all of the locks on the suite doors will be operational in the near future. "Everything will be done soon. ANW will be up and running how it was envisioned to be," Kane said.

Pigeons killed with unlicensed chemical

BY CLAIRE ADAMS
Staff Writer

Pigeons dropping from the sky and dying in convulsions were an unpleasant but not uncommon sight around campus early this semester.

The birds were killed with a chemical that Terminex, the pest control company, did not have a permit to use.

The poison was set down in an effort to control the birds' numbers, as pigeon droppings are unsightly and are considered a health hazard, sometimes causing respiratory problems.

This problem was brought to the college's attention last October, after a student complained about the filthy state of the Garden Apartments, explained Donald Shumaker, director of Public Information. Over \$3000 was then spent to power-wash the buildings.

Recognizing that there would be a high price to pay if they did not get rid of the birds, the college hired Terminex International of Westminster to distribute Avitrol-laced grain among the roofs of Hill Hall and Peterson.

WMC was faced with a problem when notified that Terminex was working without a permit. The company had reacted quickly to the problem and forgotten to apply for permission to use Avitrol against the birds in Carroll County.

"We have now issued a policy that no institution can use the chemical agent against birds unless they have a permit," said Mike Baessler, technical and training director of Terminex's eastern division.

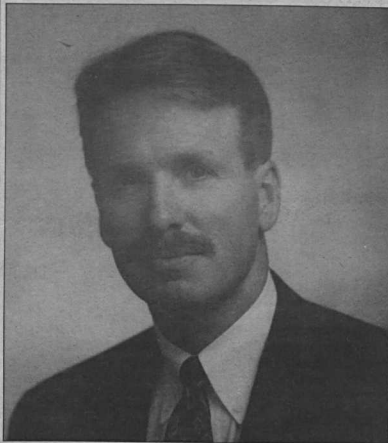
Last year, 10 birds at WMC died from the chemical, and most recently 55 out of a flock of about 700 were killed.

"We realized that baiting was essentially cheaper than paying for cleaning and man hours," said Shumaker. "We really feel that it is a problem and that we have to take care of the students' needs, and putting the baited corn down was thought to be the best option."

Baessler explained that Avitrol is a frightening agent that acts as a hallucinogen. Once a bird ingests it and reacts, it causes the rest of

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New vice president appointed by college



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New Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Richard Kief, began work at WMC in August. See story on page 3.

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computer from WMC. In exchange, WMC would be paid for Webster's time.

After discussing the situation with Chambers and Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, Webster accepted the position and for several months spent approximately 12 to 16 hours a week working at Gettysburg College.

"It was a great deal that benefitted everyone," said President Chambers. "Mike was a great help to Gettysburg and we earned enough to purchase the Cherokee."

Webster, who did not earn any extra money from the agreement, said that the money earned from Gettysburg covered most of the cost of the Cherokee. He and others, including Ruth Thomas, director of financial planning and assistant treasurer, would not release how much the college earned from the partnership with Gettysburg nor the exact cost of the vehicle.

Webster did mention, however, that they had received a "good deal" from a member of the Board of Trustees, who owns a Jeep dealership. The name of the board member and their dealership are apparently unknown.

The four wheel drive, six cylinder engine Cherokee was chosen by Webster for a number of different reasons. "The nature of the driving that we do (usually less than 25 m.p.h., stop and go) is quite severe. It puts a lot of wear and tear on the vehicle's engine, so we wanted an engine that could handle it," said Webster.

Webster said that they chose a four wheel drive vehicle because it allows them to travel to places on campus that they could not reach

with the old vehicle.

Also, the only four wheel drive vehicle on campus last year was the snow plow truck, and the Cherokee will provide the campus with another vehicle that can handle winter's worst. "The four wheel drive is just worth the peace of mind," said Webster.

Barrett Giugliotta, a sophomore exercise science major, agrees that the Jeep would be beneficial to the college in the winter but does not agree with its high price. "I think it's a waste of money. Our campus is not very big, and I don't believe that they needed to purchase such a vehicle. What's next, a hummer and snowmobiles?"

Sarah Fogly, a sophomore psychology major, asked: "Why does the college spend so much money on internal improvements instead of things that would benefit us, the students? Instead of a \$25,000 vehicle why not buy a few more computers?"

The Cherokee is not the only new mode of transportation that Campus Safety has introduced this year.

The department has acquired two brand-new Diamondback V-tech mountain bikes. One bike was purchased by the college, the other was donated by the local Fraternal Order of Police, according to Webster. The bikes were bought from White's Bikes of Westminster. A salesman for the company said that the bikes cost around \$550 a piece.

Bryan Burkholder, one of the two new members of campus safety, is the "resident" expert on the bikes. He said that each member of the department who would use the

bikes for duty was required to participate in a 40 hour course taught by a local Baltimore County police officer before using the bicycles for duty.

The class taught the campus safety members how to handle both ascending and descending stairs, curbs, low-speed control, maneuvering in tight places and self-defense using the bike.

Burkholder said that the bikes will help to improve Campus Safety as a whole. "The bikes help to aid in incident response time, they allow us to carry more safety gear, we can cover more terrain than on foot, and we have more access with them than a vehicle." He said that with the bikes they can now patrol in-between the cars in parking lots and places that are not easily accessed on foot.

Webster believes there is another advantage to using the mountain bikes. "They allow the officers to be seen in a different way. They provide the students with a reason to have a positive student to officer interaction, which is important because so much of what we do is perception," he said.

Aaron Jenkins, a junior philosophy and religion major, said that they are excellent mountain bikes but that they really do not serve a purpose. "I don't think they need the bikes. The campus is so small, and foot and vehicle patrol should be sufficient."

Jenkins also feels that the bikes are too good for Campus Safety's needs, and that they "could have went to Wal-Mart to satisfy their needs."

Campus Safety, in addition to the new

patrol vehicles, gained two new officers.

Charles Lee and Wayne Short, former members of Campus Safety, both quit before the new school year to pursue other occupations. Lee took a job as a paramedic and Short is now a manager at the new Papa John's pizza shop in Westminster. They were replaced by Burkholder and Ron Crowe, who both worked in the security department at Cranberry Mall before taking the jobs here.

Webster is pleased at the progress that both men have made so far, but admits that they have a long way to go. "It takes the average person 12 weeks to get used to this job, but these guys are doing very good."

Webster said "The process of selecting a good person for the job requires a lot of time, effort, and money," but is confident that the department has made the right choice.

He also plans to hire another officer in the near future, as a result of a grant from the Department of Justice of the United States, which has allotted the school \$67,000 for 75% of a campus officer's salary for three years. The grant also contributed \$4,500 toward computers for the department, which has allowed for an "improvement in department efficiency," according to Webster.

Campus Safety has also obtained a new interactive CD entitled "Alcohol 101, an Interactive CD" from the University of Champagne. Webster hopes that the interactive CD will soon replace the traditional class lecture that students must attend if they are written up on alcohol violations.

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 8/31/98 at 11:53 pm DoCS documented a student for an alcohol violation outside Daniel Hall.

•On 9/3/98 at 1:45 pm DoCS documented a theft in Rouzer Hall.

•On 9/5/98 at 12:05 am DoCS documented a non-student for an alcohol violation in the Garden Apartments Parking Lot.

•On 9/5/98 at 2:36 pm DoCS documented a property crime in the Whiteford Hall Parking Lot.

•On 9/5/98 at 4:45 pm DoCS documented a non-student for an alcohol violation at Bair Stadium.

•On 9/7/98 at 2:01 am DoCS documented students for possession of alcohol in a public area on the 4th floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 9/7/98 at 2:01 am DoCS documented a student for an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 9/7/98 at 6:02 pm DoCS documented a student for theft on the 1st floor of Rouzer Hall.

•On 9/9/98 at 6:30 pm DoCS documented a property crime on the Golf Course between the 7th and 8th greens.

•On 9/11/98 at 2:41 am DoCS responded to a report of assault and battery in the Whiteford Hall parking lot.

•On 9/11/98 at 21:38 pm DoCS documented an exstudent for trespassing.

•On 9/12/98 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented a theft at Bair Stadium.

•On 9/12/98 at 2:27 am DoCS documented a non-student for possession of alcohol in public areas in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 9/12/98 at 7:00 pm DoCS documented property damage at the Water Tower Parking Lot.

•On 9/13/98 at 12:25 am DoCS documented a student for public urination at PELC.

•On 9/13/98 at 1:51 pm DoCS documented a student for sexual harassment in Daniel Maclea Hall.

•On 9/13/98 at 2:01 am DoCS documented a student for an alcohol violation at Rouzer Lane.

•On 9/14/98 at 12:25 am DoCS documented a property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 9/14/98 at 10:26 am DoCS investigated a report of intimidation through the campus telephone system.

•On 9/15/98 DoCS suspended an incident from 9/14/98 when a student was documented for having false identification.



Trumpeters reorganize

BY MANDY HOFSTETTER
and BRIAN HORNECKER
Contributing Writers

The Trumpeters, one of WMC's two honor societies for leadership, is undergoing a reorganization process in order to better serve the college community.

The society is refocusing its original purpose of promoting leadership among the students of this college by sponsoring leadership development programs and projects.

Along with this shift in direction, the society is altering its process for accepting new members.

Previously, the membership has been limited by tradition to 7 people per class.

The Trumpeters are now eliminating this limit and restoring the original limit of 10 percent of the members of each class.

Acceptance into the Trumpeters is one of the highest honors a WMC student can receive.

It is more than a recognition of past accomplishments but is a call to contribute to leadership development and to act as a positive role model for all students.

The society was founded in 1944 to recognize senior women displaying exemplary qualities of leadership, integrity, and sincerity. In 1977, the group inducted its first male members.

In the process of implementing these changes, the organization will be inducting new seniors into its ranks.

This induction will help to accomplish two goals.

First, the many excellent leaders in the senior class will be recognized for their contributions to the college community.

Second, increased membership will allow the group to better facilitate the leadership development programs which it plans to implement.

The Trumpeters are asking the leaders in the Class of 1999 to join them in accomplishing the new goals of the organization and contributing to leadership development at WMC.

Mandy Hofstetter and Brian Hornecker
are co-presidents of the Trumpeters

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Born in Montreal, Canada, Theresa Markiw is of Ukrainian descent.

System failure shuts out off-campus e-mail

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The campus community was cut off from the outside world for two weeks when the WMC e-mail system was unable to receive most incoming messages.

"It was a huge inconvenience because many people use their e-mail instead of calling long distance, and it was hard and expensive to stay in touch with friends and family," said junior Chandra Westergaard.

The technological isolation lasted this long because maintenance workers were unable to locate the exact problem.

"It was one of those kind of problems where it was more difficult to figure out because the e-mail was partially working," said Christine Mathews, director of Information Services.

Information Services did not

know there was a problem with e-mail until September 8. "At that point we realized that our server was receiving some e-mail from off campus, but not all," Mathews said.

Verio Mid-Atlantic, the Internet Service Provider for the college was contacted immediately. After a series of tests ran on the system to look for problems turned up empty, a possible cause was found.

"We were advised that the problem lay in the name of our domain name server even though this had not been recently changed," Mathews explained. "We promptly made a request for a change, but continued to have problems."

After more searching they finally found a mistake in a well-hidden file. Information Services then rectified the problem immediately.

"Once the mistake was fixed, we were able to receive off-campus e-mail all over again," said Mathews.

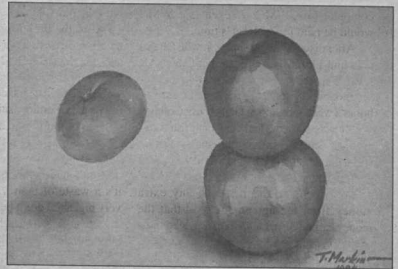
Watercolors displayed in Rice Gallery

October brings a new art show to the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall. Canadian artist Theresa Markiw will be displaying her watercolors from October 5 to November 6.

The daughter of Ukrainian emigres, Markiw has had her work displayed all over the U.S., Canada, England and in the Ukraine.

Her most recent solo show was last April at the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, DC.

The majority of Markiw's work is in the realist tradition. She paints both landscapes and still-lives. Her paintings have been described by critics as "exceptional in their luscious palettes and textures."



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Markiw's chief medium is watercolor although she also works with oils.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 1-4: **Theatre: Loose Ends**, Alumni Hall, 8 pm
Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors, students and children.
- Oct 2-4: **Parents and Families Weekend**
- Oct 5: **Monday Night Music** featuring "The pleasure of your company," a piano duet with Judy Ferencz and Peggy Brengle, McDaniel Lounge, 7 pm.
- Oct 15: **Books Sandwiched In:** Dr. Rebecca Carpenter and WMC students review *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro, McDaniel Lounge, noon.
Concert with Kengmo, African dance and music, Big Baker, 8 pm.
- Oct 17: **Homecoming** beginning with parade down Main Street, noon; reunion tent opens at 1 pm.
Football: WMC vs. Dickinson, Bair Stadium, 1 pm.
- Oct 18: **Opening reception** for Markiw exhibition, Rice Gallery, 2-4 pm.
- Oct 19: **Yale Gordon Residency Program** with daytime workshops on Puerto Rican and Latin rhythms; Also concert featuring world renowned percussionist Orlando Cotto, marimba, Big Baker, 7 pm.
- Oct 21: **Concert/lecture:** Cedric Dent of TAKE 6, a Grammy-winning gospel group, McDaniel Lounge, 7 pm.

WMC appoints new vice president

Richard G. Kief, most recently senior vice president for Development at Suburban Hospital and executive vice president of Suburban Hospital Foundation in Bethesda, MD., has been named vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Kief was chosen from a nationally competitive field on the basis of his success as a fund raising professional who has directed an institutional development program at Suburban that has raised more than \$22 million, including efforts that resulted in two successful bond bills in the Maryland State Legislature.

Since 1989 he served as an executive staff member at Suburban, a 388-bed hospital and one of nine state-designated regional shock trauma centers, where he was responsible for development, development communications, commu-

nity outreach, education and health partnerships, senior membership programs, pastoral care and gift shop operations.

From 1985-89, Kief served as Gettysburg Hospital's first chief development officer and directed its newly established foundation which raised more than \$2 million in gifts and grants during his tenure.

Prior to entering the health care field, he served as a fund-raising consultant for not-for-profit organizations including the creation of a development program for a private secondary school, and he conducted an endowment study for a private college.

Kief was graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a certificate in Latin American studies. Follow-

ing his college graduation he served as a VISTA volunteer on Project Bravo in El Paso, Texas, and was a student at Instituto de Idiomas in Bolivia.

He succeeds Richard Seaman who retired after a nationally recognized professional career in higher education.

During Seaman's tenure, fund-raising goals increased as evidenced by the college's Annual Fund which set its all-time record this year at \$1,265,753.

"The College has never been stronger nor more deserving of support," said President Robert Chambers.

"We look forward with confidence to the future and welcome the energy and creativity Mr. Kief brings to our dedicated administrative team."

Kief has distinguished himself in various capacities for the 2800-member Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. During the past decade he has served as an international education speaker and as its international chairman in 1998.

He is also a current board member of the World Fundraising Council and was plenary speaker for the Fundraising Institute of Australia during the past year.

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Alpha Psi Omega wins Griswold/Zepp award



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Alpha Psi Omega pose in WMC's theatre. The honor society has been in existence since 1983.

BY NICOLE LEHMANN & JENIFER SIRKS
Staff Writer & Assistant News Editor

Alpha Psi Omega, WMC's theatre arts honor society, has won the prestigious Griswold-Zepp Award for the 98-99 academic year.

The award, which includes a stipend of \$1250, will be used to promote The Alpha Psi Omega Project for Youth, a program promoting arts education in the Carroll County School System, according to senior Jimmy Reddan, the program chair.

The group was also awarded a \$200 community arts development grant from the Carroll County Arts Council.

"The group wanted to do the project because all of us have seen how arts programs get cut back in the schools. It is important to have art because it promotes creativity and free-thinking," said Reddan.

The Griswold-Zepp award is given yearly to a student or a group of students to support volunteer experiences. The group submitting the best proposal is given the award, according to the award guidelines.

The award is established to honor Dr. Earl Griswold and Dr. Ira Zepp who were key factors in forming two student organizations, Student Opportunities Service (SOS) and Operation Hinge.

SOS volunteers worked building libraries and Operation Hinge provided tutoring services for minority children in the WMC community.

Since September, the members of Alpha Psi Omega have been planning and developing programs to be implemented throughout all grade levels. They also have applied for a Student Research and Creativity grant, but have not yet been told if they have received a grant, Reddan said.

The advisors for the Project for Youth program are Dr. Ron Miller and Jean Burgess. However, they have limited involvement. "We want to keep this student run," said Reddan.

For younger children, shows centering mainly around fairy tales have been developed. The shows will travel to different elementary schools and the students will have an active role in the show.

"We want to incorporate the fact that anyone can do theatre," said Reddan.

Workshops for college-bound high

school students who are interested in theatre will also be conducted. The workshops will feature sessions on improving theatre skills, auditioning, and music and art in theatre.

In addition, a theater weekend called "A Day at The Theatre" will be held on February 6 in Alumni Hall for students in Baltimore, Carroll, and Frederick counties.

Students attending the theatre weekend will participate in workshops and attend Alpha Psi Omega's presentation of *Budget Zero*, an annual production that has no budget and is improvised.

Alpha Psi Omega plans to hold a wine and cheese party for school principals and teachers from Carroll County to promote and receive feedback on the program.

Reddan said that the 19 members of Alpha Psi Omega, which has been in existence at WMC since 1983, are excited about their success. He hopes that WMC and the community will support their efforts.

Applications for the 1999 Griswold-Zepp Award are available in the development office and at the information desk in Decker. The deadline is Tuesday, April 13, 1999.

Class of 2002 SGA officers

What do you hope to achieve as an SGA officer for the class of 2002?

"The first thing I want to do is get soap and handdriers in the bathrooms. Most of all, I hope to bring the class closer together."

Steve Sharkey
President

"I want to take an active stand and hear what people want."

Christy Dotsen
Senator

"I hope the class is really spirited. I hope that I can bring new ideas to our class."

Brooke Joseph
Senator

"I hope that my voice will be heard and that my ideas get through to the board of SGA. I want to be the guy who people can come up to and I can get their needs to the SGA."

Mike McKinney
Senator

Pigeons poisoned to clean-up campus

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the flock to become alarmed and fly away.

Although the chemical may be fatal to sick, young, or aged birds, the majority that ingest it will not die," he said.

However, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Biologist, Glen Therres, told the *Carroll County Times* that, "The ones that eat Avitrol do eventually die. It's not a recoverable pesticide."

Six of the pigeons affected by Avitrol were taken to local veterinarian, Dr. Thomas Ryan, who was unable to save them. Ryan explained that when the birds were brought in they were convulsing and died during treatment.

Sophomore John Bearr found a bird that

had ingested the Avitrol and was dying. He explained that it was convulsing and fluttering around on the pavement behind Gill Gymnasium. Bearr took it to Dr. Ryan at Feathers, Scales, and Tails. The bird died before it could receive any treatment, 40 minutes after being found.

The laced grain has been removed from the buildings until Terminex receives a permit and the college is now looking for other options that could be more humane, said Shumaker.

Other techniques include placing netting on the roofs to make it uncomfortable for the birds, or placing plastic owls on the roofs to scare them.

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Increased AIDS awareness promoted on ASAP retreat

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
Assistant News Editor

ASAP, WMC's AIDS awareness organization, recently held a two-day retreat for the group members to get to know each other better and set goals for the year.

The eleven ASAP members who went on the retreat, which was held at MarLu Ridge in Brunswick, MD, participated in an AIDS education workshop with Bonnie Bosley, ASAP's advisor, and in a ropes course.

"Our purpose was to build unity among our core members, plan events for the year, and be thoroughly educated on HIV, AIDS, and other common sexually transmitted diseases," said Janet Keymetian, ASAP's president.

At the workshop, members were educated on the effects and dangers of unprotected sex and about HIV and AIDS.

"Every year the information changes. I learned a lot of up-to-date information this year," said vice-president Sara Gruber.

Bosley also performed condom demonstrations and handed out in-

formation sheets so that at ASAP members will be able to educate their peers about the prevention, and spread of HIV and AIDS.

The ropes course also gave the members of ASAP a chance to get to know each other better while developing strong teamwork and cooperation skills. The situations on the course forced the group to develop problem solving skills to get out of dangerous situations.

ASAP members are excited about the several events planned for this year.

A coffee house has already been held, but ASAP hopes to hold one twice a month for the rest of the school year.

"We wanted to be able to provide a place where students can discuss anything that is on their mind," said Bethany Young. Students are encouraged to come and talk about whatever they want, it doesn't have to be about HIV, she added.

ASAP will also continue to participate in peer education programs by performing skits promoting safe-sex activities. The purpose of the skits are to "alleviate anxiety and foster openness," according to



Members of the group Aids: Support, Awareness and Prevention (ASAP) participate in a team building activity. COURTESY OF ASAP

the peer education training manual ASAP members were given at the retreat.

As in previous years, World AIDS Day will also be held at WMC in December. Panels from the AIDS quilt will be displayed on campus.

ASAP also plans to continue its annual holiday card sale and have a Forum party in the Spring.

This is ASAP's fifth year at WMC. It was formed in the Fall of 1994 by a group of freshmen who wanted to create a group on campus advocating the prevention

of HIV and AIDS.

In the past four years, ASAP has won the Griswold-Zepp Award and another national award for its efforts at WMC and in the surrounding community.

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Zippergate on Tape

Kristin G. Fraser applauds the release of President Clinton's Grand Jury Testimony.

Sex, Lies, and Videotape: Who would have guessed the famous phrase would apply to the leader of the free world? But, because of the development with the scandal of President Bill Clinton, debate over the release of the grand jury testimony continues both on campus and around the country. Despite argument presented to the contrary, many solid reasons existed in support of the release of the videotape to Americans.

The combination of the Kenneth Starr report and the videotape testimony present Congress with many difficult decisions to make. Their role, however, is to act on behalf of the American people, and the decision states that the release of the testimony is in accordance with the interests of the citizens. The standard of majority rule dictates the release of the testimony to the public.

The issue of privacy and presidential privilege represents only the beginning of another phase of the "Zippergate" scandal to both Republicans and Democrats. The lack of precedent for such an occasion leaves our leaders in a difficult situation. With the progress of the Information Age, however, access to information in general is both accepted and inevitable. If the videotapes had not been released through the normal channels of CNN and MSNBC, the tape could have mysteriously appeared on *Hard Copy* or in some other version of tabloid television.

Many people express a concern that an excessive amount of attention has been devoted to the scandal, and though this may be true, there is a simple solution. Any person could choose to refrain from viewing the coverage of the Clinton testimony. By releasing the videotape, the American people

receive the right to choose for themselves.

Another issue concerns the embarrassment of President Clinton. To be realistic, the past actions of Clinton are more embarrassing than any actions relating to the grand jury testimony. The old adage, "Don't do the crime if you can't do the time," comes to mind. Furthermore, the countless Jay Leno jokes will still continue without any further material from the testimony.

Future perceptions of the Clinton administration are another debated topic. Personal opinions of President Clinton have already been formed. The videotape really makes no impact in the grand scheme of the Clinton presidency, a statement supported by Political Science Department Chair Herb Smith. "I don't think it [the videotape] added or subtracted anything to how we view the case," he said.

Another argument concerns the role of America's children reacting to the actions of the president. Again, it seems a little late to attempt to salvage the innocence of the youth of America from the philandering actions of our chief executive. Also, it seems unlikely that many children would spend four hours in the morning glued to a television set filled primarily with legal jargon.

It goes without saying that the Clinton scandal has far exceeded all sense of modesty and decency. The news reports, late night monologues, political bickering, and dirty jokes have created new meaning for tackiness and disrespect towards public officials.

Freedom of choice underlies any other issue. The right of the American people to know the full details of the wrongdoings of President Clinton or to choose to refrain from those details is more important than concern for protection of the president. The day that Clinton decided to choose indiscretion over appropriate presidential behavior was the day he lost the right to have his problems kept private.

Clinton Impeachment Not for the Best

Chris Taugher argues against President Clinton being impeached.

Mr. Clinton may be morally weak, but he didn't infringe on any of our rights. Adultery is not an impeachable offense.

Impeachment is not only the wrong thing to do to Bill Clinton, but it is the wrong thing

He is the only American President who will be remembered more for his mark on the white blouse than on the White House. If this was *Jeopardy*, the question would be, "Who is William Jefferson Clinton?" Another question that needs to be answered is, "Should the President be impeached or not?" I say no way.

President Clinton should be punished by super censure. He should apologize for what he's done (which he has) and pay a fine. If it is

ing \$40 million to prove something the public knew six months ago is ridiculous.

Personally, I question the integrity of Monica Lewinsky. What has been her motive the whole time, besides providing Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien with countless hours of material?

"Taping conversations and saving semen-stained dresses is not something women in elic [sic] affairs do," says Andrew Ferguson, *Time*

It's absurd to try to impeach a president just because a few people... okay, maybe a lot of people, don't like his character.

found that he committed perjury, he should serve some jail time, like any other American citizen. He's not above the law.

These allegations and reports have gone on long enough. The President should pay for his actions so that the Senate and the country can return to business.

Bill Clinton is not the only President to have had relations with women other than his wife. We've all heard stories of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John F. Kennedy.

It's not as if the President put our country in jeopardy. Mr. Clinton may have made some personal mistakes, but he didn't reveal any terrorist secrets or military codes to any interns.

to do to the country. Who knows how the American people will react to such a radical happening? No matter what Ken Starr says, you can't deny that while President Clinton was said to have his "pants down," the economy grew steadily, violent crimes decreased in number, and the deficit ceased to exist.

What has the Ken Starr report achieved anyway? Tell us what kind of underwear Monica wears? Or was it to prove the President had an affair?

I think by the time the fifth or sixth woman accused the President of having sexual relations with them, the American people realized, "Hey, maybe Bill did cheat on Hillary." Spend

Editorials

Pigeon pest control

WMC has done it again. The college has jumped in and tried to solve a problem before thinking through the consequences.

The situation of the poisoned pigeons has developed from a question of pest control to an embarrassment that made the front page of the *Carroll County Times*.

Last year's residents of the Garden Apartments can attest to the fact that the pigeons were a problem, but there are other ways of resolving the issue.

Instead of trying methods of discouraging the birds from roosting on campus buildings, the college decided to call in Terminex International to get rid of them.

This company then "forgot" to apply for a permit for the poison. It's rather worrying that a professional company should forget to obtain a license.

The pigeons were an annoyance and a health hazard which did need to be removed. If it were rats instead of birds that had been killed, there would not have been much objection to the poison.

However, it wasn't necessary to make such a spectacular mess of the whole operation. This college should get it together and find a solution that involves neither dramatic death throws nor unlicensed chemicals.

Campus Safety makeover

The *Phoenix* jury is still out on the new Campus Safety vehicles. They have spent a lot of money improving their image, money students perhaps believe is misdirected. However, maybe a more professional looking department will mean that students treat them in a more professional manner.

Reality: First Weeks at Western Maryland College

Two of my new-found acquaintances and I were sitting on the benches in front of Rouzer on the second night of orientation when one shared a story about an escapee she had taken through the psychedelic world. A friend told her that at some point in the evening, amidst all the floating bubbles, flashing lights, and other sorts of audio-visual stimuli, she would lose touch with reality.

She was told not to worry, though, if she took a special pre-

caution, writing the word "reality" on a piece of paper and referring to it when needed. This would prove the fact that she was coherent that evening and would eventually drift back to sobriety.

As she told this to me, I looked at my new surroundings. I saw imposing buildings, paths leading to yet unknown corners of the campus, and a slew of strangers who I hoped shared the same trepidations I harbored at the time.

Then I thought to myself that this wasn't a mere seven hour trip

to a surreal world; it was real. One major problem, however...I had no piece of paper to back me up.

What was it that made me semi-nervous that evening? Was it fear of coming late for the first class? Of not making friends? Of just not being up to par with the old high school glory days? I think the knot that was twisting itself in my stomach was a combination of those three questions and a whole list of others which I haven't had to worry about for the last four years of my

Ron Mojica suggests a way to cope with the first days of college life.

forced mingling is always an awkward situation.

Also, most of us are accustomed to the luxuries which we take for granted while living at home. Home-cooked meals were just in the next room. Air conditioning breezed through the vents. Attaining privacy was as easy as

college experience we all envisioned.

Throughout the whole college preparation process, we too were given duties to keep in mind during the whole adjustment period. Incessant pleas of not partying too much came from parents, excelling in academics from past teachers, and trying to keep schmalzy emotional ties with significant others left behind or parted in different ways.

Yes, these would be meaningful promises to keep, but I think being

is becoming routine. Familiar faces flock to the same classes which were once a chore to find. Time for studying fits well in the day and parties never leave freshman hanging on a Friday night. Even the dorms get cleaned once in a while.

Currently, remarks about transferring and dropping out come few and far between among the members of the freshman class and a sense of comfort and camaraderie has intertwined itself among the former strangers.

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life.

Maybe it was simply having to adapt to my new environment.

Why have we been ripped out from comfort zones and forced to attend a succession of uncomfortable ice breakers, peer mentor sessions, hours of OCTAA, and sexual assault programs?

Not that they were completely pointless, the college did well in planning the whole orientation with the hopes of people interacting and making new acquaintances. Maybe I just hold a firm conviction that

locking the bedroom door.

Now it is an achievement to simply identify the food in Glar. Multiple fans merely circulate the hot, stale air in the dorms. Most of all, rooms are no longer your own but are shared with one person, and in some cases two, with all their belongings as well.

Humor often carries a great deal of sincerity, and a lot of jokes were exchanged about transferring to a different school or quitting altogether. The present wasn't quite up to the mental image of the col-

able to locate a bathroom or just finding the right parties to go to take precedence.

One of the best pieces of advice I received was just to give it time. Friends, family, and I knew that adjustment wouldn't come instantly but would arrive gradually.

A few hours in a new setting seemed like weeks and, by the third day, the campus still did not feel like home.

I'm glad, however, that I was proven wrong. As the sixth week of school approaches, the schedule

I think that I can justly speak on behalf of my fellow classmates when saying that nothing will ever replace the familiarity of home and that the good feeling towards campus life may change to boredom or weariness at any time.

With some time and patience, however, the dreaded newness of the campus has dissipated and, as consolation, I'm relieved by the fact that during the next four years, the help of a piece of paper with "reality" inscribed on it will not be necessary.

Rape: What Can You do to Stay Safe?

It takes an understanding and loving individual to counsel a rape victim.

While the effects of violent crime are traumatic and often lasting throughout life, counselors at WMC are brave enough to help people through crises when rape does occur. They give victims the comfort and the advice that they need to find the absolution that makes it possible to go on with living.

These selfless individuals are trained to help rape victims work through their problems without using trite and ineffective expressions like, "It's all going to be okay."

This because rape is not okay. This year freshman attending orientation learned from a dramatic film, presented by the Sexual As-

which could arise for students concerning rape; however, probably due to time constraints, the presentation did not address the issues of what actions should be taken immediately after being raped and what can be done to prevent it from happening in the first place.

Rape starts with the rapist, not the victim. It is never okay to force sex on anyone else, male or female. "No" means no, and even if the potential rapist interprets "no" as "yes," that person could face criminal charges.

As the person choosing to abstain from having sex, the key is to be assertive.

Saying "no" and then submitting to sex can make the partner think that sexual contact was desired by both parties, and, therefore, it is not rape. Be clear about your intentions and be committed to what you say, so there is no question as to whether or not "no" means "yes."

In the role of the potential offender, do not interpret what the person is saying. Take his or her word for what it is. If there is a question as to whether that person's judgment is impaired by drugs or alcohol, then wait.

Isn't it better to be patient, then to face criminal charges? The point is this: if you're unsure, don't do it.

Also, intoxication does not justify forcing sex on anyone else. The failure to use judgment due to consumption of alcohol is not an excuse for hurting someone you might care about.

Of course, not all rapes fit un-

Lisa van Auken lends some practical advice about rape prevention.

der the category of date rape or acquaintance rape. While instances of rape by a stranger are significantly less, the damage is just as harmful. There are measures that should be taken to re-

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duce the risk of being raped.

Walking with someone else is one of the biggest ways to remain safe, especially late at night. While those trips across campus at midnight are often unavoidable, don't feel embarrassed to ask a friend or someone at the campus safety office to escort you back to your dorm.

If you must walk alone, consider carrying pepper spray and learning self-defense. Stick to well lit areas, and stay away from the shadows around buildings.

Most importantly, go with your instincts, and be alert at all times. If you suspect that someone is following you, or if you see someone suspicious, don't hesitate to take action. Trust how you feel. Go back to where you were, find other

people, or go into the closest building to get away from the pursuer.

Carrying your keys in your hand instead of your book bag or purse also reduces the time you spend trying to open the door, making you able to get inside with less hassle.

If you do feel you are being followed, let the person who follows you know that you are suspicious of him or her. Don't ignore the problem and hope it will go away because, sometimes, it is by intimidating victims before the attack that an assailant can gain the necessary window for committing the crime.

Don't consider yourself a victim, but consider yourself on the offense. Do whatever you have to do to remain safe. Don't be afraid to make a scene. Sometimes, drawing attention to your situation, no matter how small or large the amount of suspicion you bear, will save your life.

If you find yourself being raped, you must do what you have to do in your specific situation. Sometimes fighting back will save you, but sometimes complying will. Sometimes, it is best to let the criminal see you as a human being who has a family, mid-term tests, talents, and other traits that convey personality, while at others it is best to not say anything at all.

In the situation of rape, you must be the judge of the best method of dealing with it, but remember, that whatever your choice, it was the best decision you were capable of making at the time.

If you have been raped, you have choices. Call Campus Safety or the Sexual Assault Information Team.

What you should not do, especially if you are planning on reporting the incident, is shower, brush your teeth, douche, or change your clothes. Get medical attention quickly. If you are concerned that you are pregnant or that you have contracted an STD, the hospital can help.

Most of all, remember that it is not the victim's fault that he or she was raped. There are rape crisis lines to call, to help you deal with crisis. Consider carrying one of these phone numbers with you.

Just remember, the best way to avoid being raped is to stay out of potentially dangerous situations and make your intentions clear.

If you must walk alone, consider carrying pepper spray and learning self-defense.

The best way to save yourself the trouble of being charged with date rape is: if you're not sure, don't do it. Rape hurts people, but it can often be avoided with the right precautions. Play it safe.

Some of the information in this article was found at: drevski.andrew.cmu.edu/rape/whattodo.html

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sault Information Team, that rape is unacceptable under all circumstances. The topic of the hour long presentation was generally the definition of rape, specifically date rape.

Since 67% of rapes are committed by a person the victim knows in some way, the discussion covered the more probable scenarios

Letters to the editor

In appreciation of all those involved in Kim Chalesworth's recovery

*"I waited, waited for the Lord;
who bent down and heard my cry."
(Psalm 140, 2)*

It has been almost nine months since Kim's car accident last December. For a good part of that time, I have thought and pondered as to how I would begin to thank the hundreds of people that have shown their love and support to Kim and our family. I pray that my words will in some small way adequately express what is in my heart.

First, I would like to begin by paying tribute to the exceptional medical professionals who were largely responsible for Kim's remarkable recovery. On December 13th, Kim was airlifted to Prince George Trauma Center in Maryland and rushed into the capable and caring hands of Dr. Bakulesh Patel, who performed the first of many surgeries. During the next 11 days, my family and I would come to trust and rely heavily on Dr. Patel's treatment and diagnosis. I will never forget him. *I prayed, I cried, and I never lost hope.*

On December 23rd, Kim took another turn for the worse. Her respiratory condition was failing rapidly. A medical team, headed by Dr. Maureen McCunn, rushed Kim to the University of Maryland Neuro Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Dr. Nader Habashi and Martha Booth, critical care nurse, were in charge of her case. Over the next two months, I would experience how very fortunate Kim was to be in their care, along with an outstanding team of doctors, surgeons, nurses, and physical therapists. I was told that if Kim survived, there would be many setbacks, and indeed there were. At times when there seemed to be not much hope at all, Dr. Habashi continued to give us hope. He and his team cared for Kim as if she were their own. I will never forget them. *I prayed, I cried, and I never lost hope.*

As luck would have it, the national shrine of St. Jude, patron saint of desperate and

hopeless cases, was only a few blocks from the hospital and my apartment. My family and I spent many hours at St. Jude's, finding peace and solace in this blessed place.

On February 25th, Kim was released from Shock Trauma in Baltimore to begin a long road of rehabilitation. She and I flew back to New Jersey in what had to be the smallest plane ever built. Kim found it an adventure; unfortunately, I was far from excited and without Dramamine.

Three days after Kim arrived at Kessler Rehab Institute, she was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital with yet another setback.



After exactly a month in the hospital under the wonderful care and supervision of Dr. Stephen Smith, and other medical staff, Kim was strong enough to leave and begin a long and difficult road to recovery. *I prayed, I cried, and I never lost hope.*

Kim began her rehabilitation at JFK Rehab in their Brain Trauma Unit. Assigned to her care were Dr. Caroline McCagg and Debbie Richards, R.N., two incredible women. Kim and I knew in a moment that she was in wonderful hands. Over the next two and a half months, I watched with pride and amazement at Kim's truly miraculous and remark-

able progress. Kim arrived back home on June 26th. *I prayed, I cried, and I never lost hope.*

Secondly, I pay tribute to a most exceptional family: to two wonderful sons, Chris and Jimmy, whose love and devotion to their sister was unending; to my sisters, Gayle and Nancy, whose endless sacrifice, love, and support has sustained me through all these months, along with two very special brothers-in-law, Roger and Kevin; to my spiritual guides along the way, Mary T. and Bill M.; to my neighbors, fellow parishioners, CFM members, people in the town of Westfield; and to those of you who I will never have the pleasure of meeting who have prayed so hard for so long for Kim's recovery. The list goes on and on, names too numerous to mention, those of family members, and friends, old and new.

To all of the above I say, *"Thank you from the bottom of my heart."* For now, I truly believe that miracles do happen, and Kim has been blessed with many. And more than ever before, I have witnessed the power of prayer and I give thanks and praise to Almighty God.

My final tribute goes to a beautiful young woman, my daughter, Kimberly. Her incredible strength and courage continue to be an inspiration to me. She is a joy to behold and each and every day I give thanks for her life. It is truly a gift.

I wish all of you the blessings and richness that life can be if we open ourselves to the possibilities. For out of crisis comes opportunity. *I still cry, but they are tears of joy, and I will always continue to pray, and I will never lose hope.*

With much love and gratitude,
Fran Chalesworth

Hoover Library network, up and running

I am writing to comment on the library network mentioned in the article published on page 4 of the September 17, 1998, issue of *The Phoenix*. The shared system is now in operation. The library catalogs of Hoover Library and the Carroll County Public Library were merged prior to the start of the semester. Records for the Community College library will be added in January, 1999.

The new system more than doubles the bibliographic database available to WMC faculty and students.

WMC titles:	145,000
CCPL titles:	157,000
Total:	302,000

WMC volumes:	192,000
CCPL volumes:	506,000
Total:	698,000

Catalog inquiries search the entire combined database and books in any Partnership location are available to registered borrowers at any other library in the system. WMC ID cards are valid at any branch of the county public library system and vice versa. On a trial basis, WMC faculty and students may request courier delivery of CCPL books to Hoover.

To reach the online catalog, follow links from the library's homepage (<http://hoover.wmc.edu>) or from Carroll Online (<http://www.carr.org>). The system is also accessible by telnet at [clpcat.carr.org](telnet://clpcat.carr.org) (domain name) or 198.76.196.2 (IP address).

Sincerely,
Dave Neikirk
Library Director

Students should be warned of safety issues in neighborhoods surrounding the college

On the Friday night of Labor Day weekend, I was excited to greet a friend of mine in the Whiteford parking lot. He was visiting for the weekend and had driven a long way so that he could see our beautiful school.

Saturday morning he wasn't too impressed. He went out to his truck parked behind Whiteford to find that his back window had been completely shattered and some chunks of glass were entirely missing. Luckily, nothing was stolen, but the damage was an enormous and preventable expense.

No other cars in the parking lot were vandalized but they could have been. I am writing to you with much concern about the safety of our campus or the immaturity and disrespect of a vandal on campus. I want to inform students of this senseless vandalism so that they are aware of its existence.

I am a freshman and have not been on campus long, so I know it was not a vengeful act of violence aimed at me personally, as I have not made any enemies. It was just a random act of vandalism, and I am not aware of who this

person is that was disrespectful enough to damage someone else's property. It may be a student I have to blame.

I am hoping that this is not the case because I would hate to think that someone on this campus would intentionally disrespect a fellow student. No one here should have to suffer from that.

I feel that as students, we should be informed about the possibility of small crimes taking place.

On the other hand, an outside intruder may be the vandal on whom to place the blame. This brings up my concern about safety.

Although Campus Safety was very professional and helpful when dealing with our situation, I am disappointed with the security of the parking lots. This kind of vandalism could have been prevented and can be in the future.

Campus Safety told me that my visitor had parked in a bad section of town. That comment struck me as odd because I did not know that there was a bad sec-

tion of town. Someone working with Campus Safety proceeded to tell me about the area behind Whiteford (which is where I live).

I felt a lot less secure when he went on about the drug and crime problems in the neighborhood on Pennsylvania Avenue behind my building. This both-

ered me because such problems cause the people involved to commit crimes similar to the one I've described. Being that our school is in that immediate area, it is more probable that we will be victims.

I appreciated his honesty, but I would have appreciated it more if I had been informed of this before the vandalism occurred. If indeed it was an intruder from that "bad section of town," I feel that as students, we should be informed about the possibility of small crimes taking place.

I don't know how regularly the parking lots are patrolled, but it wouldn't be a bad idea for Campus Safety to keep an eye on these parking lots. The vandalism to cars may not even be the biggest issue. Suppose a similarly disrespectful, angry intruder commits another crime, and a person, not a vehicle, is their victim.

Some suggestions about how to prevent more occurrences include providing more lighting for the lots and more security at night. I know I probably would not now walk through there at night knowing that it may not be as safe as I thought. As far as informing drivers about the parking lot, signs could be put up saying "park at your own risk" so that people are aware.

My intent is not to imply that Campus Safety is not doing their job; their help was greatly appreciated. I just want to make people aware so that they might be able to avoid the disappointment and financial burden that my guest and I had to put up with.

Sincerely,
Robyn Laura Hill

Horoscopes

An October of changes

Aquarius (January 32 - February 19)

If you launch a new venture, handle it with care. Be sure to take the right approach with the right influential people. Don't complain if work seems snarled and others less than dutiful. Your aims and objectives can be gratified without resorting to tactics you would not be proud of.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)

Avoid wasting time by chatting about things of little consequence. Be ready to take on a new task and show a willingness to use your talent for best results. It is reasonably safe for you to open up to all of your close friends, but talking in front of people you just met is a no-no.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Your energy enables you to tackle almost anything, but don't exhaust yourself by being over eager and rushing out. Something is stirring that could bring you happiness from somewhere that you would not expect. Ignore prying people and go quietly on your way.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Someone who will notice your kindly admiration may benefit you greatly. Don't be too independent or proud. Your health may be worrisome and you may want to get some professional advice or at least change your diet.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Changes in work routine may be to your advantage. It may be necessary to train intensively, but look forward. Be willing and ambitious. There could be a sustained buzz of conversation going on behind your back. You would be pleased about it.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Someone unscrupulous may come your way with a big scheme. Don't fall for any big talk in business or romance. Guard your reputation and behave very ethically. You are in danger of lapsing into a bad habit you quit years ago. Your willpower will pull you through this troubled time.

Leo (July 24 - August 23)

An old family friend shocks you when they confess they have the hots for you. Be careful who you share a secret with - it could come back to haunt you. This is a good time to give a loved one the attention they crave - what about a surprise evening out and a thoughtful card and gift?

Virgo (August 24 - September 23)

Your romantic relationship is developing into an ongoing melodrama - you have to lighten up or call it quits. You worry too much about what other people think - forget about them! You desperately want to be liked by everyone, perhaps you are trying too hard.

Libra (September 24 - October 23)

Love doesn't come easy to you because you tend to be rigid and demanding. Thaw out a little and things will improve. Everyone knows you are a workaholic, but don't love your job so much that your private life goes down the drain. Schedule the weekend for fun and games with people who make you laugh.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 22)

Don't listen to a well-meaning friend's advice concerning your love life. Listen only to what your heart says. Getting involved with a close friend could prove more trouble than it is worth. Be careful with investments, and always read the fine print before signing agreements.

Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21)

Celebrate good news - and get rid of any negative thoughts. Inject more smiles and jokes into a relationship that has become overly tense these past few weeks. Plan a trip away from college. Step up your personal fitness program over the weekend.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)

Do not let a partner force you into making a decision that you will live to regret. Weekends have been dull for you lately but this is an ideal time to relieve the monotony by playing host to a fun-filled get-together.

written by : Shannon M. Hess and Emily L. Wilson

WMC: A freshman's perspective

BY BROOKE JOSEPH
Staff Writer

In every person's life, there comes a time when they must take a step towards the future. For many, this step is attending college. College has been by far the biggest and riskiest step I've ever taken.

I've known I wanted to go to a small school, one relatively close to home, since the beginning of the college selection process. Luckily, my road to picking Western Maryland College was rather short. The reps came to my high school one day and I wanted to get out of class, so went and listened to them. I received the application and a fee waiver, and since I already had an essay written, just filled it out and sent it away. A little while later I got the acceptance letter, and even a scholarship. So, that's how I got here.

Getting into college was easy, but moving to college was not. The whole month of August, I told my mother that I was not going! I told her I was perfectly content with going to community college (although I really wasn't) and I was just not leaving home. Yes, I will admit it: I was going to miss my mommy. I put off packing until the day before I left and continued to tell myself that I was going to hate

WMC, make no friends, flunk out, and amount to nothing. I was also convinced my roommate was going to be a complete psycho and that we would hate each other.

When we turned onto Main Street and followed the signs directing us to Whiteford, my opinion started changing. Seeing bunches of people in neon green shirts and tons of cars packed to the roof with luggage didn't scare me. I felt like I was at summer camp, which has always been fun.

The peer mentors and ROTC men were unloading my mom's van, which was quite full, when it hit me. For the next four years of my life, I would be calling Western Maryland College home. As I opened the door to my dorm, I opened the door to my new life.

Within a half-hour I met my new roommate. I felt bad when she walked in because I had already taken over the entire room and her things hadn't even arrived. Debbie looked exactly how I pictured she did turn out the phone (although she did turn out to be a little psycho—Just kidding, Deb.)

She and I get along extremely well. We look very different and have dissimilar tastes and backgrounds. But we instantly bonded and have become excellent friends. She has definitely been a big part

of my adjustment here.

Gradually, I met others and have gained some good friends along the way. Since the first night we all made a deal to have our meals together, and that has always been an experience (to say the least). Warning: if you are ever at Glar and see a group of six weird girls laughing, then most likely it's us!

Finally, there are those things called classes. They get in the way of my plans sometimes, but when I get bored they fill up time. I will admit the work has been hard and I'm well known for my procrastination. But I have learned more about my study habits and what works best for me. I think I've done more studying in my four weeks here than ever before.

You could say my freshman experience has been a good one so far. I have been elected freshman class representative, I volunteer at a family shelter, write for the Phoenix, work on yearbook, and participate in Students Teaching America's Youth. I have a super bunch of friends and I'm doing fairly well in my classes. I can honestly say I love college.

Western Maryland is a terrific school and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. It feels good to be home!



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End Note

We try it before you buy it: Better Than Ezra's new release How Does Your Garden Grow?

BY SHAWN SPRAGUE
Staff Writer

Modern rock today is many things for many people. Groundbreakers Nirvana and Pearl Jam formed the stem of modern rock, which in the last decade has produced numerous differing offshoots.

Now we have mixtures of ska, electronica, hip-hop, swing, punk, and techno which all somehow blend together on our favorite rock stations.

However, as in every good modern rock group, the drummer is just as important in bringing the songs to life. McNabb fills this role for Better Than Ezra, keeping the beats fresh and potent. Drummond adds a supple bass to the mix.

"One More Murder" is the strongest song. It is a subtle blend of electronica and alternative, expressing the group's stance against gun violence: "Don't worry the rain will wash the chalk marks from the ground."

Griffin describes the apathy that many

New Kind of Low" starts as a insane punk escapade, and then suddenly breaks down into an fractured electronic drip

It has become more and more difficult to discern the standard from the experimental, the old from the new, the stem from the branches.

In their new album, *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, Better Than Ezra finds a fertile middle-ground to create their sound.

Better Than Ezra, comprised of Kevin Griffin, Tom Drummond, and Travis Aaron McNabb, still relies heavily on basic guitar, piano, bass, and drums to get the job done. However, they have also branched out, implementing cascading string arrangements and wild electronic elements to up the ante.

As usual, Griffin is the creative force behind the music, writing every one of the album's fourteen tracks as well as playing guitar and providing the vocals.

people have regarding violence: "Don't mean a thing, you get accustomed to the sound."

The last two tracks, "New Kind of Low" and "Waxing or Waning?" are also strong.

"New Kind of Low" starts as a insane punk escapade, and then suddenly breaks down into an fractured electronic drip: a definite favorite for all you bi-polars out there.

"Waxing and Waning" is a pleasant song, taking a simple melody and providing a refreshing end to the album.

Overall, *How Does Your Garden Grow?* manages to incorporate everything you like about electronica, without going overboard on effects or neglecting the music. It is neither excessively experimental nor generic, and is a satisfying listen throughout.

Rating: 3 1/2 stars

IN THE FISHBOWL...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC



ROBYN HILL

Cecilia Bowens wanted to be pictured with freshman Rebecca Shlapack. Interaction with students is her favorite part of the job.

Paul Ostazeski is easy to spot in a crowd. The sophomore chemistry major is always attired in a colorful Hawaiian shirt and is often pursued by the victims of his many pranks.

Ostazeski is strong in his beliefs about animal rights, which led him to change his major. "I was bio/pre-med, then one day I realized...I don't like ripping into things that never had a chance to live," he says.

Ostazeski is from southern Maryland and thought about attending UMBC before finally deciding on coming to the Hill.

He was a member of his high school basketball team and also enjoys playing the piano.

In his spare time, Ostazeski can be found running with his suitemate Diane or shooting bad guys in his favorite Super Nintendo game, "Goldeneye."

"I love my students—they're my babies," declares Line Supervisor Cecilia Bowens.

Known familiarly to staff and students as "Celia," Bowens has been a beloved fixture in Glar for 33 years, serving up jokes and smiles with the mashed potatoes.

Bowens says that she chose her profession because she likes being around people. Students especially make her day: "I just love to serve...and joke with you all. I'll say anything to get you to talk."

The Westminster native loves to sing and garden. She admits that, yes, she is frequently serenaded with the song "Cecilia,"



JOHN LUNTSAL

Paul Ostazeski chooses the top of a piano to model one of his Hawaiian shirts.

It's all Greek to me: WMC's fraternities and sororities

BY RICH SIMMONS
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Gamma Beta Chi

The "Betes" as members of Gamma Beta Chi are known, are part of the oldest fraternity to exist at Western Maryland. Founded in 1922 with Greek letters, the Betes were originally a literary society. Their official fraternity colors are red and blue, and their fraternity flower is the red carnation. They associated themselves with the Phi Alpha Mu sorority in 1941 to establish the link that both organizations enjoy today. The Betes can be found living on the third floor of ANW.

Alpha Gamma Tau

Originally known as the Bachelor's Club, and recognized by the college in 1924 as Alpha Gamma Tau, the "Bachelors" official colors are blue and white. The members of Alpha Gamma Tau live on the fourth floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

Phi Delta Theta

The first of three national fraternities to be established on campus, Phi Delta Theta was formed in 1848 at the University of Miami. The Maryland Beta chapter of the organization was founded at Western Maryland College in 1971. The organization's presence on campus dates back to 1923 when they were known as the Black and Whites and ran the school's newspaper. Later the Greek letters Pi Alpha Phi were adopted. The Phi Deltas' official colors are blue and white, and their official flower is the white carnation. They live on the second floor of Blanche Ward Hall and their sister sorority on campus is Phi Sigma Sigma.

Each new academic year, the arrival of first-year students brings a plethora of new faces eager to learn about and become part of "college life" on the Western Maryland campus. There are many facets to our community here on the Hill, including various clubs and organizations. But perhaps no part of college life for Western Maryland students is as fixating, intriguing, or just plain puzzling as our own Greek system. This article is designed as a brief primer for the uninitiated into the history of the American college fraternity and sorority system, and as a basic guide to the college-recognized Greek organizations on our campus.

The uniquely American institutions of the collegiate fraternity and sorority probably have their origins in the student societies of colonial times. These societies usually had particular functions, such as being literary or religious clubs. The first of these secret societies to use Greek letters for its identification was Phi Beta Kappa, which is now an honor society, in 1776. The first all-female secret society to use Greek letters was formed from the Adelphean Society in 1851 and is currently known as Alpha Delta Pi.

The following is a list of the local and national fraternities and sororities that are recognized by Western Maryland College, and a brief description of who they are. For understandable reasons, some organizations allow differing amounts to be known about them to non-initiates, depending on how they see fit. Many thanks to Betsy Chimcock and the members of these Greek organizations for their assistance in compiling this information.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Sigma Phi Epsilon was originally founded at the University of Richmond in 1901. The Maryland Delta Chapter of the "Sig-Eps" was officially chartered in 1983 here on campus. The symbols of Sigma Phi Epsilon are the "Balanced Man" and the heart, which signifies brotherly love. Their colors are purple and red, and they can be found living on the third floor of ANW.

Phi Kappa Sigma

The most recent addition to Western Maryland's pantheon of Greeks, chartered at Western Maryland in May of 1998, is the Delta Eta chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity. Known as the "Skulls" or "Phi-Kaps", Phi Kappa Sigma was founded in 1850 on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. The official colors of Phi Kappa Sigma are black and old gold, and some of the fraternity's symbols include the Maltese cross, and the human skull. The official flower of Phi Kappa Sigma is the yellow chrysanthemum. The Skulls can be found on the second floor of ANW.

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Phi Alpha Mu

The "Phi-Alphas" are the oldest existing sorority on campus, recognized in 1926 by Western Maryland. Phi Alpha Mu's official colors are purple and white; their mascot is

the purple cow, and their traditional symbol is the torch. Phi Alpha Mu can be found living on the second floor of ANW. Their brother fraternity is Gamma Beta Chi.

Phi Mu

Phi Mu, the country's second oldest sorority, was founded in 1852 at Wesleyan Female college from the Philomathean Society. Phi Mu originally existed on Western Maryland's campus as Delta Sigma Kappa, founded, but not officially recognized, in 1924. Phi Mu's colors are rose and white, their mascot is the lion, and their flower is the pink carnation. They can currently be found living on the fourth floor of McDaniel.

Phi Sigma Sigma

The "Phi-Sigs" were founded in 1913 at Hunter College in New York, with the local chapter chartering in 1981. Phi Sigma Sigma has existed here first as the W.W. Club, founded in 1922, and later as Sigma Sigma Tau. Phi Sigma Sigma's official colors are blue and gold, with mascots of the skunk and the sphinx. Their flower is the American Beauty Rose. The Phi-Sigs brother fraternity is Phi Delta Theta. They can be found on the third floor of Blanche.

Alpha Nu Omega

Alpha Nu Omega is the newest sorority at Western Maryland College, founded here in 1979. The "Omegas" official colors are baby blue and white, and their mascot is the panda bear. The Omegas can be found living on the first floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

Watch out Hollywood!

BY JEANNE CHAMBERLIN AND
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Once upon a time, there lived a beautiful young woman named Marianne. She and her husband Zach decided to take a romantic bicycle trip through the scenic woods of Maryland.

They were accompanied by four of their closest friends, one of whom was a stranger, another of whom was having an affair with Zach, and a third who was only two years old.

As the story unfolds, relationship troubles are exposed and fights ensue. Okay, so it's not quite your typical fairy tale. But it is the premise of the movie *Forest for the Trees*, written and directed by Western Maryland's own Jonathan Slade.

On September 19, a group of students from WMC went to the screening of the independent film which took three years, \$26,000, and a huge amount of energy on the part of cast and crew to produce.

with black beret and sunglasses) and attempts to smoke her cigarettes while the group rides along the C & O Canal. Although Casey pretends to have little emotion, her softer side is revealed when she tries to open up to Eric.

She was the least favorite of the characters for most viewers, as many thought she used people for her own ends.

We've all heard the complaint, "Nice guys never get the girl." Eric is the sensitive guy who claims to honestly want a mutually fulfilling relationship with a woman instead of just sex. He tags along on the trip with Casey, intending to "pop the question."

Christine won the most votes as favorite character. She came with her daughter on the trip after discovering her husband's affair (and promptly transferring all his worldly possessions into a dumpster). Viewers admired the character's self-respect and strength, and found her to be the most real of the characters.

A less-than-central character

Dr Sapora made a cameo appearance as a hearing-impaired fisherman.

Before the screening, Slade revealed his goal in writing the script. He wanted each audience member to find a character that has a "real sense of humanity" and to keep each viewer thinking about the film for more than five minutes after words.

We asked several of the students who saw the film if this held true for them, and most found one character with whom they identified or particularly liked.

Many of the more sensitive audience members preferred Marianne, the peppy but emotionally unstable wife. Her pregnancy, revealed later in the movie, motivates her to overcome not only her claustrophobic fear of tunnels but also her relationship hurdles with her wayward husband.

Viewers who did not find her too "fruity" or "whiny" admired her mixture of vulnerability and toughness and liked how she begins as scared and dependent but realizes she must take control of her life.

Marianne takes control by confronting her husband, Zach. He is more interested in flirting with his mistress Casey or working on his laptop than communicating with his wife.

One workaholic interviewee identified with the way that Zach worries about getting everything done but finally learns how to relax (by literally throwing his computer into a river!).

To some, he is the most dynamic and developed character. He represents a stereotypical male but is sensitive at heart, as seen in an encounter with the two-year-old. Casey, Zach's other love interest, shows up for the biking trip dressed as a beat-nick (complete

most favored by one viewer (probably trying to kiss up to his professor) was Dr. Sapora. The Western Maryland professor was the film's director of photography and made a cameo appearance as a hearing-impaired fisherman.

Overall, the people we interviewed enjoyed *Forest for the Trees*. It was well made, especially for a first production, and for many it revealed the difficulty of making your own movie.

It was also impressive that so much was done on such a small budget. The actors were not paid, the laptop was Slade's own, and all the scenery was authentic Maryland countryside (although there was one scene in WMC's Little Baker Chapel).

The script itself received a lot of praise, especially for its witty and realistic dialogue. For example, in one favorite scene, Zach tries to pass off a handful of condoms as water balloons to bribe two children.

Innovative show STOMPs into Baltimore

BY NICOLE LEHMANN
Staff Writer

It's got 84 brooms, 50 steel lids, 450 liters of water and people who can compose a symphony by banging on huge steel containers and swiftly sweeping sand across a hard, wooden stage.

This is all part of STOMP, a unique combination of music, dance and theater. Created in Britain in 1991 by Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas, STOMP attempts to use everyday objects in non-traditional ways by moving

Players give new life to *Cyrano*

BY MOLLIE LAND
Staff Writer

Although it is a cliché to say that beauty is only skin deep, the National Players' production of *Cyrano de Bergerac* infused this expression with fresh life. The company brought Edmond Rostand's play about a passionate lover with a huge nose to WMC on September 19.

The show was their first stop on a national tour of the production. *Cyrano*, is a classic play about the eponymous swordsman/plot. He falls in love with the beautiful Roxana, but she has eyes only for the handsome, yet inarticulate, Christian de Neuville.

Cyrano, who lacks the physical beauty sought by Roxana, joins with Christian, who lacks the words to convey his own love for Roxana. They concoct a plan in which Christian will woo Roxana with the love poems, speeches and letters of Cyrano.

The twists and turns of Rostand's plot weave the love-struck characters into a complicated, yet comical triangle of love.

Here, the answers to the questions "Who loves whom?" and "For what reason?" are not as simple as any of the characters would like.

There have been both serious and comic renditions of *Cyrano*

since its premiere in 1897. The main focus of the plot is the absurd actions taken by many of the characters. A director could choose to present the play in a comical fashion by choosing to highlight the absurdity of the plot.

In this production, however, the play was directed so that the audience would focus on the dramatic plight of the characters, thereby

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ignoring most of the humor and wit inherent in Rostand's script.

The actors could not have had an easy time justifying their absurd actions. Many, however, succeeded in convincing that there was more to their character than what he actually did or said.

Andrew Smith (Cyrano de Bergerac) captivated the audience with his beautiful love poems and heartfelt emotion. During his scenes all movement and fidgeting in the theatre stopped, as everyone awaited Cyrano's next word.

However, no matter how great the actor, there is a limit to the num-

ber of times an audience will ignore the absurdity of a situation and focus on the inner agony of a character. Cyrano's death scene illustrates this point.

In a long-winded but poetic speech, he admits to his role in the love affair of Roxana and Christian, and his own undying love for Roxana. Although conveying serious information, the speech itself is laden with humorous one-line jokes.

Yet because of the melodramatic tone of the death scene, the audience members were confused, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

Although the characters see the situation as tragic, from a realistic perspective it is actually quite absurd to watch a man whose death is eminent speak romantic poetry.

The original script of *Cyrano de Bergerac* has five acts and when performed in its entirety can take more than three hours. The National Players' version ran about two and a half hours.

This production could have been improved if a more comical stance had been taken. However, it was definitely not a disappointment.

The audience could not help but be swept into the absurd events surrounding a man who sacrifices his own happiness for that of his beloved.

WMC takes Loose Ends to the stage

Everyone has heard it before. Boy meets girl and they can't live without each other. But they also can't live with each other.

Now throw in some of the moments and movements of the 1970s and the stage is set for Michael Weller's bittersweet, often funny production of *Loose Ends*. Students at Western Maryland College will present the "serious comedy" at 8 pm in Alumni Hall on October 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The story centers around a love affair that already has a few kinks, but really comes apart at the seams when he expresses his fatherly desire to carry on the family name and

she is adamant about her future objectives which don't include the pitter-patter of little feet.

The couple still makes several attempts to build a life together, but each time fails more miserably, and humorously, than before.

The show, which includes brief nudity and is recommended for mature audiences only, offers a vivid look at relationships and individual personalities of the 70s.

"As an acting challenge, the actors must be willing to reveal great depths of emotional pain in one scene, and immediately shift to sheer bliss in the next," said Elizabeth van den Berg, director of the

production and WMC assistant professor of theatre.

"The playwright has said that he feels his plays should be performed as if the audience is eavesdropping on a very private moment. It's very difficult for an actor to be that open, truthful and realistic with a character, but I believe this cast is up to the challenge," van den Berg said.

The lead roles are played by sophomore Don Todd and Erika Roskowiński, a junior.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, seniors and WMC community members.

Courtesy of Public Information

them with their bodies. It contains no hidden meanings, makes no political statements, but is simply 90 minutes of decidedly non-traditional fun.

When I went to see STOMP perform at the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore, I had no idea what to expect. In the beginning, everything was quiet, except for the faint sound of someone sweeping on stage. Soon, eight performers appeared, each sweeping to their own rhythm.

Each musician, as they are called, had his own method to at-

tract the eye to this very physical and fast-moving piece of teamwork. Throughout the performance, no real musical instruments were used and no one spoke.

There was no plot, but each performer had his own character, which was communicated through dance and mime. The music and the choreography complemented and enhanced each other, although I found some of the loud noises annoying.

As the performance progressed, both the rhythms and the use of "instruments" became more complex.

I especially enjoyed the way they were able to incorporate humor into the production without speaking.

One performer engaged my friends and I by involving the audience in a simple clap and response session throughout the entire performance.

"It was amazing and exciting!" exclaimed senior Noemi Gyorvari, and I can't disagree.

If you're interested in knowing more about STOMP, check out their web page at www.usinterest.com/stomp.

Kachur makes mellow debut at WMC

BY AARON KNITZER
Staff Writer

New WMC assistant professor of English Robert Kachur is living what might be considered "the good life." He has a job he loves, a wife, a family, a home, and soon he will be purchasing a goat (they are great pets and good lawn mowers). The secret of his success? Learning to relax.

Kachur was born in the rural Hagerstown, MD. At age eighteen, he entered the University of Virginia for a B.A. in English. Says Kachur, "I went to UVA because it was the best, last, cheapest school I got into. I really didn't know what I wanted."

While at UVA, he met his future wife, Susan. She continued on to get her M.A. in Counseling Psychology, while he got a job as Assistant Editor of two magazines for college students, *U* magazine and *Student Leadership*. Kachur discovered his love of teaching through this position, where he had to help the interns write new articles.

Kachur said that this realization gave him the inspiration to go to graduate school, where he hoped to enter a less stressful career than he would enjoy more. He went with Susan to the University of Wisconsin in Madison and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in nineteenth century British Literature and Composition.

"If somebody had told me how hard it is to get jobs out of grad school, I may have been too scared to do it," Kachur said. "But I was naive, so I just did it and it worked out."

Shortly after getting his Ph.D., Kachur started teaching at Boston University. The pressures of his earlier job and attending



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English professor Robert Kachur is enjoying life at WMC away from the stress of the city.

school were over, but new ones were about to be added. The Kachur family expanded at this time with the birth of his first daughter, Helen. Although he enjoyed teaching, the strain of a new family and the stress of big-city living marred his new dream life. Soon there were more Kachurs: his second daughter, Adelaide, was born three years after Helen. Dr. Kachur was now "ready to get away from living every single day in an urban area."

Bill Spence, energetic WMC professor and Kachur's longtime friend, had a solution. He informed Kachur that positions were opening for English teachers here. So, after six years in Boston, the Kachur family (including cats Annie and Earthquake) moved to Uniontown.

Kachur was surprised that his new WMC family welcomed him with more than just open arms. "The whole Department showed up to help me unload the trucks... I couldn't believe it," he said.

Where does Kachur envision himself in twenty years? As a full professor, financially comfortable, with lots of time for reading and gardening. "I hope to be here, settled... We've moved around a lot in the past twelve years."

He feels that the move to WMC is the biggest step towards this goal of a secure, relaxing lifestyle. Kachur has not been afraid to make drastic moves and take large risks for this goal, and he plans to enjoy the rewards.

BURN, BABY, BURN!

In celebration of Banned Book Week (Sept. 26 through Oct. 3), the *Phoenix* presents for your contemplation a list of frequently challenged books. Enjoy!

Impressions

a language arts textbook series, edited by Jack Booth, et al.

Challenged for presenting themes of rebellion against authority.

Of Mice and Men

by John Steinbeck

Challenged for profane language and criticism of the social system.

The Catcher in the Rye

by J.D. Salinger

Challenged for use of vulgar language and criticism of the social system.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

Dropped from some high school reading lists because it is considered racist.

The Chocolate War

by Robert Cormier

Challenged for obscenity, sexual content and descriptions of obscene gestures.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

by Alvin Schwartz

Challenged for encouraging cannibalism and promoting Satanism and the occult.

The Witches

by Roald Dahl

Challenged by some for being too scary and by others for portraying witches negatively.

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle

Challenged for giving a mixed message of good and evil and encouraging make-believe.

Blubber

by Judy Blume

Challenged for using unkind characters and teaching stealing, cheating and lying.

Heather Has Two Mommies

by Eve Merriam

Challenged for promoting homosexuality.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

by Maya Angelou

Challenged for containing profanity and sexually explicit scenes and not representing traditional values.

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Sermarini puts team effort over individual

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

These days, everyone has been worried about the McGwire/Sosa race to hold the homeruns-per-season record in Major League Baseball; however, the race has overcome team philosophy, which junior Terror Ron Sermarini describes as the "team as a whole coming before any individual."

Standing 5'11" at 180 lbs., the admirable quarterback said he doesn't go for breaking records. "It's great when the season's over, but during the season it doesn't mean anything."

Having jointly received Centennial Conference (CC) Offensive Player of the Week (9-14-98) with Gettysburg's Paul Smith, Sermarini is halfway to his regular-season CC honors total, for he earned the same honors twice each year when he was a freshman and a sophomore.

He says he thinks the honors are neat, but is only worried about helping the team clench the CC title again this year.

Having started at the age of ten in Pop Warner ("Little League") Ball, the Toms River North High (NJ) alumnus chose to play quarterback after having always watched his favorite NFLer, Joe Montana, on the tube.

He chose the #12 position because it was his father's collegiate number at Ursinus, and WMC because of the football team and his History Major/Secondary Education Minor.

As for actual plays, Sermarini feels that his contributions to scoring are just part of being quarterback. He also feels that although he and his teammates are happy with being undefeated so far, he's still waiting for the team to synthesize better and play to the best of its ability.

One personal achievement of which Sermarini was unaware is that he placed third in the school's career passing yardage (3,489) last year.

The top-place holder is Brian Van Deusen '95 (7,239), whom Sermarini has a chance of passing if he continues at his current rate.

"I remember watching Brian play," the quarterback said. "It would be an honor to pass him."

Yet, for now, Sermarini is only worried about going to the top again, perhaps once again facing Lycoming, whom he considers to be the Terror's toughest opponent so far.

While the Terrors are currently fifth in Division III, Lycoming is rated number one and will be a tough team to defeat.

Krebs undefeated

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The sport is also one of the most physically trying. It takes great physical conditioning to compete at the intercollegiate level. It also takes a lot of mental stamina.

Cushwa stresses the importance of such discipline, saying that "Sometimes it's hard to make yourself go out and run everyday, but you have to."

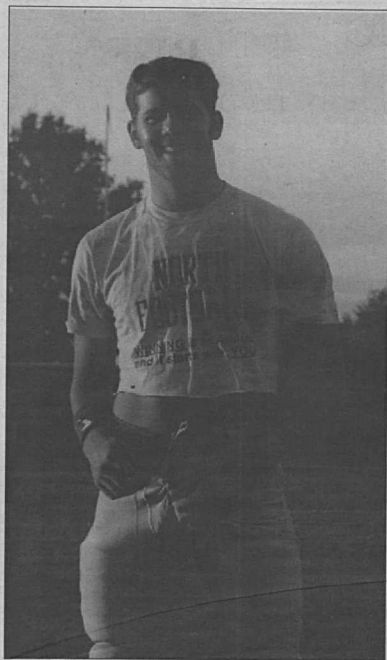
The men's team is looking to improve over its performance in the past. Both Renner and Cushwa are confident they can do so.

The women also plan to make their mark near the top this year. With a lot of young talent at hand, it is likely they too will continue to be successful.

On September 26, the team attended its second meet, the York Invitational, where the men placed fifth out of seven, and the women placed second out of five.

Freshman Jill Krebs won her second of two races this season with a time of 20:20, creaming the second-place 3.1-mile runner by more than 15 seconds.

The next time you are out taking a nice stroll around the athletic fields, or you are teeing off on the ninth hole and see the pack of 28 runners go by, give a nod in appreciation for the hard work they put into their sport.



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Junior quarterback Ron Sermarini focuses on teamwork

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A humor section on sports figures

MLB Homerun Record:

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- Will be broken again the year 2038 (if the world can make it that long)

Have any funny or interesting figures (no, I don't mean 36"x 24" x 36")? E-mail them to phoenix@wmcd.edu.

A Sosalogical Perspective

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

Ideally, what America needs is some international recognition, and that's just what Sammy Sosa's beating out Mark McGwire in the home run race would have done.

For centuries, America has been Anglocentric, stressing the value of English- (and other Caucasian-) descendants over others. And, although our society has matured in the area of cultural diversity, the all-too-sad truth is that the nation is not yet ready for someone like Sosa, who comes from the Dominican Republic, to hold a record in "America's pastime."

I, myself, would like to have seen Sosa surpass McGwire for reasons of our nation's blind patriotism, which makes some see baseball as a sport whose records should be held by a continental Americans, such as McGwire. It is, therefore, no wonder why those fans in attendance at Busch Stadium booed when Sosa's 66th homer went up on the board.

Baseball is a team sport, and the Cardinals haven't fared as well as have the Cubs this season; so such animosity as displayed by the St. Louis fans is understandable. Cards manager Tony La Russa, however, takes up for Sosa, recognizing that there is no "I" in team. "I'm so biased it's ridiculous," La Russa told the Associated Press, "But I think Sammy deserves [the National League MVP]."

"I don't think he's done more for his team than Mark has, but his team has done more than ours has, so his contribution counts for a little more in my book," he added.

Though La Russa was speaking of Most Valuable Player and abides by McGwire as home-run king, it just goes to show the professional outlook of team over individual, something which many fans can't see.

Fans are, of course, the necessary element in the old ball game, and it is because of them that many ball players do try to break records. Both Sosa and McGwire wish each other the best, for as Sosa said, they're just doing their jobs.

Yet, why is it that so many crowd into stadiums to see another pitcher scratch his crotch and hock, or to get that beer, some peanuts, and a hot dog? It is, as for many fans of entertainment, to escape the pains of a culture for which we are all to blame. Our society has become so superficial, that we have to escape our government, not because of tyranny, but because of media hype over a sex scandal. Whatever hope McGwire can bring to his native land won't do diddly.

But Sosa fans are another story, and I'm not talking about Chicago citizens. Sosa's homeland has been ravaged by Hurricane Georges, flooding their homes and knocking out the sparse electricity they had.

This crisis, however, hasn't stopped Dominicans from watching their nation's great son play ball, for it is the only thing that gives them hope. They crowd into small bars, where the bartender thankfully had a back-up generator, just to see Sammy smack another one out of there. "The nation has come to pray for the boy," stated Rev. Jose Arellano Guerrero, "He helps us unite."

"I am at the side of the Dominicans, of my people, of my nation in these difficult moments," Sosa said from Milwaukee, "Hopefully these home runs... will bring a little happiness."



The French soccer team battle against Croatia on their way to the World Cup final

World Cup soccer in France

BY SOPHIE BOULET
Staff Writer

The 1998 Soccer World Cup was the major event in France this summer and changed Paris into a capital of sports parties for more than one month.

Even though soccer is not as popular here as baseball or American football, you cannot have missed the big international party taking place in France.

Since the opening ceremony, soccer fans, who came from all countries, created a real party atmosphere in Paris and the rest of the country as never seen before.

Many Brazilian and Scottish supporters began the party the day of the first match by singing and dancing together despite the competition. It was funny to see the supporters dancing together on pub tables, wearing a Brazilian shirt with a Scottish kilt.

This World Cup has also been a great lesson of tolerance and cultural richness for both the French and other nations. It was a good chance to see people from different countries participating together and the victorious French team was composed of well-integrated immigrants from the ex-colonies and overseas departments.

In France, the media always presented the World Cup as the top news story and everybody was aware and happy to perceive the great atmosphere of the different reports made on the countries which were playing.

The World Cup raised all types of passions and created a happy atmosphere in the country despite some incidents created by

hooligans, which have been severely condemned by public opinion and justice.

It also allowed for many social improvements for the unemployed youngsters of the poorest areas. They could work at the competition as volunteers and learn that there are opportunities available other than gangs and crime. They were able to become involved and have some responsibility instead of spending their time as delinquents. They had to learn to respect the sporting atmosphere and some of them told me it was an amazing experience, which will probably change their lives.

Even the French president has been a great soccer fan and supporter, contributing to the party atmosphere. He invited 3000 youngsters and students to the Famous Elysées Garden Party of the 14th of July, French Independence Day.

Could you imagine a whole country and its visitors partying together everywhere from the 12th to the 15th of July to celebrate a sport victory?! I must admit that I have never seen that even for the Olympics, and it has been a great sharing sensation that I hope everybody will get the chance to experience one day.

When I remember the Champs Elysées invaded almost every day of the final week by thousands of French and foreign people singing and dancing together, I feel proud to have been involved.

I would again like to thank all the people who worked hard to organize this event and hope that we will be able to put together more sport parties like this.

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by Mike Puskar

Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall, 1998

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall, 1998 is September 30, 1998.

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 the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not best 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 Coley would like to see what kind of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty. Grants may range from \$25 to \$500. Applications are available in Dean Coley's office.

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Men's soccer 5-3, thanks to Gallaudet

At halftime against Gallaudet, opposing midfielder Christian Florenes has already struck for three goals, and the Terror huddle is buzzing about one thing: how do we take this guy out of the game?

But before they could lift a finger, Florenes took himself out of

Florenes," recalled Terror coach John Plevyak, "And we look around and he's gone!"

The team (4-3), starting five freshman and four sophomores, surpassed its win total for all of 1997, when it finished 3-10-2. Jason Wattenschaidt, Tom Long and

But before they could lift a finger, Florenes took himself out of the game. And to the airport. And up the ramp for a flight to Oslo and a date with the Norwegian national deaf team.

the game. And to the airport. And up the ramp for a flight to Oslo and a date with the Norwegian national deaf team.

Buoyed by the sudden disappearance, the Terrors rolled to a 7-3 victory over winless Gallaudet behind two second-half goals by sophomore Scott Edwards.

"We're going through all this stuff at halftime about how to stop

Art Crouse each had one goal and one assist as the Terror opened up a 5-3 halftime lead despite Florenes' hat trick. "When the second half started," Plevyak said, "we thought Florenes had an upset stomach or something, and he'd be back in before long. After a while, I finally asked somebody, and it's like, 'Oh, he left.'"

Courtesy of Sports Information.

Volleyball wins at home

The Western Maryland volleyball team improved its standing in the Centennial Conference with a sweep of the conference tri-match.

The Green Terror shut out Bryn Mawr, losing only eight points in three games.

WMC (8-4, 4-1) then defeated Mulenberg with three games to

one, to ensure the sweep.

The Green Terror was led by sophomore Brianne Bray who tallied 16 kills and 10 digs on the day. Sophomore Chrysta Farrar led the team with 17 digs and defending CC Player of the week, freshman Jessica Rouse, added 42 set assists.

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The new Green Terror incarnation flirts with a cheerleader.

Cheerleaders add spice to school spirit

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

R-A-H-S-P-E-C-T, that is what cheerleaders need. "A cheerleader used to be a very stereotypical teenager—a ditz blonde, cute and perky. Now it's become a combination of athleticism and respect," said sophomore co-captain Jen Haines. "I feel like, 20 years ago, cheerleaders didn't get much respect, but now, [although] there's still a huge struggle, we gain one more step towards respect each day."

Haines feels that the most important trait that a cheerleader can have is "being very spirited, despite landslides, through it all, always looking to the brighter side."

Together with senior co-captain Latrice Quickley, Haines gets the

ten-strong team out to practice every weekday. "There's a big debate on cheerleading as a sport," she explains. "But it takes a lot of discipline; we're always going and keeping a smile."

One aspect of cheerleading that Haines feels goes unnoticed is the behind-the-scenes end of it. The ladies are, after all, the one's who make the signs and the banners through which the football players have been busting. They also give out candy to evoke strong spirit.

Haines said, "My favorite thing is when the crowd cheers with us because that shows us respect."

Tryouts for the basketball season will be held near the end of the football season, and the cheerleaders are nowhere near being sexist, for they more than welcome guys to come join up (I'm there).

Cross country striving for success

BY KEVIN WORLEY
Staff Writer

They are the figures speeding around the athletic fields in the heat of long summer days, making their way around the golf course at an unusually fast pace. They are the silent Terrors, the men's and women's cross country teams.

Coached by Doug Renner, the team has silently gone about its business preparing for the season. According to Renner, this year's goal is consistent improvement.

He said that he doesn't want to make any predictions for team success because it is too difficult to gauge the strength of opposing teams from year to year. He plans to focus on the big meets with the goal of improving each time out.

The team has grown consider-

ably in the past few years. With ten men and 18 women, it is one of the school's largest teams ever, and also one of its youngest. Fourteen of the women are either freshmen or sophomores.

Renner's recruitment classes are growing constantly, a trend which he hopes will continue.

There are some differences from the cross country to which you may have been exposed in high school. Senior captain Mike Cushwa, however, knows little about the adaptation from high school. Although he was a member of the track team, he didn't run cross country before he came to WMC. He said he became interested in it because of his thirst for competition. Not having many options in the fall as a track athlete, Cushwa turned to cross country.

"He's made a great contribution to the team," said Renner. "He's a great leader."

Cushwa admitted that he feels the sport is sometimes overlooked, for it is one of the least publicized sports. It doesn't have any of the fast, exciting action of sports such as football or soccer.

Cross country, however, does have its own unique aspects. It is one of the few sports having both individual and team competition.

The team is scored based on the times of a group of runners. Individuals compete for the best time within that group.

Although Cushwa likes to focus on the team as a whole, he said he finds the individual competition inspiring.

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Women's soccer burning up fields

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

After winning the Wesley College tournament, the women's soccer team defeated Shenandoah 2-1 on September 15.

The Terror (7-2), received goals from senior Natalie Hannibal, and junior Elaine Herdon. The ladies hung on to win despite the loss of junior Beth Blasi, who left with a

controversial red card 35 minutes into the game.

In other recent women's soccer action, the team won 4-3 against Goucher. Hannibal netted two goals, while senior Kasenia Lantzsky and freshman Miranda Goltz each contributed with one goal.

In the Centennial Conference opener, the Terrors were defeated

by Franklin & Marshall 3-0, suffering only their second loss of the season.

Despite this loss, the ladies came back and defeated Notre Dame 4-3, thanks to a goal by Hannibal with 11 seconds left in the game. The ladies also defeated Swarthmore 2-1 this past weekend. Blasi and freshman Thea Bayly scored.

Terrors still undefeated at 4-0

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR
Sports Editor

The Terror football team continues to defeat its opponents in a remarkably consistent fashion.

On September 19, the Terrors won their Centennial Conference (CC) opener against Gettysburg with a score of 28-10.

Junior quarterback Ron Sermarini contributed a touchdown while sophomore Tony Russo led the team with two.

Senior Tim Herb, who led in receiving with 5 catches, also scored. Sophomore Brent Sandrock was 100% successful in kicking.

On September 26, the Ursinus Bears fell to the Terrors 41-7, with a halftime score of 34-0.

Sermarini and Russo each scored again, while sophomore Mike Starke led with two.

Sophomores Jeff Groff and Joe Kendorski also scored.

Senior Tom Lapato and Juniors Marvin Deal and Anthony Burgos



ROBYN HILL

Junior quarterback Ron Sermarini faces a Gettysburg player

each made an interception.

Despite the team's feeling on its play, its 4-0 (2-0 CC) record this season seems fairly ordered.

Home games are won at the same ratio, while away games are practically equally scored. The home game score of 56-24 over Bridgegewater is near exactly

doubled that of the score against Gettysburg. Similarly, the away game score of 40-7 over Juniata is one point less than the score against Ursinus.

If the Terrors keep up the fairly ordered scoring, their chances of clinching the CC title again are very good.



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Alumni come home to Terror win



This year's homecoming court was led by seniors Mandy Hofstetter and Rob Newman (far left). The other members were Laurel Monroe, Gunnar Burd, Jennifer Haines, Jeremiah Kelley, Brooke Joseph, and Todd Peters.

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
Assistant News Editor

Last Saturday's Homecoming gave WMC students a lot to celebrate.

The Green Terror had their sixth straight victory this season with a 38-20 win over Dickinson.

Members of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity had another reason to celebrate as they won the James Brant Memorial Cup.

This award is presented annually to the sorority or fraternity which surpasses the others in academics, varsity sports, leadership, and community service projects.

"It was really amazing that we won," said Mike Blundin, president of Phi Kappa Sigma. "When we started we just wanted to get established as a fraternity. Having just received our charter last May, it's a real honor and we were really excited."

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The Phi Kaps' community service projects included participating in adopt-a-highway, sponsoring the blood drive that was held on campus over Jan term last year, and participating in various activities for the American Heart Association and Leukemia Society.

The homecoming court was reviewed at halftime by President Chambers. They were presented with flowers by Kathy Moore Ritter, alumni association president.

In addition, Dr. James Lightner was presented with the alumnus of

the year award. Lightner, who retired from teaching mathematics at WMC last spring, has been an active member of the campus community for over 40 years and has served on the alumni association Board of Directors.

Lightner won WMC's Meritorious Service award in 1984. He has also been the college marshal since 1971 and helped to start chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the national liberal arts honor society, and Kappa Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society, here at WMC.

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

A new shopping center on Western Maryland College property is expected to be open in the late spring of 1999.

The shopping center, named "College Square," will be located on the land adjacent to the Comfort Inn, which is also owned by the college. The center is being built by Black Rock Associates of Maryland.

The complex's main attraction will be a 55,164 square-foot Safeway supermarket, which is one of the top three supermarket chains in the nation, according to Dixon Harvey, an employee of Black Rock Associates. The complex will also contain a regional chain bookstore and a dry cleaner.

"We are also in the process of obtaining an Italian restaurant and a hair salon chain, and we are looking into a deli, a coffee shop, a

video store and a liquor store," said Harvey.

Harvey would not disclose the names of the bookstore, the Italian restaurant nor the hair salon. The company is still in the process of signing leases with other possible tenants.

Construction has already begun on the approximate 10 acres of land that the center will exist upon. An official ground-breaking ceremony will take place on October 21 at 3:30 pm.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, WMC's vice president of administration and finance, said that Main Street is going to be redesigned so that it will pass through the shopping center. The entrance to Route 140 will also be blocked off permanently and a new entrance will be accessible directly from Main Street.

Seidel said "The property has been owned by the college for almost 40 years and was zoned for commercial purposes 14 years ago,

WMC honor code to be reconsidered

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
Assistant Features Editor

It is not usual at WMC for students to take exams in a strictly monitored environment. However, this situation may become much more common if recommended changes to the honor code take place.

Student and faculty concerns have been raised about the WMC honor code and whether or not it is living up to the expectations of a pure system.

In the pure system, students are expected to be academically honest and are trusted to report honor code violations.

It was because of student criticism to the SGA that the college put together an ad hoc committee to review the system at WMC last year. Students expressed dissatisfaction with the current honor code. They felt that violations were not being reported and the faculty was not consistent in its dealings with honor code violations.

As a result of the report, which was released in August, the honor code was discussed at the recent faculty meeting, and the SGA plans to hold a meeting to hear students' opinion.

In addition, an e-mail was sent to all students by the SGA last Fri-

day addressing honor code issues. The e-mail told students of possible consequences of the honor code being abolished, such as professors setting the rules in each class.

The SGA will hold an open forum on Thursday, October 22 for students to voice their opinions on the recent events.

During the discussions at the faculty meeting on October 6, a surprise motion to abolish the honor code was proposed. The debate has been tabled, meaning that it will be postponed until the next faculty meeting in November.

The motion to abolish the honor code was the idea of Dr. Sam Case, professor of exercise science and physical education.

"I made the motion to abolish the honor code because I believe that students should have a new renewed commitment to it," said Case after he was informed at the monthly faculty meeting that the system was not working.

Case, who was involved in the writing of the honor code when he was a student at WMC, remembers when exams were administered in Gill Center with the professors walking up and down the halls patrolling the room.

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Shopping center to be built near Comfort Inn

in anticipation of the growth of the Westminster area."

Seidel also said that when the land was zoned, the Cranberry Mall, Wal-Mart and Target did not exist, and the board of trustees believed that it was an attractive commercial property.

Bruce Preston, a member of the board whose primary business is the development of neighborhood shopping centers, said "The reason why we finally decided to develop the land was because the market economies just became good, so we believed the time was right."

Preston is an associate of the Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Trust Company; however, he would not allow the company to bid on the shopping center because of the possibility of a conflict of interest. He believes that the center is "a much needed facility on [the western] side of town," and that "it will be the best-looking shopping center in all of Westminster."

Because WMC is a non-profit organization, the WMC Development Corporation, a for-profit corporation, is in charge of the entire process (they are also responsible for the Comfort Inn).

According to Seidel, the board of trustees did not want to sell the land, so the WMC Development Corp. offered a lease to Black Rock Associates which included the payment of rent in exchange for the shopping center.

Seidel said that the main reason for the rental agreement is that "if the college decides to expand 50 years from now, they will be able to do so with the land that will be occupied by the shopping center."

Harvey said that the lease's initial deal is for 31 years, with two options for renewals of 10 years a piece. Seidel said that the school will be collecting approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 per month for

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Kiss the Pig!



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Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the political science department, was the lucky winner of the homecoming Kiss the Pig competition. Students paid \$25.79 to watch Dr. Smith plant a smacker on the snout of Linus, a 400lb black Hampshire/Mini pig mix. The event was a fundraiser for Order of Omega who made \$79, about half of which will go to charity. Dr. Smith seemed rather shy when it came to smooching with Linus. The best he could manage was a halfhearted peck on the pig's back.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 9/15 at 3:10 am DoCS responded to a confirmed fire in the Daniel Maclea parking lot due to a carelessly discarded cigarette in the mulch.
- On 9/15 at 3:40 pm DoCS responded to a medical report, but did not render treatment.
- On 9/17 at 9:12 pm DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in the basement of Decker Student Center.
- On 9/17 at 11:06 pm DoCS responded to a report of physical abuse at the Whiteford parking lot.
- On 9/19 at 12:05 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession/consumption.
- On 9/19 at 12:28 am DoCS responded to a medical report, but did not render treatment in Whiteford Hall.
- On 9/19 at 1:26 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Rouzer Hall for underage possession.
- On 9/19 at 5:30 pm DoCS responded to a vehicle accident at the Rouzer parking lot.
- On 9/27 at 1:08 am DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance in the Garden Apartments Building 1.
- On 9/27 at 2:13 am DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in the Garden Apartments Building 3.
- On 9/27 at 12:37 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 9/28 at 1:50 am DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities in Lewis Hall of Science.
- On 9/28 at 7:35 am DoCS responded to a report of a hit and run vehicle accident in the Whiteford Hall parking lot that caused property damage.
- On 9/30 at 11:25 pm a DoCS EMT rendered medical treatment in Rouzer Hall.
- On 10/1 at 2:58 am DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in Albert Norman Ward Hall at the emergency exit.
- On 10/2 at 3:30 pm DoCS documented a theft in Blanche Ward Hall.



- On 10/2 at 10:23 pm DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in a Pennsylvania Avenue House due to a smoke detector in the kitchen.
- On 10/2 at 11:08 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for possession of alcohol in public areas.

- On 9/19 at 11:47 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for possession of alcohol in public areas.
- On 9/20 at 1:32 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation at the ANW/DMC quad for possession of alcohol in public areas.
- On 9/22 at 12:23 pm DoCS documented a theft in Whiteford Hall.
- On 9/22 at 4:30 pm DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in the basement of Alumni Hall.
- On 9/23 at 10:21 pm DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 9/24 at 7:25 pm DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in the Pub Bar and Grille.
- On 9/25 at 8:16 pm DoCS documented automobile damage at the Harrison parking lot.
- On 9/25 at 12:20 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Daniel Maclea Hall for underage possession/consumption.
- On 9/25 at 9:22 pm DoCS responded to a fire alarm report in Albert Norman Ward Hall at the emergency exit on the third floor.
- On 9/26 at 9:20 pm DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities in Hoover Library.
- On 9/26 at 12:03 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall for underage possession/consumption.
- On 10/2 at 11:42 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for underage possession/consumption.
- On 10/3 at 2:44 am DoCS documented a property crime on the 4th floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 10/3 at 11:53 am DoCS documented unauthorized entry to campus in the Albert Norman Ward Hall parking lot.
- On 10/4 at 1:03 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
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ROTC cadets build team spirit during D.C. ten mile run

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Staff Writer

The sun had just barely begun to heat up the day at 8 am Sunday morning when the gun shot sounded. Instantly, 14,106 people of all shapes and sizes, ages and races, moved to cross the start line for the 14th Annual Army 10-Miler.

All of the adrenaline and feelings of anxiety that had preceded this moment were released as people from all over the world exploded into the streets of Washington, D.C.

Amidst the hustle and bustle were 15 Army ROTC cadets and one cadre member from WMC, weaving in and out among the sea of faces, all donning the same proud ROTC flag shirt.

What would inspire these students to accomplish such a task in the middle of their fall break? Besides the free shirts and hot dogs Major Doyle promised at the finish of the run, most cadets felt compelled to run because of the "spirit de core," or feeling of team unity, as senior cadet Jane Parron said.

The tradition of the event and the fun of seeing everyone again was what brought 2 Lt. Jessica Mongrain back for the run.

Having just graduated in the spring, Mongrain made the trip from Alabama, where she is now training. Running the 10-miler was 'old hat' to her.

While several of the cadets were veterans of the race, there were five first-time runners.



Member's of WMC's ROTC program wait in the Mall in Washington D.C. before beginning their ten mile run.

Their motivation came from the need to just finish and prove to themselves that they could do it.

apprehensive. Sophomore cadet Kelly Haker had jokingly referred to the run as suicide, but that was

together as much as possible. The best four finishing times within a team were then added to

Most cadets felt compelled to run because of the "spirit de core."

Commenting about how he felt during the 5:30 am van ride to D.C., Rob Shoppert said, "I wasn't sure if it was a mistake or not to go [at that time]." But after he finished, he knew it was not.

He was not the only one to be

before she sprinted past her running partner to the finish line.

Nearly all the cadets had running partners, which helped to make the time go by faster. In fact, the cadets registered in two teams, Terfor and Green and tried to stay

make the team's official time.

There were eight people on Team Terror which placed 7th out of the 45 ROTC teams present and 110th out of 539 teams total.

The seven-person Team Green placed 32nd in ROTC teams and

382nd out of the total.

Junior cadet Jarrod Gillam helped contribute to Team Terror's success with a time of 1:00:25, which placed him at 299th out of the total and 296th out of the 9,723 men who competed.

He considered the accomplishment a tremendous team effort and said, "Knowing they're 14,000 people out there pushing for the same thing" was very motivating.

Also contributing to the overall score for Team Terror, senior cadet Mike Cushwa finished with a time of 1:03:26, placing 496th out of the total and 487th of the males.

"It was an awesome experience...I looked at it more as a fun race than a competitive race," said Cushwa.


Both Gilliam and Cushwa run cross-country for WMC.

Major Doyle, who was unable to run because of a knee injury, was more than happy just to be there to support the cadets. She referred to herself as "the mom" and held down the meeting place while everyone was running.

Upon their return, Doyle grilled the promised hot dogs and made sure everyone was okay. She and husband John even treated cadets to Jimmy Cone on the way back to WMC.

Even though the ice cream did not prevent the soreness they felt the next day, the cadets felt it was well worth it. After all, "That which does not kill us makes us stronger," commented Parron.

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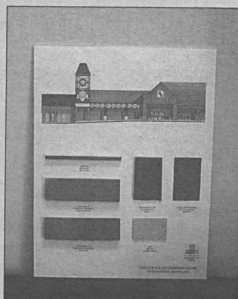
After each five year period, this figure is expected to increase. According to Preston, rent collection will begin in May 1999 or the date on which Safeway opens.

Seidel said that other uses of the land were discussed by the board of trustees, including that of a residence hall. "Plans for the building of a residence hall were considered, but the members believe that the site is too far away from campus and that it is not very convenient," said Seidel. However, they decided that the rental of the property was the most beneficial choice for the college at this time.

Besides the advantage of having a shopping center even closer to campus, another positive advantage is that the college will now have another source of income besides tuition, according to Seidel. "It will help to take some of the burden off of students in tuition costs," he said.

"College Square has the potential to be a tremendous neighborhood shopping center," said Harvey, "and that most of the focus of it is to meet the neighborhood needs."

Erik Winkler, a junior sociology major, believes that the shopping center is a great



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This plan of the new supermarket shows the intended design of the new shopping center.

idea that will benefit the student population. "The center will create job opportunities for students and provide us with more options to satisfy our shopping needs."

His only worry concerns the possible liquor store. "I just hope that if they have a liquor store its hours will accommodate the student population better than the existing stores in town."

Honor code under consideration

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Case, who strongly believes in the honor code, feels that if the code is abolished, students will be forced to rewrite it if they want to have any sort of system at the college.

WMC students have expressed mixed opinions on the honor code.

"I think that the honor code is effective," said sophomore Alana Sullivan. "By signing the honor code, you are giving your word. Although a number of students may not plan to abide by it, they still should expect to be held accountable."

Sophomore Jeremy Trammelle agrees. "I think that it's a good thing that we have the honor code. I don't think that we should do away with it because not having an honor code means that students do not have to be honest in their academic work. The college will lose the respect that it has gained and that the college has gained as a result of the honor code," he said.

However, not all students feel this way. A student who does not want to be identified said that "The honor code is stupid if nobody is going to abide by it. Not abiding by it defeats the whole purpose of having the honor code, and there is no point in enforcing something that really doesn't exist like it originally was meant to be."

The honor code report stresses the fact that both students and faculty need to work together in supporting the principles of the honor code, instead of changing the entire system.

It included a statement of expectations, saying that the students, upon enrollment at WMC, are "not only required to abide by the honor code in all respects, but they are under a moral and ethical obligation to report any violations of that code that they witness being committed by others."

The violations must be reported the professor of the class, to the students academic advisor, to an honor code Advisory panel that will be set up, according to the report.

WMC's Student Guide and Datebook states that "students are expected to report all instances of academic honor violations."

However, the statement of expectations included in the report said that "no attempt will be made to punish students who fail to report such violations." Although it maintains that students must support the system so it will work.

"If someone robbed your neighbors home, you would call the police," said Case, on why students should report honor code violations.

The report also included several recommendations to be instituted immediately. The honor code booklet that is distributed to students should be clarified and explained better.

It was also recommended that an orientation to the honor code should be included in the Freshmen Seminar classes, and that transfer and international students coming to

Campus Calendar

Racial bigotry speaker

Minorities aren't forced to sit at the back of the bus and there is only one water fountain, but bigotry is still entrenched in our society, especially at corporate levels, according to Lawrence Otis Graham.

A Harvard-trained, New York lawyer who went undercover as a busboy at an all-white Connecticut country club to document racial bias, Graham will recount his experiences at 6 pm on Monday, Oct. 26, in Alumni Hall.

In 1992, Graham wrote a shocking, disturbing account of what he had learned and overheard while clearing dishes and topping coffee cups.

The rights to "Invisible Man" have been optioned to Warner Brothers which is considering a film starring Denzel Washington.

Murder mystery dinner theater

Student leaders at WMC need help solving the latest campus Halloween mystery and are inviting detective wannabes to help solve the crime.

CAPBoard is hosting a murder mystery dinner theater at 6 pm, on Friday, Oct. 30, in Decker College Center Forum.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$15 and include dinner and the show. For tickets or additional information call 410-857-2266.

Holloway speaker

Author Peter Balakian knew his family had roots in Armenia. Every Sunday the extended family gathered to enjoy a table full of old country dishes.

But it wasn't until he was a sophomore in college that he discovered that his family was almost wiped out in the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

Dr. Balakian, who told his family story to the world through his book, "Black Dog of Fate," is the featured speaker for the 1998 Holloway Lecture at 8 pm, on Oct. 28, in McDaniel Lounge.

Gershwin concert

One hundred years after his birth, the enduring melodies of composer George Gershwin come to WMC with all of their original effervescence.

The unmistakable, show-stopping melodies highlight Chamber Music on the Hill's musical tribute "Gershwin, by George" at 7 pm, on October 25, in McDaniel Lounge.

Selections include songs from "Porgy and Bess" and "Shall We Dance," a four-handed piano arrangement of "Cuban Overture," and the famous "Rhapsody in Blue."

WMC for the first time should be introduced to the system.

"I was first told about the honor code when I had to take the math placement test over the summer. I think that we briefly went over it [the honor code] during orientation, but I didn't pay attention," said a new transfer student who did not want to be identified.

"It was long and boring and I really am not aware of the honor code policies," they added, saying that the honor code is only enforced in two of their classes.

The recommendations further state that the faculty should discuss specific requirements for students during the first week of classes, and that the faculty needs to be better trained about the honor code. Additionally, the Honor and Conduct Board should

better publicize the results of their meetings.

Several recommendations were included for consideration by the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Faculty, and the SGA.

They included making sure that all students sign the honor statement on all assignments, and giving students the chance to report anonymously to the professor about the honor code system in their classes on the course evaluation forms.

It was also recommended that the faculty should take steps to reduce the temptation of cheating in classes.

In addition, the Honor and Conduct Board should be expanded to include more students, and a panel of faculty members should be set up as an advisory panel to discuss honor code and faculty issues.

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Letters to the Editor

Clinton Scandal

While pleased with your paper as a whole, I am not sure as to why the commentary by Chris Taugher, concerning the current White House scandal, was printed. I find his article to be lacking in research and believe some of his statements to make no sense.

Mr. Taugher makes the proposition that President Clinton should not be impeached because of his actions. He does not dispute that Clinton committed perjury and adultery, but he believes Clinton's conduct to have been not of an impeachable variety and not threatening to the safety of this country and its people. This is where I take issue.

While admitting Clinton's guilt, Mr. Taugher forgives him because "the economy grew steadily, violent crimes decreased in number, and the deficit ceased to exist." I do not believe a healthy nation excuses the President's faults.

If anything, the opposite should be true. The relative tranquility of our country allows us the opportunity to ensure Constitutional questions such as executive privilege and impeachable offenses may be resolved without adversely drawing our attention away from matters such as war.

In fact, the only time we should unconsciously trust our executive is during times of strife, when the safety of our nation demands we unquestionably give him support.

Mr. Taugher also believes Clinton should not be impeached because "it's not as if the President put our country in jeopardy." From this opinion I must also dissent. Clinton's affair and consequent cover-up has caused America to lose respect upon the world stage.

Indeed, the recent terrorist attacks by Osama bin Laden and flaunting of UN weapons inspectors by Iraq are very likely attempts to use Clinton's troubles to attack

US interests in the hopes he will be too distracted to retaliate.

While blaming these attacks on Clinton's troubles is not completely justified, the possible damage done by his affair on his authority over the military, already hostile to a draft-dodger, is a severe cause for concern. Clinton, the Commander in Chief, has violated one of the articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Although a lengthy legal debate over whether he is under the jurisdiction of this Code can be raised, the fact still stands that military officers are given dishonorable discharges for the same act Clinton committed: having inappropriate relations with a subordinate. This

description of a high crime or misdemeanor.

That committing crimes is not an impeachable offense is absurd. In fact, as the writers of the Constitution intended impeachment to be wielded, actions which are not punishable by law fall under impeachable offenses.

Let us suppose Mr. Clinton committed no indiscretion other than having an affair and lying about it to his wife and the American public for 7 months. Many might question whether this in itself is an impeachable offense. I say yes.

Article I, sec. 3 of the Constitution states, "judgement in Cases of

allegations of misconduct, which were later proven, are a gross abuse and violation of the public trust. That President Clinton may not have committed a crime is irrelevant as to whether he is fit to serve our term.

Many questions have been raised as to the motives behind the investigation headed by Kenneth Starr. These allegations were not raised by Mr. Starr, nor has he caused this problem. Had Bill Clinton used discretion in his conduct the trouble he and our country is in would not exist.

This inquest into the doings of President Clinton started because the Attorney General, an official

now, while he is still in office, since he should not be impeached? Or should he be given a stay, so that he can serve out his term and go to jail afterwards?

Either way, I would like to know exactly how he can "to the best of [his] Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States" as he swore to do when he took his oath of office.

Bill Clinton has violated the public trust, committed acts deemed impeachable by past precedent, the Constitution and the writings of our Founding Fathers, and has lost the ability to effectively serve our country. For the good of the country, now and in the future, President Clinton must be impeached.

Jeremy Keil '02

Military officers are given dishonorable discharges for the same act Clinton committed

hypocrisy raises issues of irreverence for the leadership of our military, a leadership whose orders must be unquestionably followed in order to secure the safety of the country.

When the actions of our Commander in Chief cause him to lose his ability to lead the military, he loses the ability to defend the Constitution and this country, thereby violating his oath of office, and must be removed from office.

In concluding his article, Mr. Taugher states, "President Clinton is no saint. He lied under oath and committed adultery . . . The President should apologize, pay a fine, and possibly serve some jail time." Mr. Taugher does not believe Clinton's actions to constitute, "high Crimes and Misdemeanors," as set forth in Article II, section 4 of the Constitution.

Perjury and obstruction of justice, crimes which Mr. Taugher admits the President to have committed, are felonies, and I can think of no reason why a felony does not fit

Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or profit under the United States."

While intended to ensure no judgement levied by the Congress resulted in a legal punishment, the use of "honor" and "Trust" to describe offices of the government is to show the necessity of honor and trust in our government officials.

A man who cheats on his wife with a subordinate is dishonorable, and a President who lies to the American public for 7 months can not be trusted. For this reason, Clinton should be impeached.

In Federalist 65, Alexander Hamilton states, concerning impeachment, "The subjects of its jurisdiction are those offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust."

Bill Clinton has himself admitted to misconduct. His use of government employees to refute the

appointed by Mr. Clinton, felt the Whitewater land dealings needed to be looked into.

Under the Special Prosecutor law, which Clinton extended at the beginning of his first term, Kenneth Starr has looked into these land dealings and other misconduct of Bill Clinton. Kenneth Starr has not dragged these proceedings along. Every inquiry into other dealings such as Filegate, Troopergate, and Monica Lewinsky has been approved by Janet Reno and a three judge panel overseeing the investigation.

Since he has been charged with looking into these scandals, Mr. Starr has a duty, set forth in Article VI of the Constitution, to pursue all allegations related to the inquiry. Should he have chosen to ignore these allegations, he would have failed in his duty as a Special Prosecutor, and would need to be removed from his post.

I would like to ask Mr. Taugher when he expects Bill Clinton to serve his time in jail. Shall he do it

Halloween Fondue

In a world filled with pessimism, skepticism, (and Glar), how about some positive and uplifting news? Ok, whatever - **FREE FOOD!**

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So, on your way to Glar, or if you are looking for a reason to skip out of class early, drop by for a treat without the trick. And, for the ambitious, dress up in costume and compete for a **WMC floppy hat** so graciously donated by **YOUR Barnes & Noble Bookstore.**

Questions, thoughts, comments, or just to prank call, dial ext. 286 for Randy.

Cheers, and welcome back....

Randy Rytter '97
Assistant Director,
Alumni Affairs

With a little help from our friends: WMC's honor code

The Phoenix staff believes it is time to revise the honor code

The honor code at WMC is in theory a good idea. However, while it gives students more responsibility over their actions, we feel that it is unrealistic.

There are several good principles behind the honor code. It allows students to be treated like adults, and it teaches us about the real world.

In the real world, no one will be breathing down our necks to make sure we are not cheating. Those who do cheat face serious consequences.

Certainly, most people want to keep the honor code. We don't want to go back to the old days when

exams were administered in Gill Gymnasium, and students were escorted to the bathroom.

Proctored exams can be very stressful and place a lot of pressure on the student.

Some professors want to return to proctored exams, maybe not as strictly as before, but pretty close.

We feel that this should not necessarily happen. We believe that the existing honor code should be changed to eliminate the enticement to cheat, but it should not be eliminated.

There are several problems with the honor code as it exists now.

The first problem is that many students are not aware of the policies that are included in the honor code. The sections in the *Student Guide and Datebook* and the pamphlet

sent out in campus mail are not effective means of informing the WMC community on the policies.

Not many people have time to read all of that material. Perhaps a more effective means would be to hold an honor code proficiency exam or to hold a skit that is presented in a comical way (this seems to be effective for some things).

Another problem is that the honor code is not consistently enforced.

It seems that every professor conducts his or her exams in a different way. Some leave the room and others choose to stay and keep an eye on the class, or even read the newspaper.

Sometimes, when a professor leaves a room, the test becomes a

class effort or books and other aids appear "miraculously."

The most pressing problem is that most students will not "break the code of the schoolyard," meaning that they will not be a "tattle-tale" and tell the professor about the cheating that is taking place in their classroom.

"Why should I care if someone cheats? It has no effect on me!" is a common phrase heard when discussing the honor code.

Students do not take the honor code seriously. The honor code should be redefined so that expectations are spelled out more clearly.

Students casually sign "I have neither given nor received help on this examination," but they don't really think about what they are writing. Maybe when the code was

written over 30 years ago the students cared more about honor than today's students do.

Since students no longer seem to recognize the importance of the honor code, maybe it should be abolished, at least for a short period of time.

Students would then have no choice but to accept the policies set forth by their professors. If the students wanted an honor code, they would need to take the initiative to write a new one.

Whatever the case, students need to make their opinions heard about the honor code. This is a serious issue and needs careful thought by faculty and students before any decision is made.

Go to tonight's SGA open forum and make your voice heard.

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Where Have Our Priorities Gone?

I just finished reading Dean Sayre's "A Letter to the College Community" about the use and misuse of alcohol on campus. The letter, dated September 15, 1998 (yes, I am a little behind in reading my mail), outlines the school's position on alcohol usage, consequences of misuse, and programs designed to cut down on underage and binge drinking.

It's great to hear that the *On Campus Talking about Alcohol* (OCTAA) program has been revised based on my class' input. It's wonderful to know that those who are found to violate college alcohol policies are dealt with in an "adult manner." I applaud the efforts of the Greek organizations to cut down on alcohol use, and I also applaud the growth of the substance free communities.

There was, however, one part of the letter that bothered me. This part, found towards the end of the letter in the "Social Life and Alcohol" section, reads, "Most students say that alcohol is an important aspect of college social life." Further on in that paragraph: "In our studies, we have found that students who do not drink are more likely than those

Megan Martin returns with a look at Dean Sayre's alcohol letter to the community.

who do to be dissatisfied with social life."

In the past I have written about the need for more non-alcoholic programs on campus, so I'll be the first to admit that social life on campus is not exactly up to the standards I would like them to be. What I do have a problem with is alcohol being ranked as an important aspect of college life.

While I am not disputing that people think this way, it bothers me that they do. What does this say about our societal priorities? Not much, I'm afraid. Why is it more important to get drunk and break two windows in one building than to learn how to properly spell the word "amateur"?

Now, I am not saying that people who drink occasionally are wrong or have their priorities completely backwards. That is why I am glad the qualifier "most" was used.

It's the people who drink to get drunk every weekend that I have a problem with.

I understand that people use alcohol as a means to relax after, or even during, a stressful week. Though why anyone would want to use a depressant to relax is beyond me. Maybe we need to offer stress management workshops and anti-procrastination seminars in conjunction with OCTAA and non-alcoholic events.

Or maybe we need to stress, at an earlier age, say while in grade school, that alcohol abuse isn't cool. A couple of programs a year in grade school just don't seem to cut it. We need to emphasize, at home and at school, the importance of the three R's (reading, writing, and arithmetic), community service, respect for others, and living life to the fullest without the aid of alcohol or illegal substances.

These things, among others, are what our priorities need to be. Alcohol should be something that is secondary to life, something indulged in occasionally. If we can get our priorities straight, then maybe alcohol abuse would not be such a problem.

Just a Little Respect, Please

Kristen G. Fraser asks for some respect from the smoking community.

As a breathing WMC college student, I view myself to be a fairly average non-smoker. I also consider myself to be fairly tolerant of smokers. However, after the first weeks of the new school year here at WMC, my views have changed.

Let me first say that many could react negatively to my views. This is not a lecture on the usual complaints associated with smoking or of the dangers of nicotine. Also, know that I am not speaking of all smokers, for if I were, I would lose many friends.

I am referring to a select minority whom

side section of a building. Apparently, the extra three seconds to wait until they reach the outside is simply too much to bear.

I notice many interesting places to find cigarette butts. All of the pathways around campus are littered with butts.

But, what is really interesting is the appearance of cigarette butts wedged in between the holes for the screws of the beds. I doubt those butts are going anywhere anytime soon, and that provides a lovely addition to any dorm room.

Inclement weather creates an interesting smoking trend. I might term this as a "huddle." Any possible corner of a building that provides any sort of shelter from two drops of rain becomes a smoker haven.

I left my residence hall last week and

What is really interesting is the appearance of cigarette butts wedged in between the holes for the screws of the beds.

I have encountered with great frequency recently, creating my opinions about some particularly rude smokers.

My point of view first changed after learning that WMC is one of the few colleges in the state of Maryland to allow smoking of any kind in the residence halls. Keeping this in mind, it is my view that the smokers on campus should enjoy this luxury.

Instead, we have students who leave their doors wide open, causing the scent of ever-pleasant second-hand smoke to permeate the halls. As a result, we have unpleasant smelling halls and phone messages from the RAs reminding us of the rules.

I have also noticed a charming phenomenon. I observe some smokers coughing up as they walk from a common area to an out-

stepped outside of the door. I was immediately assaulted by a cloud of smoke. A fellow student was wedged literally less than six inches away from my face in a corner of the building to avoid the rain. I feel that this was completely rude, as I spent the rest of my day noting the stench of smoke in my hair and clothes.

Perhaps you will claim that my ranting is simply petty. However, I am asking only for simple courtesy and respect. I do not understand how college level people cannot all work together to create a clean environment. I am not asking for a ban on smoking on our campus. All I want is clean air in common areas and a change from "WMC-College on the Hill (of butts)" to "WMC-College on the Hill."

Do you have something to say about life at WMC, or just about life in general?

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Legislating Morality - Good Samaritan Law in Question

Do you know the story of Kitty Genovese? It is one of the most famous stories of human coldness that exists. In March of 1964, the 28-year-old New Yorker was walking to her apartment complex when a stranger attacked her from behind and stabbed her numerous times.

There were 38 of her neighbors to witness the crime, but not one of them wanted to acknowledge her. One resident shouted from a window and frightened the attacker

he listened to the confession: he had murdered the girl.

If help had been sought, the seven-year-old might not have lost her life. But what to do with the friend who could have stopped the murder but did not?

It is possible to say that in both of these situations, the victims' lives would still be intact if only the witnesses had called for help when they saw the crime taking place. Now it appears that many

Lisa Pole-Van Auken
*advocates the passing of
"Good Samaritan" laws.*

\$10,000 fine. The federal government has given each state the ability to make its own decision concerning the bill, but only a few currently have the "Good Samaritan" law in effect, including Vermont and Rhode Island.

While surrounded by controversy, the "Good Samaritan" bills are a much needed start to the shaping of America into the morally upright country it was originally designed to be.

Although many Americans dislike the law because it appears to take away a small amount of personal liberty, if these laws are not passed, there will be no way to send witnesses who watch while another person suffers to trial. Unless the law is instituted in state governments, inactive witnesses, like those who watched Kitty Genovese die, will not have violated any law, and therefore, they will not be held responsible for allowing a crime to take place.

Another important point in arguing for the bill is the simple reason that passing such a law would prevent needless murders and other crimes. Perhaps, with incentives to help a victim because of legal consequences, fewer people will be hurt. Even though the bill is the only proposed way to incite people to take responsibility for their actions, many Americans are still crying that "legislating morality" is not

ethical.

There is the question as to what "morality" really is. The morals of a country are the values which that country holds. Morality varies from person to person, however, there are certain morals that are held by the majority of the people. One example is murder. Most Americans would agree that murder is immoral.

Theoretically, if Americans do not want morality legislated, laws that forbid murder, bigotry, and child abuse should all be disregarded because they are direct prohibitions of immorality. Controversies arise because certain forms of moral ethics are more widely held than others.

Forbidding murder by law is legislating morality. Forbidding inac-

The Daily Record of Morris County, New Jersey, points out, "If an onlooker to a crime is not stirred to alert the authorities out of simple regard for his fellow man, how likely is he to act any more responsibly because of a legality?" (October 5, 1998). Further on, the paper reads, "Do we honestly think 18 months in jail is going to somehow instill better values in him?"

Also, with the rash of lawsuits that have been spreading across the nation, the "Good Samaritan" law might become a golden opportunity for money seekers who are abusing the legal system. Questions are bound to arise when ambivalent situations concerning the definition of witnessing, or the choice of action, are brought to the attention of

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to get involved.*

away, but the reprieve lasted ten minutes, until the offender returned to finish murdering her. From the time she began running until the time that she died, a span of nearly 15 minutes, no one called the police for help.

The story of Kitty Genovese served to nauseate the public in the light of declining morality, but similar incidents of preventable murder have not ceased.

Most recently, the story is continued in Nevada, where an 18-year-old male witnessed his friend molesting a seven-year-old girl in the bathroom stall of a casino. He tapped his friend on the head, told him to discontinue his action, left the bathroom, and waited for his friend to emerge.

When his friend did reappear,

state governments are fed up with "innocent" bystanders who allow atrocities to happen because they do not want to get involved. As a result, there are "Good Samaritan" bills running through state legislatures all over the United States, and in my opinion, it is about time.

The "Good Samaritan" laws generally call for the punishment of a bystander who witnessed one person harm another, but did not call for help or take action to stop the crime. Of course, this only applies if the witness can do this without putting him or herself into a dangerous situation.

The witness is required to call the police as soon as possible, and if they do not, they face punishment. In New Jersey for example, it is up to 18 months in jail and a

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tivity when a murder is preventable is no different from forbidding murder because both laws are meant to induce morality. If all Americans are not willing to take responsibility for their own morality, which should include reporting violent crimes to prevent them from taking place, then it is necessary to induce Americans to look out for the welfare of fellow citizens by the use of legislation.

Of course, the "Good Samaritan" bill does have its weak points.

the courts.

It is extremely difficult for the government to legislate morality, but without the "Good Samaritan" law, the opportunity to punish or persuade potentially inactive witnesses does not exist at all. Until there is a better way to effectively persuade all Americans to adopt morality, or until all Americans take responsibility for their own morality, laws like the "Good Samaritan" bill will be a necessary part of this country's legislation.

Sex and Lies: Scandal in D. C.

I'm sure you are all tired of hearing about this whole Clinton-Lewinsky mess. All the world needs is more reporters writing their opinions of the ordeal. Well, here's one more.

First off, I'd like to say that this wasn't a complete waste of time. Some of the stuff I read in the Starr report is better than anything I could of gotten off of "porn.com." Clinton gets props for creativity, that's for sure. I find it ironic that all this comes out just before elections though; I wonder if this could be politically motivated?

Another question to ask is: does it really matter? Like Clinton is the first President to have an affair. Remember Kennedy/Monroe? I admit that Kennedy didn't get caught, and that Monica Lewinsky is far from Marilyn Monroe, but that is beside the point.

If they are going to impeach him, they should probably do it before his term expires. Just a thought. While we are on the subject of impeachment, why exactly

**Mike Yestramski lends a
lighter look at the Clinton
scandal.**

are we impeaching him any ways? According to everything I've read, it's not so much the sex as the lying about it.

Well, if we decide to impeach every politician who ever lied while in office, the whole country would soon be run by Marion Barry. Why Marion Barry? I figure Marion Barry is probably the only politician that we couldn't catch lying, because in Washington, D.C., you don't have to. I've lived in D.C., not a whole lot shocks those people.

What are some of the other reasons we should impeach Clinton? I remember someone saying that if Clinton were in the military, he would be kicked out. By that logic, I believe Clinton would also be thrown out of the Girl Scouts, as well as fired from his job as editor of *Cigar Aficionado*.

People also seem upset that the act took place in the Oval

Office. Does that mean that Clinton receiving oral sex in say, a dark alley, is okay? Maybe we would have preferred it if he'd done it in Chelsea's room; that seems so much better.

I believe that the only reason anyone seems to care is really because we're bored. I could watch CNN and find out all the juicy details of my President's sex life, or I could pay five bucks to rent *Titanic*. Which would you have done?

Besides, there was no other news this summer. No professional athletes are currently on trial and no royalty died. What does that leave? War in Bosnia, global economic crisis, the impending collapse of the world's computer systems. That's not important.

Personally, I want them to drag this ordeal out as long as possible. I know I said that if we are going to impeach him, we should do it before his term expires. I still feel we should, but at least wait until spring. Thank God for Sammy Sosa....

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Go Abroad, Learn about Life Firsthand

Ron Mojica explains the importance of the study abroad program.

Amid the unjust rumors of college serving in a Bacchus Festival, an all-season camp where fresh-out-high-school graduates spend thousands of hours in inebriated bliss, some actually decide to enroll in the quest for expansion of human thought and to appease the insatiable mind.

Although the propulsion of technology and media capabilities into the age of silicon chips and fiber optic wires aids in the process, it cannot be relied on solely. Also, while books still serve as main sources of information, the cultural experience and the accessibility of first hand resources are appealing to more and more students, distinguishing the study abroad programs as one of the best peripherals to collegiate level education.

Our own college fosters such opportunities for students to travel the world by giving them a taste of Hungarian educational, social, and cultural

scholarship with the hopes of having an edge in the professional field. This objective, however, should not be the sole purpose of attaining further knowledge. Although the exposure to different cultures and people may not help with our rise on the corporate ladder or acquisition of the six figure salary, it does undoubtedly help us take a more sensitive view of different societies whether in times of plight or celebration.

While students may complete a biology or calculus course successfully without having to travel, the time after studies adds to the worth of one's education. Only through the study abroad program can a student gather with friends at Trafalgar Square, watch the silhouette of the Madrid skyline form against the sunset, or sit and get acquainted in a German pub.

One main advantage is also the accessibility of first hand resources. By attending school overseas, a student enrolled as a language major receives a colloquial atmosphere complementing their chosen language while living the life and culture and not just

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life by spending semesters in Budapest. This fall, 12 students are attending Western Maryland College overseas at the cost of \$11,165 and 50 from the Budapest campus reciprocate in completion of their four-year-degree by spending two years here at the Westminster campus.

There are a number of prerequisites involved. Good academic standing is a necessity and students must attain and hold a 2.5 GPA or above. Others, such as no infringements with the law or being on criminal probation, are obvious considerations, but nonetheless are regarded heavily in being able to participate.

In order to expand the chance for students to travel abroad, Western Maryland is also in a cooperative effort with other institutes of higher learning. One may walk in the monarchical splendor of London through a program sponsored by Beaver College. University of Maryland's program allows students to thrive in the German Culture, and the Nagasaki Wesleyan Junior College offers a taste of the Orient as well as authentic Japanese sake. Besides the three mentioned above, there are 19 other schools which encourage education and travels all over the world, even at sea.

So what are the advantages of studying abroad? The main goal of attending post secondary education is to increase the palette of individual

reading a text in a lecture hall.

Historians and art historians alike also have the same advantage with first hand means. The content of a book may describe Spanish culture's permanence in the times of the Crusade, but a train ride across the border of France to Spain, clearly signifies the division between the 20th century and Spanish medieval times.

It cannot be denied that studying abroad adds a new dimension to a well rounded education. The expenses, requirements, and fear of the unknown lands outside our borders may be impediments and deterrents to our desire to go overseas, but the rewards gained more than make up for the risks taken.

For more information about studying overseas, contact Dr. Martine Motard-Noar, head of study abroad programs, at 410 - 857 - 2467 or on campus: extension 467.

Quirks: Where da Movies?

Anne Butler takes a look at Channel 17's current programming.

Intrepid programming manager for Channel 17, Ana, was sitting in the station filling out some paperwork and waiting for the current program to end so she could pop in another. As was customary on her nights at the station, Ana left the door open so that any of the other television staff, such as Dan, Richard, or Margerie could stop in and do some work if needed.

However, this time her visitor wasn't a fellow Channel 17 member. It was Fred Higgins, who would be a typical college student except he was dumb as a post and dense as a Glar hunk of garlic bread. Nonetheless, this didn't stop Fred from

If CAPBoard bought the movies for us right now, it would cost about a semester's tuition for a student.

offering his wisdom to others whom he thought were less gifted. This time Ana was on the receiving end of the acutely obvious observations.

"Channel 17? You guys suck!"

Ana sighed and put on her best "Of course we love the shows you send us!" smile before turning to face the sophomore who'd entered. "Thank you for your comments, Fred, but would you care to elaborate?"

Fred tried to get around the foreign word. Finally he asked, "Ain't that what they did to ANW? Elaborated it?"

Ana grimaced. "Er, no they renovated, R-E-N-O-V-A-T-E-D."

Fred nodded in understanding. "Oh, okay, but what does that other word mean then?"

"Elaborate - to expound, clarify..." Ana received a puzzled look, "er, to explain? Add on?" Still another confused look. Ana sighed. "Why exactly do we suck, Fred?"

Fred's face lightened in understanding. "Ah, okay! You guys suck cause you ain't got the movies this year like you did last year!"

Ana figured that would be the reason. She'd gotten the same complaint before from several other people, and she sympathized with them. She had been fond of the movies too. "The cost of the movies was doubled in price by Swank, the distributor. And since CAPBoard doesn't have enough to buy the movies for us and for the showings they do in the Pub and Decker, we have been dropped in favor of all-campus showings."

"How much can a bunch of movies cost? I buy em for like ten bucks at the store," Fred answered.

Ana sighed. No one ever seemed to understand that CAPBoard and the station worked on different levels from the individual.

"If CAPBoard bought the movies for us right now, it would cost about a semester's tuition for a student (i.e. sev-

eral thousand dollars). We buy the rights to show the movies as well as the movie itself, and that's what costs so much. It has to do with copyright law." Fred gave her yet another puzzled look.

Ana tried a different tactic. "You know those FBI Warnings on the tapes you rent?" Fred nodded. "Well, those apply to us. We can't just pop in any movie, unless we have permission to show that movie or show. We could get in trouble with the administration or get sued by any of the major studios or distributors if we did that. That's one of the big problems I was worried about with the little, er, *incident* last year."

Fred's brain was starting to overheat from the difficult concepts presented to him. "So... it's CAPBoard's fault?" he asked finally.

Ana shook her head. "No, we thought so at first, but we were wrong. Unfortunately, CAPBoard just doesn't have enough money in its budget to buy the movies for us. If anyone's at fault it's Swank, the guys we get the movies from. They're the ones who increased the price so much."

Ana watched as Fred wrestled to comprehend this new information. Steam was starting to shoot out of his ears. "So, what do you have to show now?"

"What we've been showing: 'Bully Bear,' 'College Campus Television,' the *Troma* films, some *anime*, 'Cosmic Visions,' and some original programming, like 'Dan Gadd's Show,' 'Wrestler's Delight,' and the campus events we tape."

"Uh..." Fred answered his brain reaching critical temperatures.

Ana didn't take much notice of the increase in room temperature and the large number of clanking noises Fred was making. "To review, we don't have the movies because the price for them doubled. CAPBoard isn't at fault as they made a logical decision to stop getting us the mov-

If anyone's at fault it's Swank, the guys we get the movies from. They're the ones who increased the price so much.

ies because it was getting too expensive. The station staff can't just pop in any old tape because we have to have permission to show what we do. Finally, even though we don't have movies anymore, we do have other worthwhile programming."

The noise from Fred's head increased in volume and the room temperature rose dramatically throughout Ana's summary until it finally... stopped.

Puzzled, Ana stood and tapped the blinking student on the head. He didn't flinch or even seem to take much notice at all. Ana shrugged. "I guess his mind couldn't handle the pressure, so it just shut down."

She looked the boy up and down, and finally dragged him into the station, propping him against a wall and positioning his arms out at his sides. "We could always use a good coat rack, I guess..."

Horoscopes

An October of changes

Note: A band of masked squirrels attacked and killed (slowly) the people who wrote last issue's horoscopes. Fortunately, the outlaws, though unapologetic, have agreed to write horoscopes for the *Phoenix* until replacement astrologers are located. And subsequently killed (slowly).

Libra (9/24 — 10/23)

A great Saturday night will turn into a very ugly Sunday morning. You should have known better than to try a drink called Bloody Afterbirth.

Scorpio (10/24 — 11/22)

You're a Scorpio. Nobody likes you.

Sagittarius (11/23 — 12/21)

This week, you will have to choose between hot monkey love and a really good (but pretty much asexual) grilled cheese sandwich. Choose wisely.

Capricorn (12/22 — 1/20)

You will wear a white baseball hat and khakis at least once in the next week. Maybe more than that. But everyone knows you shower naked.

Aquarius (1/21 — 2/19)

Oh, Aquarius. You would not need to read this horoscope if you would use your telescope to gaze at the stars. Try that just once this week instead of watching the Capricorns' shower. Naked.

Pisces (2/20 — 3/20)

Your sign is the Phish. But if you keep spending all of your money on sensimilla, you won't be able to afford tickets to any shows.

Aries (3/21 — 4/19)

One among you is guilty of stealing the new Soul Coughing album from WMCR. The stars have foretold of your doomed existence, fire and brimstone in your future, or at least some bad egg salad. Pull the rudder down pull the rudder down.

Taurus (4/20 — 5/20)

Tear the roof off the mother this week. Everyone finds your combination of supersexiness and irresistible bliss to be manna for their souls and erogenous zones. Oh, wait. That's Leo. This week, pretend you're a Leo.

Gemini (5/21 — 6/20)

Put on some electro and dance naked this week. Just be sure to pull your blind down. An Aquarius is watching.

Cancer (6/22 — 7/23)

This week vow to delete all chain mail. And spend only 12 hours looking at porn on the Internet. You're worse than an Aquarius.

Leo (7/24 — 8/23)

See Taurus, first two lines.

Virgo (8/24 — 9/23)

Revolution! This week mess with people. Wear your gut out laughing at rusty metal. Or go play beer pong.

Peace Corps provides African adventure and cultural experience

BY CHRISTIAN WILWOHL
Contributing Writer

As WMC's Class of '98 ventures into the real world of jobs and graduate school, one of its members will follow an extraordinary, alternate career path.

Recent graduate Jonathon Shacat has joined the U.S. Peace Corps and will establish and maintain fisheries in Gabon, Africa as part of the Rural Fish Culture Extension Project.

Although the Spanish major plans to eventually pursue a career in journalism, he hopes to first gain a stronger "cultural perspective, being able to relate to people and where they're from," via the Peace Corps. Shacat believes that journalists play a tremendous role in society, and that such a perspective is "necessary and essential good journalism."

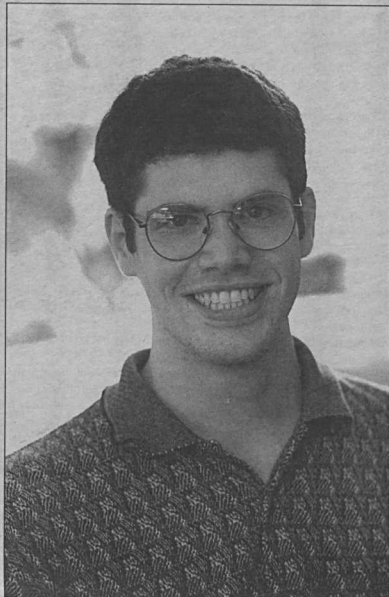
When Shacat returns to the United States in two years, he looks forward to working as a journalist in Washington, D.C. Eventually, he hopes to transfer to a foreign bureau to report world news.

"Even though the Peace Corps may open doors for me," says Shacat, "it has nothing to do with my joining the Peace Corps. Upon completing my post, I will have an experience inside myself of living in a foreign country."

Shacat is looking forward to his experience, despite the adversities he may encounter. He describes his future living conditions as poor, with no running water, electricity, or telephone access. The slow mail system will also make communication with those back home difficult. In case of emergencies, the Peace Corps will guarantee a faster communication process.

Although Shacat admits that it may be difficult to adjust quickly to the situation, he states firmly that he wants to "go and experience another culture. If this is the way I have to do it, I'm willing to adapt."

Overcoming obstacles should only enhance Shacat's experience. In addition to gaining Peace Corps responsibilities and exploring a new



COURTESY OF JONATHAN SHACAT

Recent WMC graduate, Jonathon Shacat, is currently training with the Peace Corps before leaving for Gabon, Africa.

country, he will also have the opportunity to learn French, Gabon's official language.

As a child, Shacat can remember watching a Peace Corps commercial: a woman in a rice field and the slogan "The Peace Corps—the toughest job you'll ever love." He did not think about this for several years, until he spoke to a Peace Corps representative at a WMC Career fair during freshman year.

He attributes much of his desire to join the Peace Corps to his semester abroad in Seville, Spain. "Before going to Spain, I was very closed," Shacat says of his first international experience. "By studying abroad, I realized there is a

whole world out there, so much out there to be seen."

His experience in Spain prompted Shacat to think more seriously about the Peace Corps. "I knew it was no longer just a dream, but something I could accomplish."

He also believes that his semester in Spain helped him through the application and screening process. "I needed to relate [the questions] to something in my past in order to answer them. It was easy to relate them to Spain."

While in Gabon, Shacat plans to send articles about his experience to local newspapers back home.

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By Matthew Thomas

End Note: Reviews of Cake and Gomez CDs

Cake: *Prolonging the Magic*

When I first listened to Cake's new album, *Prolonging the Magic* I was somewhat astonished to hear lead vocalist/guitarist/songwriter John McCrea express a feeling of disenchantment through his words and music.

The upbeat lyrics and razor-sharp rhymes which pervaded both "Fashion Nugget" and "Motorcade of Generosity" are unsettlingly absent on the band's new album. The title appears on the cover under a large brown hog, which illustrates the band's apparent transition from upbeat, witty songs to a more cynical, brooding approach to pop-rock.

However, this is not to say that the music has suffered. As always, John McCrea's ability to create quality guitar hooks shines through, and Todd Roper's beats push the music forward.

Although the lyrics are somewhat depressing, the music is fairly upbeat, which makes the album all the more perplexing. The juxtaposition of down-and-out lyrics and perky melodies seemed awkward to my ears at first, and still does to some degree. However, in my opinion, this confused situation does not classify the album as unlistenable.

The first song on the album gives a premonition of things to come: "My intentions are good and earnest and true, but under my good is internal combustion and Satan is my motor." This really took me by surprise.

On "Guitar," McCrea appears to express feelings of discontent and confusion as an artist: "If I threw my guitar out the window, so far down, would I start to regret it, or would I smile and watch it fall?" It's hard to tell whether or not he's being serious.

In another song, "Hem of Your Garment," McCrea expresses feelings of emptiness and



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The members of Cake hail from Liverpool, England. From left to right they are: Ben Otterwell, Ian Ball, Oily Peacock, Tom Gray, Paul "Blackie" Blackburn.

desperation: "I am intrinsically no good, I have a heart that's made of wood, and I am only biding time, only reciting memorized lines."

Moreover, on "Walk On By," the most musically upbeat song on the album, the pessimism is as rampant as ever: "As soon as you're born you start dyin', so you might as well have a good time."

Ultimately, in *Prolonging the Magic*, John McCrea's disenchantment with women, the music industry, religion, and life in general muddy the quartet's musical vision, and give the listener a difficult task in sorting it all out.

The words weigh the music down, and cause the band to stray from the characteristic that has made their music popular among many young people: fun.

If you've never heard Cake before, I'd get *Motorcade of Generosity*, and leave *Prolonging the Magic* for the tried-and-true fans. 2 1/2 stars

—Shawn Sprague

Gomez: *Bring It On*

The world seems to get smaller every day, and diverse influences in culture, style and music are becoming more and more commonplace. But it's still a long trip across the ocean from Britain to the U.S., and some of the most popular and critically acclaimed bands to come out of England are still completely unknown in the States.

Apart from the Spice Girls, the most recent British band to sweep the American mainstream is Oasis. However, their universal sound does not vary far from anything coming from our new music front lately. Still, when was the last time you bought a Pulp album? Belle and Sebastian? Gomez?

Gomez is the latest "big thing" to come out of England, and the group's debut album *Bring It On* has already won The Mercury Prize, one of Britain's most prestigious music honors.

However, don't be too quick to stereotype them with other classic Britpop bands

like The Charlatans, Suede or Blur. They count among their influences diverse groups ranging from Tim Buckley to Dr. John to the Grateful Dead.

From the gritty first notes of the album's opening track "Get Miles," it's obvious that Gomez is not interested in making second-generation Britpop.

Vocalist/guitarist/keyboardist Tom Gray (who shares vocal credits with two other band members) explains that the Gomez sound lends a lot to old virtues of music, but "not just repeating the past [and instead] discovering those virtues and taking them somewhere new."

Besides Gray, Ben Otterwell and Ian Ball also contribute vocals, as well as guitar. Rounding out the Gomez lineup are bassist Paul Blackburn and Oily Peacock on drums.

Having already achieved star status in the UK, Gomez is currently working on American ears. The video for *Bring It On*'s first single, "78 Stone Wobble," debuted on MTV's 120 Minutes recently.

The quirky sound of "78 Stone Wobble" is also apparent in "Whippin' Piccadilly," a song as light and fun as its title. The same vibe permeates "Get Myself Arrested," the best track on the album with its summertime sound and carefree lyrics: "Got some friends in my BMW, trying to get ourselves arrested."

The slower tracks range from pretty ballads such as "Tijuana Lady" to the gritty, bluesy "Bubble Gum Years."

Gomez incorporates innumerable musical styles on *Bring It On*, and it's doubtful that any listener could not find at least one track that piques his interest. It's likely that Gomez will follow in the footsteps of fellow Mercury Prize winners Portishead, Pulp, and Primal Scream, who have not achieved superstar status in the States.

But their diverse sound is sure to create a stir, and a loyal following, on both sides of the Atlantic.

—Emily Stamatis

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Holocaust specialist Miller joins faculty

BY RAINI WRIGHT
Staff Writer

One of the newest additions to the WMC faculty, Dr. Paul Miller, is an assistant professor in the history department. This fall, he is teaching modern European history.

A Chicago native, Dr. Miller holds two bachelor degrees from Arizona State University, two master's degrees and a doctorate from Yale University.

Prior to teaching at WMC, Dr. Miller taught at The American University, Yale, Brooklyn College of The City University of New York, and Manhattan College.

From 1996-1997, Dr. Miller worked for the World Jewish Congress in conjunction with teaching.

There, he did research at the National Archives on the Swiss and Nazi connection during World War II.

From his results, Dr. Miller published several papers on the Holocaust, paying close attention to the Swiss wartime banking of victim's gold and jewels sold to them by the Nazis.

Currently, Dr. Miller serves as assistant editor of the "Holocaust and Genocide Studies" at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

When he is not teaching Dr. Miller, an avid sports fan, enjoys playing basketball and



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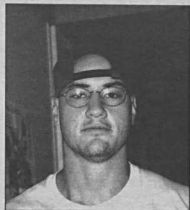
Relaxing in front of a Hill Hall window, Dr. Paul Miller takes a break from teaching.

working-out. He also likes reading 19th century French novels and literature on the Holocaust.

Dr. Miller is proficient in French, German and Spanish. His other teaching interests include the American West.

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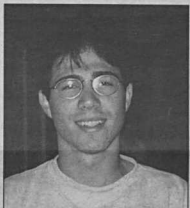
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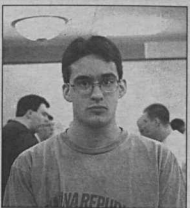
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Visionary Dreams of the afterlife

BY SARAH RADICE
Features Editor

As the millennium draws near, you can expect a proliferation of movies dealing with spirituality and life after death.

What *Dreams May Come* is probably the first in this category of movies about death and the afterlife.

It is a visually stunning love story wrapped in metaphysical musings on the nature of life and death that do not quite meet the same high standards as the special effects.

Robin Williams and Annabella Sciorra star as a husband and wife so deeply in love with each other that not even death itself can separate them.

They meet one day when Sciorra literally bumps into Williams while both are boating in Italy. They marry soon after and have two children who die in a tragic accident.

Four years later, Williams himself dies in another car accident.

Williams finds to his shock, however, that life does not end after death. A spirit he nicknames "Doc," (Cuba Gooding Jr., on acting autopilot) comes to speak to him and guide through his funeral.

Williams cannot accept his death or parting from Sciorra, and finally is able to ascend to Heaven only when he realizes his attempts to stay with her only contribute to her anguish.

Heaven, as it turns out, is created by each person based on his life experiences. Williams creates his own paradise from paintings done by his wife.

After he gradually becomes rec-

oniled by his situation and reunites with his dead daughter, Williams is devastated again when his wife commits suicide and he finds out that she is confined to Hell for her actions.

Determined to rescue Sciorra, he enlists the aid of Doc and a shadowy man called The Tracker (Max von Sydow), and sets off. Because they are soul mates, Williams feels that he can track his wife to the farthest reaches of Hell.

Williams and Sciorra make an attractive couple, and each convincingly conveys the anguish and suffering that come from death. While their scenes together lack a passionate spark, they make up for it with a feeling of almost obsessive devotion.

Although the whole "soul mates" idea felt trite and tacked on just to give Williams a reason to be able to find Sciorra, I did enjoy their selfish, almost neurotically close relationship.

Although *Dreams* is allegedly about the nature of life and death, the love affair of Williams and Sciorra is the true subject. It dominates and drives the movie, supplanting even their love for their children and adding a needed bit of darkness to a script that at times drifts into sentimentality.

Dreams is more of a spiritual movie than a religious one, something that disappointed me. Essentially, it states that Heaven is what you make of it and does not address the question of whether God is present at all. Reincarnation is the only concrete aspect, and the afterlife is presented as so amorphous that it could encompass any religion or none at all. It could almost be seen as antireligious because of

its explicit avoidance of a god, any god. I was hoping for a grander, more opinionated vision.

I think that the true star of "Dreams" is not an actor at all, but the computer generated special effects. This movie would not have been possible just a few years ago.

The scenes on Earth are meticulously detailed, the buildings sumptuous and ornate. The cinematography is excellent, with inventive camera angles and zooms that create unusual visual moments. This creates a timeless, fairy tale atmosphere that contributes to the fantastic aura of the film.

The depiction of Heaven is breathtaking. Williams creates from his mind a lush, shimmering landscape of flowers and trees based on his wife's paintings. The whole thing is seemingly saturated in molten light and created out of paint. Williams touches flowers and they crush in his hand, leaving a paint smear. The central city is an immense medieval castle filled with floating men and women going about their tasks.

Hell, though, is where things really get wild. Williams and his compatriots get pulled out of their boat into a black sea filled with pallid, grasping damned souls. After coming ashore, they must take the elevator up to Hell. Then, in a scene highly reminiscent of Dante's *Inferno*, Williams walks across a field of the damned, where those people are buried up to their chins in the ground.

What *Dream May Come* is a thought-provoking, emotionally affecting, though somewhat flawed jewel. I highly recommend it.

Women in Black tie up Loose Ends

BY MOLLIE LAND
Staff Writer

Where's the cake? Frederico smells! This is heavy! BE QUIET! Just a normal day in a kindergarten classroom, right? Wrong! Welcome to the running crew of *Loose Ends*, or as we like to call ourselves, the Women in Black.

Loose Ends, the most recent play produced by the theatre department here at Western Maryland College, opened on October 1 and closed on October 4.

For an audience member the drama of a play is in the acting. Little does anyone know that the activities behind the scenes are just as dramatic.

Just what does a running crew do? The responsibilities of the running crew include setting all the props for an upcoming scene and striking all the props from the previous scene.

To make things a little more exciting, this must all be done quickly and in the dark.

Lisa Van Auken summed it up best when she said, "I feel like a

low life, nocturnal insect who crawls out at the appropriate times and sulks back to its lair when its duties have been completed."

Due to the extensive number of props involved in *Loose Ends*, organization was the key to successful scene changes. This menacing task was left to the Assistant Stage Manager Megan Townsend, and her assistant, Erin Owen. At any given moment during the show, one of the two could be found on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Life backstage is never without excitement. A prop is always missing, something is always broken, and one crucial crew member is guaranteed to disappear for at least ten minutes during each show. Only the sheer magic of the theater resolves these seeming disasters just seconds before a scene change. When the lights go up, everything must be perfect.

One more quality characterizing the backstage atmosphere of a play is its quietness. One crew member described it as the "library from hell". The slightest noise, be it a whisper or a sneeze, can catch

the ear of the director. A good running crew member can walk silently, even across a creaky floor. Very few verbal exchanges take place backstage; most communication is telegraphic in nature.

The props of *Loose Ends* gave the running crew lots of new toys to play with. There was an insanely heavy gate and three equally heavy stumps. The challenges of these props alone sent the running crew to the weight room to prepare for the show.

Then of course there was Frederico. Frederico was the dead fish offered, during the play, by a native of Bali to another character. During Frederico's offstage life, he was the responsibility of the running crew.

So where is the running crew now? You can probably find them in the theatre preparing for the next production *Smell of the Grease-paint, Roar of the Crowd*. Tech work draws a certain crowd. Those skilled in the art of solving problems quickly, quietly and without panic are highly valued in the technical community.

Halloween Fun

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Boo!

Westminster Ghost Walks will be conducted by the Carroll County Public Library on Oct. 22, 26 and 29 from 6:45 PM-8:30 pm. It consists of a slide show and a walk through Westminster, to hear the ghost stories linked to familiar local buildings. For more information, call (410) 848 - 4250.

Where the wild things are

The Haunted Hayride, sponsored by the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department, will take place on Oct. 22-24, 29-31; Thurs. 7-10 pm, Fri. & Sat. 7-12 pm. The ride will run about 45 min. For more information, call (410) 239-4670.

Retraction

The *Phoenix* wishes to apologize to Paul Ostaszski. There were a number of factual errors in the student/staff profile on page 10 of the October 1, 1998 edition. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Election on
November 3!!!**

Eccentric "Aunt" comes to Center Stage

BY SARAH RADICE
Features Editor

Like the spiked fruit punch at a tenth grade dance, the comedic play *Travels With My Aunt* packs an unexpected wallop.

Travels, adapted by Giles Havergal from a novel by Graham Greene, begins at the home of Henry Pulling in Somerset, England. Henry is the prototypical middle class, British bureaucrat, a recently retired banker who devotes himself to his dahlias and lives a life of eminent respectability and dullness.

On the day of his mother's funeral, Henry's long-lost Aunt Augusta arrives at his doorstep in a mad swirl of earthy vulgarity, color and vitality. In a reversal of type, it is the older woman who represents change and life, and Henry who represents stasis and death.

Intensely fascinated and repelled by her bohemian lifestyle, Henry nevertheless begins to feel himself changed by Aunt Augusta as the two embark on various "travels" to distant places.

Aunt Augusta is caught up in an unknown intrigue involving a mysterious former husband named Mr. Visconti, a stolen work of art, marijuana and smuggling in South America.

As Henry becomes more deeply involved, he encounters a variety of eccentric and humorous characters.

They include Tooley, the pot-smoking free spirit and Wolf, the extremely excitable Irish wolfhound who molests Mr. Visconti in a flashback.

Henry's journey, though, is more than merely physical. Travel truly broadens him, and Henry changes in more ways than he could have imagined.

In the end, the climax of the play comes when Henry must stand up and decide who he is. Although the answer was obvious from the beginning, the final decision is still a powerful moment.

Underneath the farce, *Travels* is a deeply moral play that tries to deal with, as Havergal notes, the play itself and discipline and license. Which one creates a better life, and at what price?

Havergal's stage adaptation takes the innovative step of having four male actors portray all 26 characters, including the females and the dog.

All are dressed in identical gray suits with bowler hats and black umbrellas. Al-



RICHARD ANDERSON
Terry Alexander and Laurence O'Dwyer take a surreal road trip in this innovative production.

though initially confusing, you quickly get used to the actors speaking their thoughts out loud and slipping from character to character.

All at various points portray Henry, although Laurence O'Dwyer plays both him and Aunt Augusta for the majority of the play.

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This device symbolizes Henry's inner fragmentation and repression; when all four Henrys sit down and talk to each other as one, his integration is complete.

It also emphasizes that Henry's point of view is the dominant one. As Havergal comments, "in Greene's novel, Henry's personality so dominates the story that we see the other characters only through his particular point of view. It's absolutely his journey. Once I realized that, I knew that the actors should all be Henry at one point or another."

O'Dwyer, Ken Cheeseman, Terry Alexander and Craig Mathers all gave uniformly good performances. O'Dwyer, though, was clearly the star of *Travels*. Although he muffed his lines more than a few times, O'Dwyer recovered quickly and went to give a crackling performance.

He shone both as the flamboyant Aunt Augusta and as the reserved Henry, imparting a feeling of humanity to the two disparate roles.

The set was an integral part of the play. Simple and spare, it consisted of a sky blue backdrop with various windows and doors cut into it. At various points, they were opened or closed and filled with different objects to suggest setting.

The only furniture was four chairs that changed as the play progressed, reflecting the changes in Henry.

The entire effect was slightly surreal, reminiscent of a painting by Rene Magritte, and very well suited to showing Henry's spiritual and physical journey.

Travels is a highly entertaining play, providing laughs as well as a bit of serious thought. If you have time to catch it, I'd say go for it.

Travels With My Aunt is playing at Center Stage in Baltimore through October 24. For more information, call 410-332-0033.

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70's marriage creates Loose Ends at WMC

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Imagine finally finding the love of your life, only to discover that living together is impossible. This is basically the storyline of *Loose Ends*, a play by Michael Weller that was performed at Alumni Hall, October 1-4.

Loose Ends is set in the seventies. It tells the story of two young people, Paul and Susan, who meet on a beach in Bali.

They feel an instant mutual attraction and want to start a relationship. Unfortunately, they miss each other, but fate soon lands them on a bus in Boston.

Thus begins a turbulent relationship that will span the next eight years. Paul and Susan date for two years before suddenly tying the knot.

Their marriage is carefree and affairs are allowed, as long their love remains constant.

However, Paul decides that he wants to have children and start a family while Susan wants to hold off having children and focus on her career.

Although the two continue to love each other, the differences between them and their inability to compromise are impossible to

work around. Paul and Susan simply cannot live together.

The theme of the play, in my opinion, was that the role of the woman drastically changed in the seventies.

I thought that possibly this couple symbolized what many other couples were going through at that time.

Another message was that although two people may love each other with all their heart, they may have to give up something to make their marriage work.

Although I thought the play was thoughtful and well written, I can't say that I enjoyed it thoroughly.

The plot lagged at times and the scenes got very slow, especially after the intermissions. This really decreased my interest level.

The acting in *Loose Ends* was, in my opinion, the best part of the play. Sophomore Don Todt and Erika Roskowsinski, a junior, were very believable and strong as the leads Paul and Susan.

The heart and energy of the play were great, I just didn't find the subject matter very interesting.

Halloween horrors on The Hill

BY NICOLE LEHMANN
Staff Writer

This Halloween take care when walking around campus. Legends abound about a number of ghosts just ready to spook you out.

Whatever you do, stay out of Levine or you might become the next victim of the mischievous little boy who haunts this building.

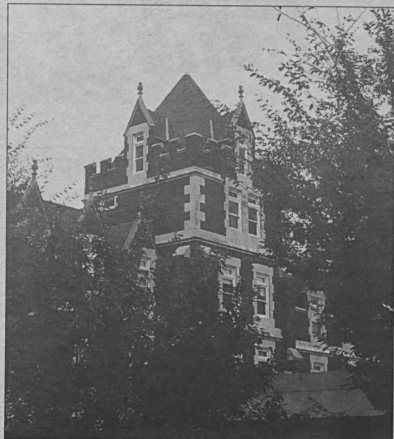
He was only six years old when he was run over by a horse and carriage on Main Street. Listen carefully and you might hear him tinkering on the piano as he waits for you to come and play with him.

Two other campus ghosts are older than this lonely child. They are the spirits of former students, who died tragically for love. Between midnight and 2 am, watch out at the gazebo for the figure of a girl waiting in her gown for her true love. She killed herself after her boyfriend left her.

She waits in vain though, for he is haunting Elderdice Hall. Rumor has it that he hung himself in the tower after learning of her death.

The top floor of this building is closed off today, officially because of fire hazards, but it is said that students who lived up there were distracted by the noises made by this unfortunate young man.

As you pass by Elderdice on Halloween night, look out for his



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Elderdice Hall is rumored to be the most haunted building on campus.

candle; it's reported that he still studies up there.

More child ghosts are rumored to haunt Blanche Ward Hall. A long time ago, a visiting family let their children play on an unstable balcony on the second floor. As the ball hit the railing, the balcony col-

lapsed and the children fell to their deaths.

If the weather is nice this Halloween, listen out for these children, they're still playing with their ball.

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FOOTBALL [6-0]

RUSHING

Player-Att-Yds-Avg

Joe Kendorski-88-464-5.3
Ron Serماريني-80-247-3.1
Tony Russo-53-173-3.5
Jay Tharpe-34-149-3.3

PASSING

Player-Com-Att-Pct

Ron Serماريني-91-154-59.1
Jamie Harris-4-10-40.0
Jay Tharpe-1-1-100.0

RECEIVING

Player-Rec-Yds-Avg

Mike Starke-25-338-13.6
Joe Kendorski-13-145-12.0
Tim Herb-10-82-8.1
Matt Jackson-10-81-6.6

DEFENSE

Player-Tack-Solo-Sacks

Tommy Selecky-53-16-1
Zach Galemore-39-11-2
Tom Lapato-39-10-1
Rob McCracken-32-11-0

INTERCEPTIONS

Player-Int-Ret Yds-LG

Marvin Deal-5-92-42
Tom Lapato-4-74-37
Anthony Burgos-3-75-49
Zach Galemore-2-8-8

SCORING

Player-Rush TD-Rec. TD-Pts

Ron Serماريني-8-0-48
Joe Kendorski-4-3-32
Mike Starke-0-5-30
Tony Russo-5-0-30

OFFENSE

Player-Total Yds-Avg

Ron Serماريني-1,439-239.8
Joe Kendorski-464-77.3
Tony Russo-176-29.3

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Player-Total-Avg

Joe Kendorski-609-101.5
Marvin Deal-389-64.8
Mike Starke-338-56.3
Jay Tharpe-250-41.7

FIELD GOALS

Player-FG-Att-LG

Brent Sandrock-3-5-39

WOMEN'S SOCCER [8-5]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Beth Blasi-8-3-19-56
Natalie Hannibal-7-5-19-25
Thea Bayly-5-0-10-22
Kasenia Lantzky-2-1-5-10
Tracey Castor-2-1-5-6
Andi Palm-2-1-5-17
Becky McCluggage-2-1-5-4

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sv%

Becca Lyter-1174-141-84.85

MEN'S SOCCER* [7-6]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Darren Wolf-6-3-15-23
Vinnie Pedalino-6-1-13-30
Ryan Bowles-4-4-12-2
Art Crouse-3-3-9-22
Tom Long-2-3-7-18
Scott Edwards-3-0-6-9
Duane Campbell-2-1-5-6
Jason Wattenshaidt-2-1-5-18
Brad Russell-0-5-5-3

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sv%

Ryan Defibaugh-745-67-83.75
Mike Donovan-245-15-68.18
Erik Higginbottom-90-9-100.00

FIELD HOCKEY* [4-8]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Shannon Benson-2-0-4-3
Kerry Wilson-1-1-3-22
Sarah Fogler-1-1-3-7
Shauna Oplinger-1-0-2-15
Melissa Reynolds-1-0-2-18
Lauren Cernak-1-0-2-3
Shelly Dinterman-0-1-1-9

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sv%

Jessica Horwath-854-129-81.64
Kate Boyle-35-9-69.23
Shaiah Gaddy-(no game play)

VOLLEYBALL* [11-9]

Player-K-K%-Digs

Brianne Bray-167-252-115
Honesty Drumgoole-131-151-155
Krissy Kurtyka-109-116-97
Heather Tolkach-55-051-131
Jessica Rouse-27-055-85
Christa Farrar-27-000-89

Bray, Drumgoole, Kurtyka lead ladies' volleyball team

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Terror volleyball team is still traveling the path which they hope leads to the NCAA Division III Title, despite some potholes along the way. Even without a perfect record, the ladies are still poised for a trip to the nationals in November. Sophomore hitter Brianne Bray described her team as "extremely hard-working," and sophomore Honesty Drumgoole said that the team is "very determined [and] refuse[s] to quit".

Freshman setter Jessica Rouse stated that the team "is extremely talented, and improves every day".

The Terror had an excellent showing last week against Notre Dame of Maryland, in which the Lady Terrors cruised through three sets against their rivals by scores of 15-4, 15-6, 15-2. Taylor Redding led the attack with 10 kills, while Bray and Christa Farrar recorded eight and seven, respectively. Rouse had yet another impressive game as she added 24 assists to her season total.

The ladies encountered two obstacles at the Juniata Invitational—Grove City College and Cortland University. Grove City defeated the Terror (15-10, 15-10, 15-12) despite ten kills, three blocks, and two service aces by Bray. Cortland, currently ranked number five in the D-III National Coaches Poll, defeated the Terror (15-7, 15-5, 15-5), who helped them out by committing 13 service errors.

The Lady Terrors rebounded with a 3-1 victory over York College (15-12, 15-9, 3-15, 15-11). Rouse had a career day with 38 assists and four straight service aces, while Bray totaled 11 kills and eight blocks. Drumgoole and Krissy Kurtyka also contributed nine and 12 kills, respectively.

The Terror fell to Ithaca 3-1 by scores of 15-5, 15-7, 5-15, 15-7.

In the following game against Gettysburg,

led by All-American Catherine Schott, the Terrors lost three straight games (10-15, 7-15, 8-15). Drumgoole had eight kills and ten digs in the effort.

For the second time in one week, the Lady Terror handed York College a defeat (15-7, 15-8, 15-13), this match only taking three games as compared to the last meeting of four. Trailing 6-2 in the second game, the ladies scored six unanswered points as Bray served four straight service aces. Kurtyka had 11 kills and ten digs, while Drumgoole recorded ten kills and nine digs.

The Terror encountered another obstacle in Franklin and Marshall, who defeated Western Maryland 3-1 (15-1, 15-3, 6-15, 15-6) despite nine kills, six digs, and 4 blocks by Drumgoole.

Western Maryland went through two tough battles in the first round of the Green Terror Invitational, but emerged victorious in both contests to propel themselves into the gold-medal round of the tournament. The Terror opened the tournament with a 3-2 win over Richard Stockton (15-8, 12-15, 15-9, 13-15, 15-9), and then upset St. Mary's College of Maryland, the seventh ranked team in the Mid-Atlantic Region, with scores of 10-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-12.

Western Maryland fell to both Salisbury State and Moravian in the finals of the Green Terror Invitational to finish in third place. In the first game of the three-way, round-robin, finals Western Maryland lost three straight sets to Moravian (15-15, 15-13, 15-3) despite being ahead 13-8 in the second game. Moravian then rolled to a 3-1 victory (15-8, 15-13, 11-15, 15-9) over Salisbury State to claim first place. In the second place match-up between Salisbury and Western Maryland, Bray had a career-high 21 kills and Rouse had a career-high 43 assists but the Terror still fell to Salisbury by a 3-1 margin (15-6, 15-10, 12-15, 15-2), to finish in third place.

Homecoming Humor



"Hut one, hut two, hut three—Hike!" Join the ladies football team! (M Packer)

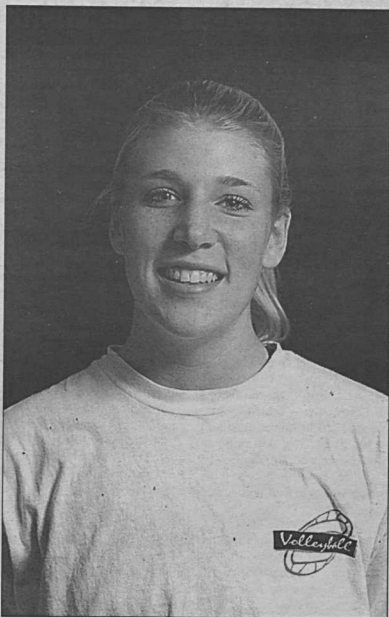
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Freshman Jessica Rouse on way to CC Rookie of the Year.

Rouse sets to win

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Impressive; outstanding; excellent—these and many other adjectives could be used to describe Jessica Rouse.

The freshman honor student from Williamsport, MD began playing volleyball in the sixth grade, where she fell in love with the sport. She cited "good friends (on the team)" as part of her affection. She took that love with her to Williamsport High, where she played setter for the 1A team.

A three-sport athlete, also having played basketball and softball, Rouse also found time for her studies, which resulted in a B-average in high school.

Rouse looked at Frostburg,

Shenandoah, and High Point before being drawn to Western Maryland by its "personal feeling, good reputation, and great coach."

The physical education major is making quite an impact in the Centennial Conference, where she is recording impressive statistics which could even lead her to be named Centennial Conference Rookie of the Year.

Awards mean little to Rouse, though, who feels team awards are the only ones that matter. "It is nice, but ultimately you just want to do your part to help your team win. What good is an award when you played for a team that goes 2-8?"

That's a good question, but if her teammates continue to play well, she'll never have to find out.

Hoop season creates "Midnight Madness"

Sure, Western Maryland is about to enter its 77th basketball season. But for the first 76 it was just killing time, waiting for the arrival of Midnight Madness.

Now, finally, it's here.

After sweeping the country, Midnight Madness makes its first appearance at Western Maryland on Friday, Oct. 23 to usher in the new hoop season for both men and women.

At the stroke of midnight, dividing Friday from Saturday, both Western Maryland teams will take the court at Gill Center amid the sort of hoopla that fans at larger colleges have grown accustomed to.

The evening gets rolling with a fraternity/sorority shooting contest at 11:45 and also features team scrimmages, cheerleader performances, door prizes, music and a half-court shootout for \$200 toward spring-semester books.

This year the NCAA has set Oct. 24 as the official start of pre-season practice for Division III teams. (Conditioning drills can start Oct. 15.) For Western Maryland, practice will begin at literally the first possible moment, a minute after midnight.

"This night signifies a rebirth of Green Terror basketball," said

men's assistant coach Kevin Selby, the main organizer of the event. "We hope it'll help generate student and community participation in our games and give our teams more of a home-court advantage."

After the fraternity/sorority shootout, the teams will take the court at midnight in suitably dramatic fashion and go through player introductions. The scrimmage will include both men (first

and third quarters) and women (second and fourth), with the half-court shootout scheduled for half-time.

The Western Maryland men were 11-12 last year, while the women went 16-10 and made the four-team Centennial Conference playoffs. Each team has three starters back.

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Oh #@*!! He's lost his head! (M Puskas)

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Ladies' cross country places fifth in Classic

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Jill Krebs finished 18th out of 93 runners to lead the Lady Terror cross country team to a fifth place finish at the Tidewater Fall Classic at Salisbury State, while freshman Jeremy Cuno was the top finisher for the men, placing 42nd out of 102 runners and leading his team to an eighth place finish in a race that saw teams from

all three NCAA divisions.

Krebs was once again the top finisher for the Lady Terror cross country team, this time finishing 35th out of 367 at the Dickinson College Invitational, which led the team to a 23rd place finish. The men's cross country team finished 38th, led by Cuno's 168th place finish out of 424 runners. Dickinson College is the site of next month's NCAA Division III National Championship.

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Homecoming Green Terror defeats Dickinson



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Quarterback Ron Sermarini hands off to the tailback during the Homecoming game against Dickinson College.

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

The Green Terror football team continued its winning ways with consecutive victories over both Muhlenberg and Dickinson. Now 6-0, the Terrors are ranked No. 3 in the Lambert/Meadowlands Poll of Eastern Teams behind Lycoming and Catholic University, as well as being ranked No. 3 in the South Region of the NCAA Division III Coaches' Poll, the only ranking which affects toward post-season appearances.

The Terror set a Centennial Conference record for consecutive regular season wins at 15 with a 43-3 stomping of Muhlenberg, as well as tying the record for consecutive league wins at 10.

After Political Science professor Herb Smith got a little taste of the pigskin himself, the Terror rolled to its 11th consecutive league win, the record-breaker, with a 38-

20 homecoming victory over Dickinson. Junior quarterback Ron Sermarini threw for 213 yards and two touchdowns as well as rushing for 60 yards and one score while sophomore tailback Joe Kendorski rushed for 115 yards and caught six passes, two for touchdowns. Tony Russo and Teron Powell also added a touchdown each for the Terror.

The Terror defense also had a good day, intercepting Dickinson four times, sacking them six, and holding them to just 104 yards on the ground, 90 below the Dickinson average. Junior cornerback Marvin Deal and senior strong safety Tom Lapato each had two interceptions. Junior linebacker Matt Meiklejohn recorded three sacks on the day.

Sophomore kicker Brent Sandrock had a career day, nailing five for five extra points as well as a 39-yard field goal, his career long.

Three losses, one win for ladies' soccer

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

In their 2-1 defeat against WMC, Saturday, the Ursinus women's soccer team did two things it had never been able to do before against the Terror: They scored and they won.

In their two previous attempts, Ursinus had been shut out by the Lady Terrors, who won those games 7-0 and 5-0. The Green Terror goal in Saturday's game was scored by Beth Blasi.

The team suffered another loss in a battle of regionally ranked teams, falling to Johns Hopkins by a score of 1-0, despite goalkeeper Rebecca Lyter's ten saves.

The Green Terror fell 3-2 to the Gettysburg Bullets earlier in the week, in spite of late goals from Tracy Castor and Andi Palm, and 19 saves by Lyter.

The women's soccer team had one recent victory, defeating Haverford 2-0 at home. An early goal by Beth Blasi (assist by Marcel Short) and a late goal by Meghan Gorno, plus 18 saves by Rebecca Lyter led to Haverford's first loss ever in Westminster.

Jill Krebs redefines the term Green Terror

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Sports Editor

Move over road runner; there's a new speed demon on campus. First year student Jill Krebs brings new meaning to the term Green Terror, having placed first in both of her first two collegiate Cross Country races.

A South Carroll High (Sykesville, MD) alumna, Krebs hadn't started running until high school—ninth grade for track and

good, [but] I don't take it about winning. I pay more attention to my time and race. You can't judge yourself because you never know what other people are going to do," she said.

Krebs doesn't see running as an individual sport. For her, it was more individual in high school, but in college "it's all about the team."

This team attitude suits her much better than focusing on herself. "I think the only way you can improve is with the help of your

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10th for cross country.

Before becoming terrestrially athletic, however, she was aquatically inclined—having been swimming since she was ten years-old. Her swim team clinched the MSL Division I Championship in both 1996 and 1998.

Before her amphibious ambition set in, Krebs had spent six years of her childhood practicing ballet, which is definitely evident in her ability to stretch her legs on the race course.

As for winning her first two races, Krebs is admirable. "I feel

team," she said.

Krebs' closest counterpart on the team is Jayne Karlow, though everyone on the team is supportive.

Though she knows she doesn't want to go into any study that has something to do with math or science, Krebs still doesn't know what she'll major in.

She is also uncertain about her future in cross country. She doesn't want to coach because she runs for fun, which joins her other favorite pastimes of listening to music and being with her friends.



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Freshman Jill Krebs has won her first two races for the Green Terror.



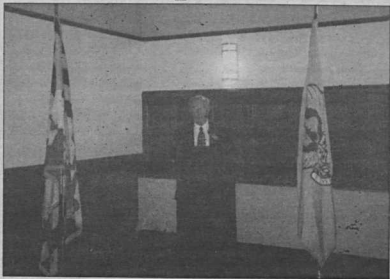
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Candidates make whistlestop at WMC



CATHRYN TREGO

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, former Governor William Donald Schaefer (pictured) and State Treasurer Richard N. Dixon included the WMC campus on this year's campaign trail. On October 23, a reception was held in Hill Hall Lounge with politicians, students, and college trustees.

WMCR and Channel 17 upgraded and improved

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
News Editor

Both WMCR and Channel 17 have made significant changes in their organizations this semester in efforts to create a more professional look and gain respect from the campus community.

Channel 17 has added improved equipment and is attempting to improve their programming.

"We want to cover the major campus events," said Rich Suchoski, general manager of the station. Starting this semester, the staff of Channel 17 is being paid for taping and editing events and there is a consistent schedule, according to Anne Butler.

CAPBoard events such as singers brought to campus and the recent Murder Mystery Dinner have been taped and are planned to be aired. There are also plans for commercials featuring parodies about campus being added, according to Suchoski.

Although there are some regular shows, the station is facing a significant loss because they are not being allowed to show CAPBoard movies, as they were in the past.

"The movies from CAPBoard were a big part of our popularity," said Suchoski. "The company doubled their prices and we are not allowed to air them anymore."

The station was able to purchase the new equipment with their budget of approximately \$2000. Professional quality Super VHS tapes, which are used in television stations, were purchased in addition to other tapes. The station was also given \$5000 about a year ago, which was used to purchase tapes and a new special effects generator. However, a lot of the equipment at the station is old and outdated.

"I can foresee saving up for a semester or to in order to purchase better equipment," said Suchoski.

One of the major problems is that Channel 17 emits a bad noise when broadcasting. This problem comes from the fact that the signal combines with other signals at Lewis Hall before it reaches a

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Graffiti sparks racial controversy

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
News Editor

A week after the shocking discovery of racial epithets written on the doors of three Rouzer Hall rooms, the WMC community's interest has shifted from who would commit such a crime to whether or not the perpetrator's confession was legitimate, and the racial climate of the school as a whole.

Freshman Kenneth Carter III confessed to writing the slurs after a video surveillance camera, installed to monitor the hallway outside Carter's Rouzer Room 323, captured him writing on his own door and message board, said Lt. Dean Brewer of the Westminster City Police Department.

Westminster City Police is not pressing legal charges against Carter, and his punishment will instead be left up to the school's own Honor and Conduct Board, said Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre.

Even though Carter did confess to writing the messages, he and his family now say that he was coerced

into admitting to the crime. According to an October 28 Carroll County Times article, Carter's father contends that "just because there is a videotape of his son writing on his message board does not mean he wrote all the messages."

Black Student Union President Kash Wright declined to comment on whether or not he personally believed Carter was guilty of writing the slurs himself. "Nobody has all the facts, only those involved in the investigation, [Carter] and his family," he said.

Carter is not on campus at this time and Dean Sayre declined to comment on his plans for returning. Carter's roommate also chose not to comment on the situation.

Wright described Carter as a "bright young man" who planned on becoming a member of the BSU. However, he said Carter mentioned to him that he wasn't particularly happy at WMC, but over time things got better and he was looking forward to the upcoming basketball season.

"Most minority students aren't happy when they first come here,

because it's an environment they aren't used to," Wright said.

The incident captured on videotape was the last of three that occurred over the course of three days last week. The first of the slurs appeared on Carter's door, as well as the message board of another third-floor Rouzer resident, on Thursday, October 22.

The student wasn't in the building when the message was originally discovered, and never saw it for himself. He said he was informed of it when he returned to campus Thursday night.

According to Lt. Brewer, the case became an official joint investigation with the City Police and WMC's Department of Campus Safety on Friday, October 23. This was after another instance of vandalism was discovered on Carter's door.

Don Shumaker, Director of Public Information at WMC, added that the videotape was viewed by necessary administrators including Mike Webster, students including Carter and his roommate, family

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Teams Green and Terror place well in ROTC Ranger Challenge

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Staff Writer

After nearly two months of laborious practice, WMC's ROTC Ranger Challenge teams, Green and Terror, competed last weekend at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The annual competition involved all 19 schools from 4th Brigade, with a total of 27 teams. Fourth Brigade consists of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and DC.

With team Green placing 15th and team Terror placing 6th, the cadets were ecstatic about their achievements.

"We're the smallest school in the whole brigade and to finish 6th is a big feat," exclaimed senior cadet Liz Clark. Most schools of comparable size only send one team to Ranger Challenge.

In addition, team Green received the Most Improved Team award, moving up from last year's place of 24th. Reaching that point was not easy, but working out and practicing together on one event or another five days a week helped. Training together made the team very close.

"I think we all learned a great deal about each other and ourselves. Overall, we formed great bonds and friendships and had a great time," commented junior cadet Matt McQuigg, who was a member of team Green.

In addition, Maj. Karen Doyle was also impressed with both teams' dedication. "They were taking their personal time and working towards a goal and it definitely paid off," she said.

There were a total of seven events so the weekend began early Saturday morning and did not end until Sunday afternoon.

The first event, the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), began before the sun even came up on Saturday morning. Cadets were required to do as many push-ups, then sit-ups, in two minutes as possible, and run two miles as fast as possible.

Although it was a cold morning, the cadets wore their team t-shirts and dressed according to the standard, which meant no gloves.

Despite the weather, several cadets received their best scores ever.

"My favorite event was the APFT because I raised my score from 220 to 265," said junior cadet Rob Taber. In addition, junior Jarrod Gillam earned a 328 on the APFT, the highest score of all of those competing.

Individual scores were averaged together for team scores here as well as for all of the other events. Team Terror scored 5th in this event and Team Green scored 20th.

Following the APFT, cadets went to breakfast and prepared for the rest of the events. The next challenge was the M-16 qualification. Cadets had practiced for this event using a weaponizer borrowed from Ft. Meade that was housed in the basement of Gill Gym.

The weaponizer is an electronic simulator for the firing and recoil of an M-16. Although practice for this event may not have been as extensive as it was for other events, the teams still did well with Green team placing 12th and Terror placing 10th.

By the time the M-16 quali-

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Art Exhibition

The first exhibit featuring the works of husband and wife artists Thomas and Jane Ann Wynn opens Monday, November 9, in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery.

Although they have had scattered pieces in group shows, this is the first show dedicated solely to his computer-enhanced photography and her mixed media assemblages. "Visions of Life and Decay" runs through Friday, December 11. An opening reception will be held from 2-4 pm, on Nov. 15.

Thomas Wynn had always wanted to be a sketch artist, but an argument with a high school teacher kept him away from art classes and pushed him towards photography instead. Self-taught from then on, he now uses some of the images he captures as a professional medical photographer in Baltimore throughout his artwork.

"I like to shoot on film, feed it into my computer and arrange the image into what I am looking for," he said. "The infrared film is excellent for the saints work because it gives the images an other worldly look."

For Jane's work, the couple is always searching yard sales, flea markets and even roadside junk piles.

"I covet discarded materials," she said. "I see everything as art and I am constantly having visions of what I can do with these objects we find. My mind is always working on art."

Courtesy of Public Information

College brings young, new director of multicultural affairs from California

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

As Western Maryland College struggles with the recent events concerning racial discrimination on campus, minority students will soon have another outlet to turn to for guidance.

Mary Grace Almandrez is expected to begin her new career as director of multicultural services on November 16, according to Dr. Henry Reiff, associate dean of academic affairs.

One of the main reasons that she was chosen, according to Reiff, was because of her "exceptionally strong interpersonal skills." Reiff said that administrative skills are very teachable, however interpersonal skills are not. "She also has a lot of experience for someone who just graduated from college, including her many different awards and her participation in a number of groups while in school," said Reiff.

"What impressed us the most was her obvious, sincere enthusiasm for working with students. She will bring energy, vibrancy and a vision to this program," he added.

The position had been vacant since last June when former director James Felton re-

signed. He relocated to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay to become the university's new coordinator of the American Intercultural Center.

Almandrez was chosen from a group of approximately 70 applicants who applied for the position.

The search committee that was responsible for selecting the new director was headed by Dr. Reiff, and included Martha O'Connell, dean of admissions, Dr. Charles Neal, professor of political science, Dr. Robin Armstrong, an assistant professor of music, Susan Glone, the director of the Counseling Center, Mitchell Alexander, the director of college activities, and Maureen Meloche, the administrative assistant of the administration and finance department.

The committee reviewed all 70 applications and reduced them to four finalists, who participated in day-long interviews on campus. In the interview, the finalists met with Dr. Joan Coley, the provost, Dr. Philip Sayre, the dean of student affairs, and others, including representatives from student organizations such as the SGA and the Black Student Union.

According to Reiff, the meetings between the finalists and the student representatives were the most important. "Student input is

critical in a selection process such as this. We cannot presume to fully appreciate or understand how students are going to feel."

The selection of Almandrez was based on an evaluation of each finalist's qualifications and input from the committee and the student representatives. "There was a clear consensus on the committee as to who we should choose," said Reiff, "and that choice was Grace."

Almandrez graduated in May of this year from the University of San Diego California with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and a minor in Spanish. She is also very proficient in communicating in "Tagalog," the indigenous language of the Philippines, Almandrez's birthplace.

She was the youngest candidate to apply for the director of multicultural services position, and was the only one who was "fresh" out of school. Reiff said that she was up against people who had "lots of experience, including some who had masters degrees."

"The advantage of hiring someone like Grace is that she is very different from the WMC community, and hopefully she will bring with her fresh ideas and new perspectives. You never want to lose someone with the kinds of skills that James had, however it gives us the opportunity to appoint someone who will help the position to move even further in the right direction," said Reiff.

Reiff also said that Felton is involved in helping with the transition processes of both Almandrez and the college, by way of phone conversations and two visits back to WMC.

Kash Wright, the president of the BSU, was involved in the selection process of Almandrez and is excited about her hiring. "She brings a lot of energy and experience to the position. Grace is a trained individual who will be another outlet for minority students here at WMC. I think she will be a great asset to the school."

"People are going to love Grace," said Reiff. "Not to put any pressure on her."

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 10/14 at 1:01 am DoCS documented unauthorized access to college facilities on the 4th floor of Whiteford Hall.

•On 10/15 at 4:20 pm DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities on the 3rd floor of Lewis Hall of Science.

•On 10/16 at 12:31 am DoCS documented a property crime at Hoover Library.

•On 10/16 at 1:09 am DoCS documented a property crime at the Bair Stadium Parking Lot.

•On 10/16 at 10:43 am DoCS documented harassment on the 2nd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 10/16 at 10:00 pm DoCS documented a theft at PELC.

•On 10/17 at 1:00 am DoCS documented a property crime on the 1st floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall caused by malicious behavior.

•On 10/17 at 12:50 pm DoCS towed a vehicle for blocking traffic at Bair Stadium.

•On 10/17 at 2:16 pm DoCS documented a medical report at Bair Stadium.

•On 10/17 at 5:42 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation at Bair Stadium due to the possession of "kegs."

•On 10/17 at 10:15 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at the Rouzer Parking Lot.

•On 10/17 at 11:02 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment.

•On 10/18 at 12:05 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation at Memorial Plaza.

•On 10/18 at 1:35 am DoCS documented harassment at a Pennsylvania Avenue House.

•On 10/20 at 11:32 am DoCS responded to a fire alarm report at Decker Student Center.

•On 10/21 at 3:45 pm DoCS documented a vehicle accident at a Pennsylvania House.

•On 10/21 at 4:35 pm DoCS documented a medical report at Smith House.

•On 10/21 at 3:45 pm DoCS documented harassment at Whiteford Hall.

•On 10/21 at 9:34 pm DoCS documented a property crime at the Whiteford Parking Lot.

•On 10/22 at 10:39 am DoCS documented a theft at Peterson Hall.

•On 10/23 at 12:32 am DoCS documented a hit and run vehicle accident at the Garden Apartments Building 3.

•On 10/23 at 12:34 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Daniel MacLea Hall.

•On 10/23 at 1:35 am DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities.



• On 10/23 at 9:10 am DoCS documented racial harassment at Rouzer Hall.

•On 10/23 at 11:22 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption on the 4th floor of Rouzer Hall.

•On 10/23 at 11:40 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at Rouzer Hall.

•On 10/25 at 12:32 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation due to underage possession/consumption at the Blanche Ward Hall Clubroom.

•On 10/25 at 12:06 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at the Blanche Ward Hall Clubroom.

•On 10/25 at 1:09 am DoCS documented unauthorized access to college facilities at the Blanche Ward Hall Clubroom.

•On 10/25 at 2:41 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at the Blanche Ward Hall Clubroom.

•On 10/25 at 2:21 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at the Garden Apartments Building 3.

•On 10/25 at 4:05 am DoCS documented an inter-agency cooperative effort off campus.

•On 10/25 at 9:02 pm DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment.

•On 10/25 at 10:18 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in the basement hallway of Whiteford Hall.

•On 10/26 at 2:20 pm DoCS documented a medical report in the Decker Student Center Game Room, but did not render treatment.

•On 10/27 at 1:30 am DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment on the 2nd floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 10/26 at 11:40 am DoCS documented racial harassment on the 3rd floor of Rouzer Hall.

•On 10/27 at 10:22 pm DoCS documented harassment at a Pennsylvania Avenue House.

•On 10/28 at 6:02 pm DoCS documented a misdemeanor theft at Thompson Hall.

•On 10/28 at 8:55 pm DoCS documented harassment.

•On 10/29 at 11:23 pm DoCS documented an assault and battery adjacent to the Garden Apartments.

•On 10/29 at 11:41 pm DoCS documented telephone misuse at Daniel MacLea Hall.

•On 10/30 at 1:48 am DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment.

Internship Opportunity

The Baltimore office of Shandwick International, the world's largest independent public relations firm, has spring internship positions available to juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in public relations, advertising, graphic design and Internet/News Media.

Interns earn \$8 an hour and may receive academic credit. Free parking is provided.

For more information about Shandwick Baltimore's internship program, contact Andrea Kehoe at (410) 558-2100 or by e-mail akehoe@shandwick.com. The deadline for spring internship application is December 15.

Racial incident

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Jr., saying that he hoped WMC would soon be "working together with tough minds and a tender heart."

Wright also spoke at the vigil, where he commended everyone who attended the rally, and said that he believes the cure for the "disease and sickness of racism" is showing that no one on the WMC campus will tolerate it.

"We are not apathetic and inactive," said Eric Byrd of the music department, also a WMC alumnus. He also noted that he was "outraged" at the instant appearance of news media for negative incidents such as this one, when many of the positive things the school does never receive media attention.

After the scheduled speakers,

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Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre

the audience was given an opportunity to put down their candles and speak their minds at an open mic session. Perhaps the most pertinent comment of the evening was made by Veronica Eseevez, who called for students to step out of their comfort zone in order to fight racism, because "discomfort is necessary for enlightenment."

The vigil gave WMC a chance to publicly show solidarity, but the campus as a whole is still split as to whether it was enough.

"This is a healthy start to set a tone [of tolerance] on campus, and

members, and the victims.

One of the slurs discovered on Monday was on the door of first-year student Marcus Helton. He said he discovered the message when he returned from his morning class, and immediately reported it to Campus Safety. According to Helton, Campus Safety officers took pictures, then erased it.

The investigation officially ended on Monday, after Carter confessed.

In the wake of the episode, the college community is now attempting to make sense of what happened, and discussion of the school's racial climate is campus-wide. The candlelight vigil held on Wednesday, October 28 has been the most public response so far.

The vigil occurred at sundown in Memorial Plaza, which was crowded with members from all areas of the community, including



EMILY STAMATHIS

Musical group Sang Melay's folk and inspirational numbers added some poignant entertainment to the vigil.

if it doesn't, we need to do more work," said SGA President Aaron Corbett. He also noted the wide variety of people, and relaxed mood of the event.

Although Dean Sayre said that nothing concrete came out of the event, he acknowledged that "silence is a deadly response" to episodes of racial intolerance.

He said that when something like the vandalism incident happens, no matter what the outcome of the investigation, it sparks questions, and communication is necessary in order to take charge.

"This has been a very difficult ordeal," said Sayre. "When I think back to one week ago, I was down at Rouzer Hall looking at racial graffiti. I was really shocked." He added that he didn't believe there would be another incident.

When asked what the college has done to improve the racial climate, Byrd said that if the question needs to be asked, then they're either taking actions secretly, or doing nothing at all.

"The crucial time is now," Byrd said. "Something has happened, and we'll see if [the college] acts." He said the college is taking steps to bridge the chasm between racial groups at WMC, but the process has been slow.

"The Roar of the Greasepaint" makes WMC theater absurd

The Hill's next student theatre production is an absurd musical. But that's okay. That's exactly what it is supposed to be.

The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Snell of the Crowd, is one of the many plays written during theatre's experimental phase of the 1960s and early '70s, director Jean Burgess said.

Although officially labeled a concept musical, it is written in the style of "the theatre of the absurd," even though most "absurd" plays were deep, thought-provoking dramas like *Waiting For Godot*, she continued.

The play was written by awardwinners Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse who also collaborated on *Stop the World I Want to Get Off*.

It will be presented at 8 p.m. on Nov. 13-15, 19-21, at Alumni Hall

He commended President Chambers for being strong and diligent in his work toward racial diversity, and also said that hiring a replacement for Multicultural Director James Felton is another step in the right direction.

Before the vigil, Byrd met with

The main point is not how it happens, but rather how it is dealt with. I think we, as a community, have dealt with it extremely well."

BSU President Kash Wright

a panel consisting of Rev. Lancaster, Dean of Admissions Marty O'Connell, Artist in Residence and Common Ground Director Walt Michael, and a small group of students to discuss what would take place at the event.

They concluded with a goal of presenting the campus with a plan for fighting racial intolerance, and putting a positive spin on the most recent episode. They called for the college to look past the actions of one individual and look toward the future.

"The main point is not how it happens, but rather how it is dealt

with," Wright said. "I think we, as a community, have dealt with it extremely well." He said that because of incidents like this one, awareness of racial issues grows.

Part of the plan is already in action, in the form of three petitions now circulating the campus. The petitions were proposed after the candlelight vigil, and Byrd and a group of students set up a table outside Glar for students to stop by and sign.

The first petition calls for a mandatory freshman seminar very similar to the Liberation Movements course now offered as a 3000-level religion class. It is a study of race and gender, social class, and minorities and the oppressed. Although Dean Sayre is unsure whether the seminar will ever become mandatory, he said that it is ultimately the faculty's decision and he "understand[s] the sentiment."

Another proposal was brought forth from off-campus, by John Springer, director of Interfaith Ac-

tion for Racial Justice in Baltimore. His program devises mixed-race study circles, and would formulate a similar program for WMC.

The final petition is for a mandatory weekly community gathering. The idea was proposed by Walt Michael, and has happened before at WMC but not for 30 years. These meetings not only happen in times of crisis, Byrd said that if these meetings were still occurring, they could have possibly squelched the rumors that are currently circulating over the most recent incident.

Additional reporting by Michael Stokes



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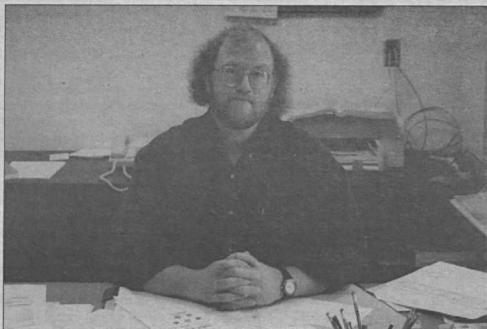
President Chambers called the candlelight vigil, held on Wednesday, October 28, a "ceremony of healing."

Broadway songs, including "Who Can I Turn To (When Nobody Needs Me)" which became a pop hit for Tony Bennett and also was recorded by Dusty Springfield, Sammy Davis Jr. and Donny Osmond. Another hummable tune is Sir's "A Wonderful Day Like Today."

The show also features WMC students Erin Owen, Julie Keough, Ryan Ewing, Elton Keith, Krissy Nichols, Lori Schenck, Joy Thomas, Megan Townsend, and Buddy Stonieser. Also, senior Jimmy Reddan is the production's musical director.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, seniors and WMC community members. For more information call the WMC Box Office at (410) 857-2448.

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ROBYN HILL

New reference librarian keeps Hoover organized

BY SHAUNA DOMINGUEZ
Staff Writer

One of the main reasons WMC's new reference librarian, James Feagin, chose to come to the school is intangible. He described it as "the feeling," something about the campus that made him feel as if he belongs here.

Feagin was offered a job here at WMC as a reference librarian and he took it because he says it seemed like a "good place to move to."

He was impressed with the general feeling of the college. He described it as similar to what students who chose to study at WMC feel when they see the campus for the first time, with the exception that he "get[s] paid where as [the students] have to pay."

As a reference librarian, Feagin will attend to all sections of the library. His job also requires him to be familiar with the workings of other libraries, so he may obtain resources from other places if a student requires something that is not in the Hoover Library catalog.

The new librarian has several other projects awaiting his attention, including a map collection and many documents he will be sorting and arranging in order to make them available to the students and faculty.

Feagin was previously the assistant director of the college library at Martin Methodist College in Tennessee. When he started at this very small college of only 500 students, the school only had two-year programs.

Feagin was hired there to help transform Martin Methodist College from a two-year college to a four-year institution. In five years the job was complete and Feagin had reached his goal, so he was no longer needed at Martin.

What is life like for Feagin outside the library? He lives with his wife in an apartment in Westminster. Like most librarians, Feagin enjoys reading, as well as outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, canoeing, and skiing.

Feagin also likes to spend his spare time rebuilding his '52 Chevy pickup. He said that one day he decided to paint the truck, and ended up making it yellow with green accents. Once he arrived at WMC, he found it strangely funny that he chose the school's colors, even though he had never even heard of it before. He added that if he had known about WMC and the school colors, he'd have probably painted the truck blue.

Feagin is also an avid music fan. He majored in Music and English in college, and now has his own studio.

He said he chose to become a librarian because it seemed like a good career. He was interested in the idea and found it was a lot better than attempting to make a career as a professional musician. So, library science became his life's work and music is now more of a hobby.

Feagin said that he tries not to pick favorites because he likes to try new things, especially when it comes to food. However, he enjoys eating seafood, and the coast of Maine would be his ideal vacation spot. Autumn is the season he prefers most, due to the weather.

His favorite quote comes from a great American poet named Wallace Stevens: "The imperfect is our paradise." According to Feagin, those words just say it all.

The best advice for life that Feagin had to give was to "wash your hands regularly and smile once a day." Then he said with a smile, "Don't eat fruits or nuts, after all you are what you eat."

After a brief moment of silence he smiled and added once again, "Free advice is worth what you pay for it."

Changes are made to radio and TV stations

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student's room. It is hoped that the general broadcasting quality can somehow be improved.

Suchoski wants everyone to know that the "porno" incident is over, and encourages more students to become involved with the station. Six to eight students are involved now. "We encourage anyone to come down to the station. Even if they just want to plug a camera into the wall and do live programming. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun."

As the logo on the door says, WMC is "the place where radio begins." WMC station manager Dan Sereiduck wants to make this statement a reality. "I want to make it so that we're not some little radio station that nobody knows, because that's where we are now in the grand scheme of things," he said. "We are working to get the station professional-looking and want a better rapport with the students."

WMC has cleaned up their station and has added new shelving in order to make the station itself more presentable.

The station, which has approximately

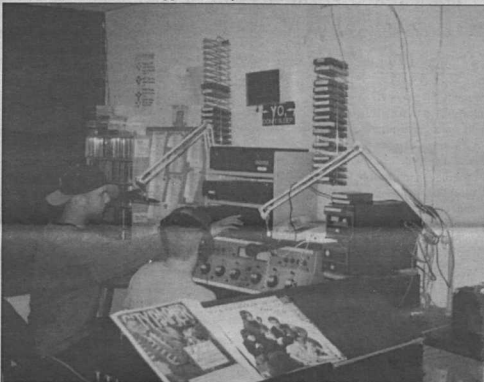
\$5500 in their budget for the year, is in the process of renovating their production studio which will be used to create special effects, according to Andy Behr, the finance manager of the studio.

The station has also purchased a CD player and a new computer was purchased at the end of last semester, which will be used to make a web page, according to Sereiduck.

Sereiduck also said that the station is trying to get newer music to play before it reaches commercial stations, like larger college radio stations. The station wants to play what's popular according to the *College Music Journal's Radio Report*, said Behr.

"We take any CD's that we can get," said Behr. "Most of the CD's come from the companies, but we'll take anything."

Behr and Sereiduck both urge other students to become involved. "People might be intimidated, but once you get in, it's a laid back thing because you are talking about something you like," said Behr. "It makes it a lot easier."



ROBYN HILL

WMC is working toward a more professional appearance and reputation. Pictured: DJ's Jeff Grever and Todd Peters are on the air.

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SGA in Brief

This year's first SGA in Brief brings you an extensive look at the recent goings on of your Student Government Assembly. Below are some of the programs that the SGA has worked on this year, a glance ahead to those issues on our agenda, and ways for you, the student body, to have your voice heard.

Homecoming

Saturday, October 17 was by far the most successful Homecoming Western Maryland has had in years. WMC's fierce football performance gave the SGA a chance to put on a fun and exciting program for all of the returning alumni, as well as students. We coordinated possibly the largest Homecoming Parade ever with more than 25 entries by groups and organizations around campus. Congratulations to the Class of 2001, Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and the International Club who took first, second and third prize respectively in the parade. The SGA also conducted elections for the Homecoming court presented at halftime.

Second Annual Bonfire

The SGA held it's Second Annual Bonfire/Pop Rally on Friday, October 16. The event allowed close to 400 rowdy WMCRers to get pumped up for the following days activities with hot dogs, hot chocolate and a whole lot of fun. WMCR kept the party going until 1:00 AM, and a special performance of the cheerleaders was enjoyed by all.

Problems or concerns? Contact one of your SGA representatives, or email us at sga001@wmcd.edu. All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings every Thursday at 8:00 PM in Hill Hall 110.

Open Forum

The first Open Forum of the semester was held Thursday, October 22. The Honor System was the primary topic of discussion. Many different ideas and concerns were heard by the 50+ crowd of students and faculty. The SGA proposed an outline of one possible new honor system and took notes on preferences from the student body. The SGA plans to continue to meet with the faculty and administration about this issue. Other topics hit upon included the +/- grading system which will take effect for all students next fall, and smoking in Red Square.

Coming Soon

The SGA is very excited about it's up and coming SGA WebPage. The WebPage will consist of all of the issues discussed by the SGA concerning the student body and the campus, along with ways to contact your representatives. It will also include a brand new Activity Calendar compiling all of the programs and events offered by each club and organization on campus.

WMC achieves success at ROTC Ranger Challenge

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cation was through, the day had warmed up nicely and the cadets moved on to the grenade assault course. The task for this event was to run or crawl under or in between barbed-wire from station to station and throw grenades at the targets when instructed. Hitting the target or throwing within a specified range was what determined one's points. Team Green placed 11th on this event and team Terror 17th.

At this point there were only two events left and the cadets were anxious to hear their standings and move forward. As they ate lunch on the bus, cadets discussed strategy and eagerly listened to Capt. Jim Baldree's walkie-talkie. Baldree was Terror's coach. Master Sgt. Parker was Green's coach. According to Doyle, his expertise as an infantry ranger was very helpful.

In fact, Parker seemed to always be present when cadets were practicing the next challenge, which was weapons assembly and disassembly. For this event cadets sprinted fifty yards with their weapons to a foot locker where they cleared the weapons, disassembled them, reassembled them, performed a functions check, and then sprinted back to the starting point.

The slowest completion time allowed before penalty seconds were added was one minute and fifteen seconds. This was a jump from last year's minimum time of two minutes. Terror placed 4th and Green placed 12th.

The final challenge of the day

was the one-rope bridge, an event that was practiced very frequently before the competition.

Each team had obstacles to overcome when it came to the actual time to compete, though. First of all, team Green had their first run disqualified because of a technicality but did not let it discourage them as they completed the second run successfully.

Terror was made aware of Green's mistake so they would not make it themselves, but unfortunately

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Major Karen Doyle

nately they were pulling so hard on their rope to tighten it that it snapped.

"When that rope snapped there was moment of bone-chilling fear," commented Doyle. However, no one was hurt and they were given another chance.

"I was really impressed by their ability to focus after a near disaster and go for it and they did really well," added Doyle. Here Green scored 20th and Terror scored 7th.

Upon completion of the one-rope bridge the cadets were ready to relax for the day. After dinner they cleaned their weapons and tried to get excited for the next day's 10 km road march.

After a good night's sleep the cadets took off Sunday morning dressed in BDUs and boots carrying eighteen pounds of gear in their rucks. As they crossed the starting line Maj. Doyle promised that if they placed first in the run that she would shave her head. Luckily for her, Terror placed 2nd and Green placed 14th.

"The 10k road march was difficult; we were all hurting, but we did not allow each other to give up. Supporting each other was essential to our success," said Green team member Ben Craven, a senior.


Team effort was important in accomplishing all of these events. "Ranger Challenge was pretty awesome. It really taught us, especially the freshmen, I think, about the military and how to push ourselves and push our team and how to get the best out of everything we did," commented freshman Andrew Forney. There were four freshmen who competed this year, up from only one last year.

No one seemed to have a bad remark to make about Ranger Challenge after all the teams had been through it together. "It was challenging but rewarding. It was great to see all of our hard work pay off," said junior cadet Bryan Flynn, summing up everyone's feelings.

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Open in the name of the law

Congress amends FERPA, opens crime logs

Vince Chesney brings the newest law to affect campus crime into light

The new law; How to apply it; What it means for WMC

The new law

A major victory has been won in the name of Liberty. The Higher Education Act of 1998 (HEA) is now a law.

HEA knocks down the doors of secrecy on campuses across the country. It states, in no uncertain terms, that campus crime records must be made public.

The newly passed law amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

For years college administrations have misapplied FERPA. They have claimed that FERPA categorized crime records as educational records, thus protecting crime reports as "personal and confidential."

Congress never intended crime records to be hidden by colleges, and now the perverted FERPA has been straightened.

Colleges and universities across America must open crime logs or lose federal funding.

HEA clearly states that colleges that do not make the necessary changes in Public Safety policy will not be eligible for federal grant money. It's that clear.

Another FERPA flaw was in the area of private versus public colleges.

Private schools simply wrote off FERPA as a public institution issue. HEA corrects that problem.

Any college that receives, and wants to continue receiving, federal funding must comply with HEA.

How to apply it

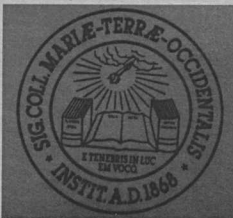
Parents can use the information uncovered by HEA to make educated decisions about where to send their daughters and sons.

In the past, administrators have been able to hide information on certain crimes to make their college look better. Now the truth must be told.

Students already at college can use the crime information when making personal safety decisions.

General location of the crime must be made public through the open crime logs. Students will be able to determine how to approach each area of campus.

Fear can be replaced with knowledge. Mistrust can be replaced with understanding. Campuses can become safer.



WMC's "open book" deal and Latin translated motto "I call you out of darkness into light" have new significance due to HEA.

What it means for WMC

The Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) will have to disclose the nature, date, time and general location of any crime as well as the disposition of any criminal complaint. This information must be open to the public within two days of the crime.

All crimes must be logged. There can be no more holds, blocks or obstructions. If

HEA outlines several improvements campus security offices must make. Listed below are some of the major points.

- Victims of nonforcible sex offenses can be informed of disciplinary outcomes, including acquittals. Previously only victims of violent crimes could learn how colleges disciplined their alleged attackers.

- Parents of students under 21 who are disciplined for drugs and alcohol can be informed about those violations.

- Crime statistics reported by colleges and universities must include alcohol, drug or weapons violations that are referred to campus courts for discipline, even when a formal arrest is not made.

- Crimes occurring on the sidewalks and streets on and around campuses must be included in the schools' annual crime statistical disclosures.

- Source: SPJ News

DoCS responded to it or received a complaint about it, the incident must be divulged.

Currently DoCS is not even compliant with FERPA in regard to publishing summaries of annual crime totals. FERPA states that violent crimes must be published for the last three years. DoCS most current published summary lists crimes from 1994-96.

HEA goes a step beyond FERPA in this area too.

HEA states that all "murders; sex offenses, forcible and nonforcible; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary; motor vehicle theft; manslaughter; arson; and arrests of persons referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug related violations and weapons possessions..." be reported annually for the "most recent calendar year, and during the two previous calendar years."

Up to this point, the Phoenix has published some of the information HEA makes lucid.

Now your newspaper will have the legal right to publish all of the disclosures HEA demands. HEA sets the framework for a better DoCS, a better newspaper and a better campus.

To cheat or not to cheat?

Chris Taugher asks the college to take the honor system more seriously

In my two months as a college student I have come to the realization that most of the students at WMC don't take the Honor System seriously. To be honest with you, I didn't even know what it was until a few days ago. During orientation it was briefly discussed, but not everyone pays attention during orientation. The Peer Mentors should set up skits to explain it. First-year seminars should spend class time discussing the Honor System and every class should at least review it.

When I applied to Wingate University I had to write three pages of response essays on Wingate's Honor System. It's obvious they take their system seriously. I'm still a little unsure as to what our honor system is at WMC. In some classes I've had professors monitor exams and in some classes I have not. On some exams I've had to write, "I have neither given nor received help on this examination," and on some exams I have not. That's another problem with the existing Honor System: it's not always properly enforced.

At the October 6 faculty meeting Professor Sam Case made a motion to abolish the existing Honor System so that students would rise up and form a purer system. Some people may argue that having no Honor System, for a certain time period, would create total "academic chaos." I disagree. Having no Honor System doesn't mean that everyone is free to cheat. I think Professor Case's motion to abolish the Honor System is a good idea. First, it would allow the students to establish the type of Honor System they want. Second, it challenges the students. Having no Honor System forces us to look inside ourselves and ask: "Does our college really care about its Honor System?"

Now the important question is: What type of Honor System will work? We should have a pure system where faculty would not monitor exams and exams would be scheduled by students. This system would have severe penalties for cheating and would require students to turn in offenders. Not turning in offenders would be a violation.

That, however, is the sole flaw of the ideal Honor System. In order for the system to work, students would be forced to turn in other students. Things haven't changed over the years. It's still not "cool" to be a tattletale. I don't know if I could turn someone in, especially if it was one of my friends. And how would you catch people who don't report cheaters? Set up sting operations?

This school's Honor System dilemma is complicated. There are definitely problems with the existing system. There needs to be a new system. But what type of system? I don't know. I do know that in order for a system to work it will take total dedication from both the students and the faculty. I also know that this system won't work overnight. In order for it to run smoothly it will take time. If the Honor System is abolished, the students will rise up and create a new system that will work. My college cares about its Honor System.

An Apology to an Ignoramus after Racist Incident

Whether out of genuine hate and ignorance or a simple display of immaturity, I cannot help but be bothered by what happened on third floor Rouzer on October 22nd.

The night was going well, or so I thought, until I came home at 11:30. I found that a certain anonymous hate monger had an insatiable urge to write graffiti on my and another room's message boards. I learned that the letters KKK were on them.

The event was not isolated either; the letters appeared again on the other room's door the following day.

I know I didn't miss some newsbreak about the spontaneous manifestations of hate insignias, so that led to the conclusion that a grand wizard "want-to-be," disguised as an anonymous poet, hasn't been experiencing a case of writer's block lately.

The recent events cause concern for the minority population of Western Maryland College and also for the administrative staff and all campus residents. Dean Phillip Sayer shares his earnest regard about the recent issue and has sent messages to all residents regarding the seriousness of the occurrences.

Third floor Rouzer held a mandatory meeting in hopes of gathering leads through the cooperation

of the floor's tenants. The college also organized a candle-light vigil on October 28th, in Red Square, to illustrate our solidarity as a community and to emphasize the condemnation of any discriminatory acts on campus.

In conjunction with the Westminster Police Department, the school also conducted an investigation to apprehend the offender. Whether honestly confessing or intimidated into self incrimination, an individual reportedly claimed responsibility.

Rumors, however, continue to circulate that the true culprit, is still at large, and his identity remains unknown except to a select few.

I almost feel guilty that I'm not enraged, furious, or have a militant desire to trace the perpetrator. However, I'm not blasé or apathetic about the incident by any means.

I guess 19 years on our planet is ample time to learn and tolerate the truth: people share different views about certain aspects of our lives.

Nonetheless, it's deeply saddening when one realizes that even with the gift which separates men from beasts, that of a conscious mind, some people still cannot come to the simple revelation, whether at the age of 19, 34, 56, or if they live for eternity, that all hu-

Ron Mojica relates his first-hand view of last week's racial incidents

mans are equal and should be treated as such.

That's the idea which is supposed to be intrinsic to all of humanity but apparently is not so, especially to our clandestine message board writer.

Love begets love; violence begets violence, and unfortunately hate has done the same in this situation. Amidst the concerns, apologies, and sympathies, abhorrence and contempt arose within the campus toward the offender.

This article, however, is one which escapes the expected reaction and is not meant to attack or threaten. I've experienced my own share of battles on the matter, and retaliation is at the bottom of my agenda at this time.

What I do have is a great, inexplicable compulsion to apologize not out of guilt or regret, but out of sympathy for the folly of his mentality.

First of all, I'm very sorry that this person did not forecast the repercussions of his actions and how they would affect the school. We students enjoy the tranquility of the campus as we go to and from classes.

For a few days, however, we

had the opportunity to witness a "media circus" in front of Rouzer with some people having been nagged for interviews. I guess the campus was just getting to be a bit too mundane.

Attention has been brought to the school, but, unfortunately, it is not desirable attention. Most people understand that Western Maryland College does not tolerate these types of actions and tries to screen the imbeciles from its enrollment.

With the media's power to distort and warp the facts coupled with people's speculative minds, our campus might gain a reputation for distributing crosses, lighter and lighter fluid, and pointy white hats.

I'm also very sorry that they haven't had the arduous task of adjusting to a new culture. Nobody twisted the foreigners' arms to venture into the new world, they wanted to be exploited into working for the transcontinental railroad or the huge plantations on their own accord. The earliest immigrants from Europe, however, were kicked out for being the dregs of society and scum of the civilized world, and had no choice but to cross the Atlantic.

They were just lucky that the Natives were more hospitable then, or that they had not yet discovered gun powder. At any rate, immigrants are not naive and do not ex-

pect to be welcomed immediately. As a consequence, they have to work twice as hard, be thrice as congenial, or receive grades four times better than the rest to maybe even come to par with the judicious eyes of born citizens.

I'm also very sorry that they could not formulate the correct reasoning in the two pounds of fat between their ears. Genetics and environment help mold a person's being, and it's very unfortunate that they have not been granted the brain capacity to realize that they transcend no one by biological, spiritual, emotional, or intellectual means. We all carry the same pulse of life, require a deity to trust, and get upset when racial epithets appear on our doors.

I also lend them my sympathy in that the rearing they receive does not suffice in guiding them towards right judgments and actions, especially in the liberty of collegiate life.

Lastly, I'm very sorry for the fate you, the perpetrator, may encounter with some of the campus residents because of this. I, however, do not plan on storming you with profanities or bludgeoning you to a pulp like some people desire to do. I would just simply look you in the eye and maybe even form tears in my own for a misguided, human being.

Renewed Effort for Recycling

Recycle... It's as easy as throwing trash away.

A simple truth, yet the majority of people on campus don't participate in it. Worse, due to ignorance or carelessness, many people contaminate what recycling we currently have on campus.

In 1991, Western Maryland College recycled 7.1 tons of its garbage because of a successful recycling program initiated by the students. The containers purchased seven years ago still exist

Laura Kelley argues for responsible recycling on campus.

scious campus that has dwindled over the last seven years.

In December of 1990, the Student Environmental Action Coalition began a program with two phases. The first was to allow all offices, residence halls, and community gathering places access to recycle aluminum and paper products.

nated with actual trash, the Department of Public Works refused to pick up the material, so it ended up being taken to the landfill.

The recycling program is not going to get underway with a handful of EAO members and some faculty. We need the support and help of the student body to effectively produce the same numbers of recycled material as they did in 1990.

The EAO asks that you be considerate when throwing garbage away. Please do not place any gar-

Letter to the Editor

Timing is Everything

That phrase was never as true as it is right now, as a student is caught writing defamatory graffiti about himself during a crusade to change the Honor Code.

This is not about the negative media hype or unnecessary embarrassment to the college. It is not about the dishonor brought to the school by this student.

This case is a prime example as to why a new, stricter honor code should not be adopted by the school. In such a case, a person who does not report an Honor Code infraction would be subject to the same punishments as the individual committing the Honor Code infraction. Do not get me wrong, I think it is shameful not to turn somebody in when they are caught.

But if we adopt this system, this campus will degenerate into a police state; everybody versus everybody. Everybody out for themselves. Western Maryland College will be just like Stalinist Russia during the purges. Just like Honnecker's East Germany during the heyday of the Stasi. People turning people in for things that did not happen. Let the parade of lies begin.

Vendettas will become the norm during Honor and Conduct Board proceedings. People who have a problem with somebody else will just naturally make up a lie violating the Honor Code. The ultimate revenge will be to get somebody thrown out of school. A product of the "new and improved" Honor Code.

Let's be realistic. I am sure that no students want to return to the old days and have all exams in within the confines of the gymnasium.

But a stricter honor code with this "Good Samaritan" provision is no better. It will lead to wild accusations and create a level of tension so high that the school may never recover. And really what is the point? To punish innocent people? Somebody who lies or cheats now and gets away with it will try to do it again. Eventually, it'll catch up with them.

If there is an adoption of a stricter Honor Code, it is going to be a major problem for this college.

It would only be a matter of time.

Brian Griffiths, '01

Recycling is one step in saving the planet.

today, aching for proper use.

Did you know that in addition to paper and aluminum recycling in the buildings, you can recycle cardboard outside of the Glar loading dock? Did you know that a large recycling bin exists near the water tower where you can put recyclable glass, plastic, paper, and cans?

If you answered no, you are not alone. That is why the Environmental Action Organization (EAO), the current environmental club on campus, is re-implementing a recycling campaign on campus. The EAO wants to regain the momentum and enthusiasm for creating an environmentally con-

The second phase was to incorporate the recycling of glass and plastic products and introduce Glar to cardboard and metal can recycling. The Carroll County Department of Public Works picked up the material to be recycled and delivered it to the Phoenix Recycling Center, free of charge.

The organization gained support from administrators, faculty, and the student body to start their program. The program started in full swing and continued for a couple of years. Eventually, enthusiasm faded and carelessness took over. People started to use the recycling bins as garbage cans. When the bins became contami-

nated with actual trash, the Department of Public Works refused to pick up the material, so it ended up being taken to the landfill.

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Learning Experience at WMC

Megan Martin takes a look at what we can learn from last week's events.

The events of the past week, both at Goucher and WMC, have really made me stop and think. I mean really think about the way the world is right now.

I honestly do not understand how people of 1998 can be prejudiced to the extent we have seen recently, but maybe that is just because of the way I was raised. I was always taught to respect people for who they are, not because of their skin color, religion, gender, etc.

I came to WMC because its atmosphere seemed to reinforce the way I was taught. Also, part of my personal ideal for a college is that the people there, while maybe not fully getting along, at least tolerate and respect each other. WMC, while not especially diverse in ethnicity, seemed to fit this part of my definition of the college for me.

Even after last week's events, I still think this school is fairly tolerant towards differ-

ent kinds of people. The campus-wide sense of outrage, the candlelight vigil, and the quick action taken by the school all demonstrate a commitment to tolerance.

Despite the controversy surrounding some of the solutions brought up at the vigil and the results of such a fast investigation, they are, at least, still signs that intolerance is not acceptable.

At the very least, this incident may serve some purpose. It has gotten us talking about racial intolerance. Without talking about it, we cannot find a way to overcome intolerance here or in the "real world."

And, at least we're not talking about the Clinton scandal anymore.

Seriously, however, maybe the person who wrote the racist messages, whether he has been caught or not, will learn that there is no room in our society for messages of hate. We will learn, too, that hate and hate-mongers are still out there, and we have a long way to go to reach complete harmony and respect.

Bee-ing Patient with Your Dorm Mates

Lisa Dale-Van Auken takes an annoying dorm situation and turns into a positive one.

"A filing cabinet of human lives,/where people swarm like bees in tunneled hives," writes poet Gerald Rafferty of his dorm life at college. It is not hard to think of our dorm block hallways as tunnels in a hive, and comparing our dorm mates to bees isn't always too far from the hive either.

We can almost always hear them, buzzing in the next room or clapping down the hall in those annoyingly loud shoes. They go flying out the door to class early in the morning in a frenzy, and they return late at night, slamming doors and sending that obnoxious laugh slapping on your ears—when you already have a headache. And you know that they are just waiting for you to be asleep to play that horrible music.

One morning, I woke up laughing. Faint, yet definite strains of the latest dance mix of "Stayin' Alive" came wafting to my ears from somewhere in the building. While such perky music at an early hour did not make my roommate and I want to leap out of our beds and dance, it did motivate us to get out of the room as soon as possible.

Being pretty much nocturnal, neither one of us could understand listening to such in-your-face music at such an early hour. We laughed about it for a while. It was amusing the first time to hear music usually played at night blasting during the wee morning hours, but somehow, it lost some of its magic the second time, and the third...and the fourth...

But, hey, we all have our little secrets when it comes to music. Right? Listen carefully next time you're walking down the hall, and you'll hear all the artists that everyone is afraid to admit they love, like, Barry Manilow, Harry Connick, Jr., or Cher. It's all there, because a lot of different kinds of people live in our dorms.

There are the people who can't understand the concept of talking at only a few decibels, and there are ones who never say a word at all.

There's the girl who sings 24/7, and there's the midnight wanderer who appears to have no room to sleep in.

There are the decathlon experts who live on the floor above you and race up and down that halls every night, making you think the building is collapsing.

There are dancers, runners, writers, cheerleaders, student council members, and many other kinds of students.

If you take the time to ask any one of these people about themselves, you just might discover that there is a part of who they are in you. Sure, it's awkward to meet new people, especially people who have the potential to drive you crazy, but all of us have something inside of us that needs to be shared, and all of us need to meet different kinds of people if we are to receive the full education we came to college for. Most of us didn't come to college to learn how to live like hermits.

So maybe the people on your floor do have their annoying little quirks. Most likely, you do, too. The point is all of the inconveniences that dorm life incorporates should not be always regarded as a problem, but as an experience in learning to respect and tolerate different kinds of people.

If you consider the people in your building like bees, as Rafferty does, don't swat at them or spray them with Raid. Other than making them angry, you'll be branded a psycho for the rest of the year. Instead, try to get to know them. They're in the same sticky situation as you are.

If you do this, you just might find it to be as the poet continues: "Back to his own cell in the towered comb/ Identical and cramped we call it home."

Quirks: Mandatory Madness

Anne Butler disagrees with the proposed mandatory meetings.

In the Fall of the year 2000, the squirrels of Western Maryland College finally were able to take over the campus as all of the students were attending a mandatory weekly meeting designed to bring them together as a "community." Unfortunately, since all of the students and campus "community" were at the meeting, no one was on hand to defend the campus against the squirrel's swift and brutal coup. Now, in the early days of the 2001 fall semester, the students and faculty are brought together as a community of "workers" who are "striving for the future glory of rodent-kind."

April and Joe were two such workers. Currently, the two students were part of a group building a huge statue to commemorate the squirrels' leader, Nutkin I. The squirrel overlords had nicely decided that each human worker should have an eight-hour rest period. The two students had just finished their work and went back to the pens in order to begin their rest period.

Exhausted, Joe flopped down on a bunk. "Oh, man! I don't know why I keep spending 25,000 bucks just to come here every year and be a slave! How did this all start anyway?"

Joe frowned. "Isn't that a good thing though? I mean to bring us all together?"

April sighed again. "Behind the meetings were a lot of intentions I admit, but the concept, the implementation was terrible. There were so many potential problems with it. What time would they have the meetings? At night when clubs/classes/teams and other things generally meet? Or when students are doing homework or studying? What if a student were sick? How would they enforce the attendance requirement?"

"Couldn't they hold it on the weekends?" Joe asked.

April shook her head. "That's even worse. That's when most students work on big assignments such as papers, or go to the library. And what about students that worked on/off campus on the weekends and weekdays? Were they to be penalized for their employment? And what if students wished to go home that weekend? Would they be required to stay on campus just to go to the meeting? Or would they have to go through a mile of paperwork just to get permission to miss it?"

She had Joe's attention now. "What did they finally do?"

"They combined it with a workshop

"They took away our freedom of choice when they implemented that meeting, and it lost much of the brightness of its purpose because of that."

April sat on the bunk opposite the boy and yawned. "Huh? You mean you don't know the story?" Having been here throughout the squirrel revolution, she thought it almost inconceivable that someone hadn't heard the tale.

Joe shook his head. "I'm only a sophomore, remember?"

April nodded. "Yeah, I remember now. You're one of those 'wise fools.' Well, listen, and I will tell you the 'Tale of the Mandatory Meeting.'"

"It had all started in 1998 when there had been some unfortunate racist incidents in Rouzer Hall...."

Puzzled by the unfamiliar name, Joe asked, "Er, where's that, in Westminster or something?"

April sighed. Underclassmen these days.... No respect for their heritage. "It used to be the boys-only dorm. The overlords use it as the dump now." Joe nodded in understanding, and April continued, "Now after the incidents in Rouzer, the school scheduled a candlelight vigil to celebrate tolerance and diversity." Her eyes gained a faraway look. "It was a beautiful sight, lots of people were there, including the media, and all of them had candles, and you could almost think the school would heal. Unfortunately, one of the proposals to help make us more 'united as a whole' was the concept of mandatory school-wide meetings."

service on Sunday morning, which caused many non-Christian students to become upset because they didn't wish to, well, "be forced to attend church." They took away our freedom of choice when they implemented that meeting, and it lost much of the brightness of its purpose because of that. Many students left as well, because they were so disgusted at the whole proceeding. When they finally did get everyone to attend all the meetings, the squirrels made their move, and since our defenses were down, we were overwhelmed."

Joe hesitated and then asked, "What else could they have done?"

April considered, "Well there was a proposal to make it mandatory for all freshmen to take a class celebrating diversity. That would have been better than mandatory weekly meetings. Or even better: have the meetings two or three times a year, making it a celebration or a campus tradition. That would be better than continually pounding it into the students heads every week so often that they stop listening."

April yawned. "We'd better get to sleep. We have to finish Lord Nutkin's tale tomorrow."

Joe nodded. "I wish they hadn't started those mandatory meetings. We could be studying like normal college students instead of toiling under the 'squirracracy'. Stupid meetings."

Horoscopes

A Naughty November

Scorpio (10/24 — 11/22)

It's your month, Scorpio. You might get laid! (Even though nobody likes you.)

Sagittarius (11/23 — 12/21)

Last time, I warned you to choose wisely between hot monkey love and a grilled cheese sandwich. For those of you who now have the clap, don't say I didn't warn you.

Capricorn (12/22 — 1/20)

What are you doing reading this, Capricorn? It's Halloween! Put on your ski mask costume and go trick or treating at the liquor store.

Aquarius (1/21 — 2/19)

You will find the secrets of life while eating space cake and watching Teletubbies this week. Twenty minutes later, you'll forget the secrets, but you will know the entire episode of Teletubbies verbatim.

Pisces (2/20 — 3/20)

Trick or treat. Smell my feet. Eew, your feet smell like fish.

Aries (3/21 — 4/19)

Some people call you a space cowboy, Aries. Some people are not very creative.

Taurus (4/20 — 5/20)

You notice how these horoscopes are getting shorter? Well, Taurus, you suave individual, I could write a book about what a wonderful immediate future is in store for you. Oh, wait. That's Leo.

Gemini (5/21 — 6/20)

Knock knock. "Who's there?" Boo. "Boo who?" Don't cry, Gemini. We all wish we could be Leos.

Cancer (6/22 — 7/23)

If your last name is Suzuki, you're probably Japanese. If you're a Cancer, you could be pretty much anything. Except a Leo.

Leo (7/24 — 8/23)

Well, Leo, what can I say? You're long overdue for a beatdown from irate Taurus, Gemini, and Cancer folks. But you're still a Leo!

Virgo (8/24 — 9/23)

Skip class at least once to go to the Aquarium. Write a poem about it. Then cry because you missed a big test.

Libra (9/24 — 10/23)

Wasn't it E-40 who said, "Them sick-wid-it Libras get the cash mon-eee." You'll find a quarter in your belly button this week.

by Matthew Thomas

Van den Berg fosters her theatrical muse on the Hill

BY SARAH RADICE
Features Editor

"The word above all is truly magical, not only by its meaning but by its artful manipulation"

—Anna Devereaux Smith,
Fires in the Mirror

Elizabeth van den Berg, WMC's new assistant professor of theater arts, brings to the school a fervent belief in both the magic of words and the power released in bringing them to life through theater.

Van den Berg is an experienced actress, director and voice/dialect coach. She credits her talents to a natural "ear for the formation of sound," complemented by an international upbringing.

Her father's job working for the "Voice of America" necessitated a move from San Francisco to Morocco when she was five. Van den Berg then bounced to the Philippines, Greece, Switzerland, and Beirut. She first became involved in theater in the American Community School.

Finally, van den Berg returned to the United States and entered the San Francisco State University, where she started out as a music major ("I wanted to be a folk singer a la Joni Mitchell," she laughs) but soon changed it to theater.

After graduation, she worked briefly as a receptionist in an insurance firm before bolting to New York to pursue her fortune as an actress.

"They were actually offering me a promotion," van den Berg remembers, "and at first I was ...ready to say yes, but then I thought...I don't like being an underwriter, dressing up, being in an office...so I said no."

After working in various productions, van den Berg was accepted to New York University's Tisch School of Arts in Acting, graduating with a Master of Fine Arts.

"They almost didn't take me," she explains, "because they only trained actors and I wanted to be a teacher." Fellow students at Tisch included Eric LaSalle of "ER" and Tony Kushner, author of "Angels in America."



Elizabeth van den Berg has appeared in the TV show "Homicide" and in several movies including "Contact," "Mim"den Berg came to the Hill in 1992 as an adjunct instructor, and was promoted this year to assistant professor in order to accommodate the growing enrollment for theater classes.

She is also a member of WMC's Theater on the Hill, working as a voice/dialect coach, actress and director.

Van den Berg teaches voice classes at UMBC, and has taught at the Studio Theater Acting Conservatory and the National Conservatory of Dramatic Art, both in D.C.

Van den Berg believes that honesty is the best teaching aide. "No matter how good a scene is, I'll always find something in it that can be improved," she says.

Her major teaching influences are Olympia Dukakis and Joy Zimmern. Zimmern in particular instilled within her the value of honesty in instruction.

"She may tell you the scene you're in is a piece of crap but then she'll tell you why and how to make it better...I try not to be as

shocking...but I try to be honest and tell [students] the truth," says van den Berg.

Van den Berg loves to teach, a trait she attributes to her mother, a former elementary school teacher.

"Acting is thrilling, scary, moving...good acting can take you places in the imagination nothing else can...I love to see it when a student 'gets it' and starts acting," says the married mother of two.

Van den Berg can articulate many reasons why she loves the theater: the feeling of community, the adrenaline rush of getting out on the stage, the fact that each performance is something new, the conviction that art is a force for change in the world.

Ultimately, the words that van den Berg values so highly are inadequate to express her love: the moments of joy and sadness the theater produces are "indescribable...it's not really something you can describe to anyone." But she continues to try to kindle this "indescribable" feeling in her students at WMC.

Where does all the money go?

A little food for thought listing ways in which money is wasted

	Annual Cost	Value if saved and invested at 8% for 20 years
Buying frozen dinners instead of cooking	\$1,680	\$84,711
Two 60¢ cans of beer per day	\$438	\$22,085
Extra cable TV channels for a month	\$186	\$9,378
\$3 weekly for lottery tickets	\$156	\$7,866

Source: *Countdown to a Thousand Dollars* by Lisa Kerber, reprinted from *Vent Magazine*

Cheap Thrills: A new series highlighting local bargains

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

Hello and welcome to Cheap Thrills. This is a new feature at the *Phoenix*, in which I, fearless tightwad, will attempt to find the most diversions for the fewest dollars possible. Cheap Thrills will focus mainly on local entertainment options to be had for ten dollars or less.

Since you're college students, you already know about cheap beer and pizza. Doesn't mean I won't write about cheap beer and pizza, but Cheap Thrills is all about introducing you to entertainment options other than Papa John's and Best Icee. So let's get on with it then.

Every college student likes to get his or her respective groove on. But grooving is expensive, right? A compact disc is \$18. Concert tickets are even more expensive. That's true if you don't know where to look. Cheap music options in this area are limited only by your personal tastes.

Record and Tape Traders, in the same vicinity as Taco Bell (more to come on Taco Bell), offers a dollar off used compact discs on Wednesdays. A couple of weeks ago, I found the soundtrack to *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* for about five bucks. They have literally hundreds of already cheap albums that you can save an extra dollar on every Wednesday.

Incidentally, Record and Tape Traders also has the best prices I've found for rolling papers (for tobacco use only). Only problem is you have to root around through all of the cheap junk to find a pack of Bambos. But it's worth the extra two minutes.

Still grooving here, we take a look at local concert options. (Local when referring to concerts will have to include Baltimore and Towson, as well as good old Westminster.) Eric Byrd is a regular at the Chameleon restaurant on Main Street. Good tunes, but the three-star Chameleon can't really be featured in a column called Cheap Thrills. So we'll have to delve a little deeper to find concerts in our price range.

There are plenty of free concerts offered here on campus; believe it or not, you might actually enjoy one — so keep your eyes and ears open for news. In the a-little-more-expensive-than-free-but-still-cheap department, Rec Room in Towson and

Bohager's and Fletcher's in Fell's Point offer plenty of affordable shows featuring great bands. No bright cheapskate would pass up Tricky and Whale Nov. 18 at Bohager's for \$10. Check out City Paper and see if something interests you.

For all of you studio pimpin' cheapskates out there, you can still pick up a copy of local rapper Cheazy-E's album CRa.k.a. the White Mystery. At only \$10 and horribly underproduced, it embodies the Cheap Thrills vision. Ride the trolley.

If you're listening to Cheazy-E, you might as well go all out. Get pimped out at the Goodwill Store — you can get an absolutely horrible outfit and have enough change left from your \$10 bill to get a pack of American Spirits. Now that's Cheap Thrills!

Stay tuned for next issue's Cheap Thrills, where I'll explore cheap food and Carroll County culture (i.e. bowling).

Homeboys (literally)

According to Interep Research, men live longer with their parents than women. No wonder they're all such babies.

Adults living with parents:

Age	Men	Women
18 to 19	81.1%	66.5%
20 to 24	50.2%	33.4%
25 to 29	19.6%	8.4%
30 to 34	10.9%	3.9%

College dropout defies negative stereotypes

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Hearing someone referred to as "college dropout" conjures up many negative images.

Society is prejudiced against these students, just as it is against high school dropouts. Typical stereotypes are that they do not care about their education and where they are going in life.

These people supposedly have thrown away their opportunity to be someone.

This image, however, is not typical. This can be seen from the example of Dallas Munger, a twenty-one year old, from Frederick, Maryland.

Dallas first attended Tennessee University, and then NYU for two years, before he realized college was not for him yet. He moved to California for seven months to pursue dreams as an actor.

Dallas' experiences are an example of the many students who rush into college, because of obligation, without exploring the option of taking a year or two off.

He has just recently moved back here, and for the past three weeks has been working in tech at Alumni Hall.

Dallas hopes to reenter a college soon, but only one that can fit his financial needs and where he can be content. He is currently looking into enrollment at Western Maryland College.

One reason Dallas has had such a hard time staying in college is because of his parents' financial situation. He feels guilty about his parents getting into debt and later having to pay off his college loans.

A bigger reason he dropped out, however, is because, "I was expecting more from NYU, considering how much it costs."

But his top reason for dropping out and going his own way seems to be that he "never really got into it."

Dallas actually had been considering taking a year or two off prior to college educa-

tion back in high school. But when he mentioned this idea to his parents, they were shocked and told him he absolutely could not. So he went to college, and dropped out.

What he didn't like about college was the "whole schedule is set for you, that it's like you're in a closed world," separated from the rest of society.

Dallas says that in college and out of college are "two totally different ways of learning."

Being in California, Dallas learned to appreciate acting on his own and not having the pressure of doing something for a class. "If I wasn't interested in something, I didn't want to learn it."

Dallas doesn't have any regrets about what has happened in his life. "I learned a lot along the way," he says.

He wouldn't trade his experiences for anything, but wishes he had thought more

about what he wanted to do in the beginning. Even so, "dropping out hasn't been a bad time for me."

He says his goal is to "go somewhere where I know I'll be happy."

Right now, Dallas hopes he can stay at WMC. He hopes to enroll here because his friends and family are nearby. In the meantime he is taking every work opportunity that he can get.

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It seems that dropping out might be a good thing if a person is not serious about his future yet. A good education is wasted if it is not going to be used to its fullest extent.

A person should be pursuing what she wants at that moment in life, not fulfilling someone else's wishes.

The Eyes Have It

According to a Bausch & Lomb survey of 1,007 adults, this was the feature they first noticed when meeting someone new.

- Eyes 37%
- Smile 28%
- Clothes 11%
- Body 9%
- Teeth 4%
- Hair 3%
- Shoes 1%
- Hands 1%
- Don't Know 5%

Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" (by appointment only)

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10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Theatre on the Hill, a professional company in residence at Western Maryland College, is holding auditions on Saturday, November 14, for its holiday production of "A Christmas Carol." Auditions will be held for children ages 6-17 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and for adults from 2-5 p.m. at the college's Alumni Hall Mainstage. Children are asked to prepare one Christmas carol (a cappella) and be dressed to dance. Adults are asked to prepare a short (one-minute) dramatic monologue, one Christmas carol (a cappella) and come dressed to dance. All adult company members are paid. All roles are open except Scrooge. Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule an audition call the WMC Arts Management Office at (410) 857-2599.

60 Seconds

Has the Clinton Scandal had any effect whatsoever on campus?



"Just another Jerry Springer for the school."
Sam Kimani '00
Biology



"No effect."
Zeno Muhl '01
History



"It has had an impact, but only to the extent of sparking conversation about it. Most people I've talked to are really indifferent about the matter."
Deron Brinkley Jr. '98
Exercise Science & Physical Education



"It's taught me the importance of monogamy."
Steve Como '99
History



"No effect, no one cares anymore."
Edmund Goldsberry '02
Physics

Despite tension, Westminster and WMC benefit each other

BY KEVIN WORLEY
Staff Writer

There is no question that the WMC campus is isolated from the community of Westminster. The campus is firmly planted on top of the hill and most of the rest of Westminster is below it.

We have our own housing, education, recreation, employment, even our own law enforcement. But, can we survive independently of each other?

It seems that the isolation of the campus translates into a separation of communities. Many people find it hard to describe themselves as citizens of Westminster.

When asked if he considered himself a part of the Westminster community, Junior and RA Jason Valentine responded, "Oh, not at all. We are up here. They are down there. There is a clear separation."

The concern of many students is that they get a negative feeling when they venture out into Westminster. One student commented, "I avoid going into town at all costs."

Valentine agrees, "I venture into town when I have to." So what exactly is the cause of this animosity?

Some might argue that the difference in class distinction between the college and the town is the ma-

ior cause. Students of the college may be viewed as having an elitist attitude simply because we are isolated from the rest of the town. This certainly will breed some resentment in the outside community.

Others would say that the feeling is simply one of discomfort. The communities have little interaction, and so, there is never a chance for the socialization that is necessary to acquaint them with each other.

The commerce certainly is imperative to our survival. Who could live without Wal-Mart?

Still, there is the issue of safety. Young students in a college setting are easy prey for criminal activity.

Incidents of people coming on campus and causing problems have been documented. Campus Safety does an excellent job of keeping townspeople off the campus, yet problems still arise.

Students have also claimed that they were victims of harassment when they went off campus. The threatening nature of these inci-

dents, though isolated, is certainly a cause for uneasiness.

Through all of this, there are still the obvious benefits of having a community like Westminster so close to what is apparently our own community.

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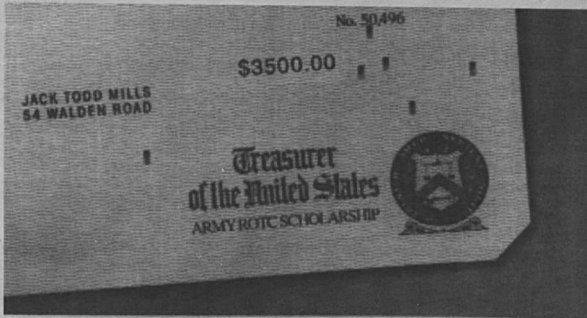
Likewise, our business is important to the various merchants of the town. Many of them, in fact, rely upon it and even provide offers specifically to draw business from the college.

The town also provides some recreation that we might not otherwise have (i.e. Thursday nights at the Inn and movies at Hoyt's Cinema).

Again, the campus returns the favor. The theatre productions, various lectures, the annual concert, and all the sporting events are open to the public.

On an individual basis the feeling of uneasiness is perhaps unavoidable, and that uneasiness may be the cause of the isolation of the campus.

Yet, it seems that even though there is a clear separation of communities, neither is independent of the other. Westminster needs WMC, and WMC needs Westminster.



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IN THE FISHBOWL

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

BY RICHARD SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Mitchell Alexander is no stranger to Western Maryland's hilltop campus. The affable Director of College Activities has spent the better part of twenty years making things run smoothly for the student organizations that are an integral part of campus life.

He is the second of four sons, born and raised in Baltimore City. Alexander attended Lake Clifton Senior High School before enrolling in WMC. He graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, and began working as operations supervisor at Western Maryland in 1981. In 1989 he became Director of College Activities.

When not burning the midnight oil in the College Activities office, Alexander spends his time at home in Catonsville with his wife Mildred, his seven year-old son Blake, and his seven month-old daughter, Paige.

One of Alexander's favorite ways to spend an evening is at the theatre. His favorite theatrical performances are Dreamgirls and Les Miserables. Other hobbies include reading and dining out. Alexander can also be found lifting weights in



PAUL HIMES

the Blumberg Fitness Center twice a week, putting the Green Terror offensive line to shame.

Jeff Soltz is spending his last days on the Hill this fall semester, working hard towards his goal of completing majors in Political Science and Art History.

The native Gaithersburgian has been very active in his years at Western Maryland. He played on the Green Terror soccer team for four years, was active in the Jewish Student Union, and helped found Western Maryland's chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Last semester, Soltz took part in the Washington Semester offered by American University. While there, he participated in an internship program at the Meridian International Center.

As he prepares for graduation, Soltz reflects on what he'll miss about campus life. Sitting in Red Square watching passersby, the Jan-Term blizzard of 1996, and nights at the Westminster Inn before it was "the place to be" will all soon be fond memories for him.

Speaker addresses issues of racial bigotry in America

BY NICOLE LEHMANN
Staff Writer

In light of the recent events on campus regarding racial discrimination, Lawrence Otis Graham's speech on racial bigotry could not have been more timely.

A Harvard educated lawyer, Graham went undercover as a busboy in a New England country club to observe the racist attitudes of the club and its members.

Born as a New Yorker in 1961 to parents from the segregated south, Graham grew up learning that segregation would attempt to stop him from achieving his full capabilities.

He experienced this while working at his law firm when he realized that most of his colleagues received their "deals" or cases before him.

He discovered that most of the firm meets at the country club over the weekend to talk

During his speech in Alumni Hall, Lawrence Graham taught everyone a lesson about racism. "Too often, bias begins at home, starting with the parents," Graham said.

He also said that many maturing adults and grown adults are oblivious to racism. They say that they are not racist, yet they join a club that practices racial discrimination against different cultures.

"It's like when Barbara Walters interviewed Ross Perot. She wanted to know the truth about he being involved in a country club where many diverse cultures are not welcome," Graham explained.

He said that it was disturbing to hear Perot's reply. He wanted the public to know that he did not make the rules in the club and that the only reason he was a member was that the swimming was good and the food was tasty. "But he certainly had nothing

Graham's experience of working in a country club will be made into a movie starring Denzel Washington.

with clients and to get their assignments.

This situation so outraged Graham that he decided to take two years of absence from the firm to work in a country club and further investigate this phenomenon.

He created a fictional resume which said that he had been a very good waiter in three different restaurants.

He applied to a country club in Greenwich, Connecticut, and was invited for an interview by a woman named Dora. Knowing that there were five job openings, Graham felt confident that he would begin working as a waiter.

When he arrived, the receptionist told him that there was no such person as Dora and suggested that he had the wrong club. However, he saw a trophy with the same name on it as in the job advertisement and he challenged the receptionist with it.

This struggle was the first of many Graham had as he continued in his experiment.

Eventually, he was employed as a busboy in a country club elsewhere in Connecticut. "It was a family oriented club," Graham recalls.

"It was so family oriented that the wives had to be guests of their husbands. The men ate in a separate dining area than the women and children."



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Professor orchestrates Wonder

BY KAREN MILLAR
Staff Writer

Many students just do not know the talent and ability of some of the professors on campus.

One professor who has stood out lately in the strong, talented, and knowledgeable music department is Dr. Glenn Caldwell, who had the opportunity to work with well-known singer/songwriter Stevie Wonder.

He was asked to rearrange three songs for an orchestra on what was Stevie's new album, *Natural Wonder*, and this past Labor Day, Caldwell was finally able to meet the famous musician for whom he had rearranged songs. The album

came out in 1995, and was part of the show that Wonder toured all around the world.

The songs are "Love's In Need of Love Today," "Keep Our Love Alive," and "Joy Inside My Tears." Tapes of the songs were given to Caldwell with instructions to arrange and orchestrate music for an orchestra to play along with Wonder's music.

Caldwell graduated with an undergraduate degree from North Carolina A&T (Agriculture and Technology) State University. He then furthered his education in a graduate program at Rutgers in New Brunswick, as well as a second graduate degree and a doctor-

ate in Music Theory from Ohio State University.

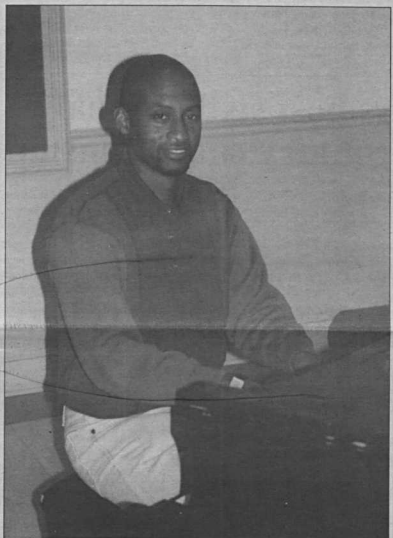
After graduation, he worked as a teacher's assistant in the jazz division at Rutgers where he transcribed many songs.

With his wife Denise and 21 month-old daughter Kalere, he came to Western Maryland College in 1991. He now resides in Columbia, MD, far from his small hometown of Clover, South Carolina.

Through a friend from graduate school at Ohio State University, Caldwell received the request to work with Wonder. The songs he rearranged were to be performed with the Baltimore Symphonic Orchestra. He was given tapes and recordings of Wonder's music and had some freedom to alter the existing chords and rhythms.

Caldwell had never met the famous musician until recently. On Labor Day, Stevie Wonder was in the Baltimore area for the season day opening of the new Raven's stadium. The event was produced by Radio City Music Productions of New York. Aretha Franklin was supposed to perform, but she fell through and Wonder was asked to perform. Because Caldwell had worked with Wonder's pieces before, and "Love's In Need of Love Today" was being played, he was invited to join the event.

He met Wonder at the concert rehearsal. The concert took place the following night, with the BSO backing Wonder up. Although it was very difficult to get past Wonder's entourage of people and bodyguards, he was able to talk with him again briefly after the show. Wonder mentioned that he liked Caldwell's arrangement, but at this time there has been nothing else said of more songs to be arranged.



PAUL HIMES

Dr. Glen Caldwell has orchestrated arrangements for three songs on album by Stevie Wonder. He recently met the musician in Baltimore.

Halloween Fun



PAUL HIMES

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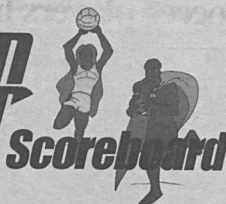
WMC students got to play detective last Friday at the Murder Mystery Dinner. After eating, actors staged a homicide and it was up to the audience to discover the identity of the killer. Those who guessed correctly had the chance of a \$50 prize.

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FOOTBALL [8-0]

RUSHING

Player-Att-Net Yds-Avg

Joe Kendorski-127-661-5.2
Ron Sermarini-105-256-2.4
Jay Tharpe-52-251-4.8
Tony Russo-60-197-3.3

PASSING

Player-Com-Att-Pct

Ron Sermarini-108-185-58.4
Jamie Harris-4-10-40.0
Jay Tharpe-1-1-100.0

RECEIVING

Player-Rec-Yds-Avg

Mike Starke-27-387-14.3
Tim Herb-17-219-12.9
Joe Kendorski-14-162-11.6
Matt Jackson-13-121-9.3

DEFENSE

Player-Tack-Solo-Sacks

Tommy Selecky-68-20-1
Zach Galemore-51-15-3
Joey Garrison-50-13-1
Tom Lapato-49-15-1

INTERCEPTIONS

Player-Int-Ret. Yds-LG

Marvin Deal-7-128-42
Tom Lapato-5-74-37
Anthony Burgos-4-91-49
Zach Galemore-2-8-8

SCORING

Player-Rush TD-Rec. TD-Pts

Ron Sermarini-9-0-54
Joe Kendorski-5-3-48
Mike Starke-0-7-42
Tony Russo-5-0-30

OFFENSE

Player-Total Yds-Avg

Ron Sermarini-1,727-215.9
Joe Kendorski-661-82.6
Jay Tharpe-254-31.8

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Player-Total-Avg

Joe Kendorski-841-105.1
Marvin Deal-544-68.0
Mike Starke-387-48.8
Jay Tharpe-368-46.0

FIELD GOALS

Player-FG-Att-LG

Brent Sandrock-4-8-39

WOMEN'S SOCCER [10-8]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Beth Blasi-9-5-23-83
Natalie Hannibal-9-5-23-37
Thea Bayly-6-1-13-35
Marcy Short-2-5-9-18
Kasenia Lantzy-2-1-5-11
Tracey Castor-2-1-5-6
Andi Palm-2-1-5-21
Becky McCluggage-2-1-5-5

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sy%

Becca Lyter-1624-181-86.19

MEN'S SOCCER [9-9]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Darren Wolf-6-3-15-31
Ryan Bowles-4-6-14-12
Vinny Pedalino-6-1-13-33
Art Crouse-3-5-11-28
Daniel Dufera-5-0-10-14
Dan Strine-4-0-8-15
Brad Russell-1-6-8-5
Duane Campbell-3-1-7-8
Tom Long-2-3-7-21

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sy%

Ryan Defibaugh-1030-115-83.33
Erik Higginbottom-335-41-89.13
Mike Donovan-245-19-79.17

FIELD HOCKEY [6-11]

Player-G-A-TP-SOG

Shannon Benson-3-2-8-13
Stephanie Peery-2-2-6-13
Melissa Reynolds-2-1-5-29
Jessica Parker-2-0-4-9
Lolita Johnson-2-0-4-14
Heather Arnold-1-2-4-7
Kerry Wilson-1-2-4-32

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sy%

Jessica Horwath-1157-165-80.88
Kate Boyle-170-25-76.92

VOLLEYBALL [18-14]

Player-K-K%-Digs

Brianne Bray-309-314-193
Honesty Drumgoole-267-241-243
Krissy Kurtyka-205-132-139
Taylor Redding-90-071-69
Heather Tolkach-76-066-177
Stacey Seward-68-112-7

Field hockey downs Hood 3-1

Junior Linda Fortucci scored in overtime to give nationally ranked Washington College a 3-2 Centennial Conference win over the hosting Green Terror on Halloween and spoil a valiant comeback bid by the Green Terror.

The ladies rallied from a 2-0 deficit on goals by junior forward Stephanie Peery with 12:43 left in regulation and Lolita Johnson with 11:23 to go. But 14th-ranked Washington (15-3, 7-2) came through with its seventh straight win and ended the Terror's season at 6-11, 1-8 in league play.

Back on October 18, Wittenberg senior forward Shannon Selby scored 10:14 into overtime to give her team a 2-1 win over the Lady Terrors, their first loss in five overtime games this year.

Jo-El Miller gave Wittenberg the lead with 11:11 left in the first half, but Melissa Reynolds tied it with 16:05 left in regulation off an assist from Shannon Benson. Freshman goalie Kate Boyle had 11 saves in her first start.

In the October 21 game, staying atop the conference with a 6-0 league record, Gettysburg bolstered its No. 5 national ranking by disposing of the Lady Terrors 6-1.

Peery had two goals and an assist and tied for the league lead with 12 goals on the year. Freshman Jessica Parker came off the bench to score her first career goal for the Terrors.

Coming off a loss of 2-1 against Dickinson, sophomore Heather Arnold erupted for one goal and two assists in the final 15 minutes as the Lady Terrors rallied for a 3-1 win in the October 29 match against the visiting Hood College.

Arnold, Johnson, and sophomore Erin McGrady all scored their first goals of the year during the late Terror flurry. Johnson tied it with 14:59 to go, while Arnold scored the go-ahead.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Terrors host sixth annual cross country championship

BY MIKE PUSKAS
Sports Editor

The Terror hosted the sixth annual cross country championships for the first time on Halloween, using the golf course as its battlefield. Home turf, however, didn't play well for the Terror, for the women lost out to Dickinson's second consecutive win and the men to Haverford, the runners of which have won every championship in the meet's history.

Though she is more for team than individual records, freshman Jill Krebs was the

only runner to do well. Placing seventh, she earned a medal and first-team all-league honors.

Krebs also led her team at the Allentown College Invitational on October 18. Covering 5 km in 19 minutes, 55.2 seconds, the Lady Terror placed 29th out of 461 Division II and III runners. Her outstanding run helped the Lady Terrors place 23 out of 46.

Senior Mike Cushwa (117th) led the men's team, which placed 35 out of 45 teams.

The College of New Jersey won this invitational; Noel Whittall, a Jersey junior, took home the women's gold.

Women's soccer ties record

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The women's soccer players were victorious in their final home game of the year. The Terror defeated Dickinson 1-0 on October 27.

Scoring for the Green Terror was freshman Thea Bayly, who netted a goal 3:43 into the second half. She was assisted by Marci

Short, who tied for the team lead with her fifth assist.

Goalkeeper Becca Lyter recorded her fifth shutout of the season on just four saves.

Facing off against Muhlenberg on Halloween, the Lady Terrors lost 6-1, leaving them tied in team record for wins. Though the Terrors didn't take home the win, Lyter had 21 saves greatly outdoing the eight achieved by the two Muhlenberg goalies.

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College inducts Terror athletic legends

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to the graduate with the best record in athletics. In football, Butler was an ironman in 1956, playing every minute of the ten-game schedule as an end and tackle on both sides of the ball, serving as a team captain and earning selection to the College All-Methodist All-American Football team. He also ran the 220 and 440 races for Harlow's team. Butler was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program and after graduation served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Colonel in 1981.

Fred A. Dilkes, Class of 1961

Dilkes was a running back for the football team and a sprinter, pole vaulter, and long jumper for the track team headed by recently retired faculty member Dick Clower. He set the Terror rushing record in 1959 and is still the fourth leading ground gainer in Terror history with 2,572 yards. He is third in rushing touchdowns, scoring 25 times, and third among career lead-

attle, excelled on the field through the school year, taking on field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. A letter winner in all three sports throughout her collegiate career, she was also co-team captain in field hockey and lacrosse during her senior season. Her off-field accomplishments included graduating Magna Cum Laude and earning the Argonaut Award in 1978 and induction into the Trumpeters and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Philip E. Uhrig, WMC coach and M. Ed. '52

Uhrig, who lives in Indian Wells, Ca., coached the men's soccer team from 1949-59, including the 1955 conference champions. He took a losing program that ended 1950 with a winless 0-10 record and finished his coaching career with a 1959 squad that is still noted as one of the best ever and still holds many of the school's records. The team finished 9-1-1 and was led by one of the top scorers in school history, George Varga,

Men's soccer players bonding well

BY KAREN MILLAR
Staff Writer

Twenty-two men bonding closely like brothers because of a black and white ball? There's got to be more to it than that. And there is, but a soccer ball isn't a bad beginning, is it?

The men's soccer team is closer than ever this year.

When athletes come in during the deadening heat of August to run the golf course and practice two to three times a day for two weeks, there's got to be more to it than the love of the competition and teammates.

Though the upperclass men know one another, the group seems brand new with twelve freshmen now on board.

Adjustments are difficult. This year, the team got off to a quick start in getting to know one another. As with many organizations, "initiations," as seniors like to call them, are held. Often times, society has a negative image of this word, but it's merely another word for "bonding."

This year, the team's main event was held September 5. On this night, many places around campus were filled with the

laughter of twenty-two men.

Memories were made, heads were shaved, and inside jokes were shared, which are very helpful in getting players through the rougher days of practice.

With the laughter of other sophomores surrounding him, Dave McConky jokingly said that "they have a bunch of new mad dogs on the team." With a smirk on their faces, one can imagine what they mean.

Sophomore defensive player Mark Whitehead said, "It's nice being able to both play and party with the team."

Golf places third at invitational

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Sports Editor

In order to make NCAA D-III championships in the spring, a golf team must twice qualify, one of the qualifications being

the Fall Invitational, hosted by the Terrors this season. The first of two rounds took place on October 18, and the Terrors came in second behind the College of New Jersey.

On October 19, Jersey

clinched the tourney, and the Terrors came in third, led by Tony Santillo (72-86-158). Also making the top-20 were Craig Zabora (75-88-163) at 14 and Ryan Reid (75-90-165) at 20.

"So it was a matter of being able to discover their untrained talents, teach them, and mold them into a unit with those others who knew something about the game."

Philip E. Uhrig

ers-in-per carry average with 4.8 yards. Dilkes, who also played on defense, is fourth in all-purpose running with more than 3,200 yards. Post-season honors include All-East honorable mention in 1959, Mason-Dixon Conference first team 1958-60, and All-Middle Atlantic first team 1958-60. A co-captain on the 1960 team which went 6-3 and won the Mason-Dixon crown, Dilkes led the Mason-Dixon and Middle Atlantic conferences in rushing that year. Other honors included serving on the President's Honor Council and earning the Bates Prize for Outstanding Man in 1961. An ROTC member, Dilkes was selected to command the ROTC contingent in John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961. He served in the U.S. Army earning promotion to Major before an honorable discharge in 1972.

Howard Linton, Class of 1954

Linton was a key soccer player for fellow inductee Coach Phil Uhrig and, in his four seasons, established himself as a dominant center halfback and fullback, playing each role for two seasons. But it didn't matter where he played as he earned All-Mason Dixon conference honors 1950-53, All-Middle Atlantic honors 1952-53, and All-American selection in 1953. He was team captain 1951-52 and co-captain in 1953. Linton also played four seasons as a catcher for Jim Boyer's baseball squad and three years as forward for Boyer's JV basketball team. Captain of the baseball team in his senior season, Linton was also a member of the Pershing rifle team 1953-54.

Sally Stanfield, Class of 1978

Stanfield, now living near Se-

now a WMC trustee. His stellar squad, which averaged a Terror record of 5.36 goals per game also included Bob Cole '60 and Laszlo Zsbedics '63, both listed among the top scorers. At one time Uhrig's trio held all nine school scoring records for game, season and career. Uhrig began coaching at New Windsor High School and led his team to the state finals in 1946 and 1947 before taking over at WMC. "Some of the fellows who came to Western Maryland had never seen a soccer ball when they came out for the team," Uhrig wrote in a letter to the Hall of Fame research committee.

"So it was a matter of being able to discover their untrained talents, teach them, and mold them into a unit with those others who knew something about the game. That for me was pure joy."

Also to be recognized during the program and admitted to the College's Fellowship of Champions are the Western Maryland All-Americans, GTE Academic All-Americans, and Centennial Conference individual and team champions from the 1997-98 academic year. In addition, WMC athletes who were named Player of the Year in the Centennial Conference will be honored and included in the Fellowship of Champions. Those teams to be inducted are: Football, season record 10-1; Wrestling, season record 21-8; Softball, season record 27-9; and Golf.

Also, head football coach Tim Keating will be honored for his selection as 1997 Division III Schutt Sports/American Football Quarterly Coach of the Year.

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Green Terror football team 8-0, Hopkins game remaining

BY MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror football squad hit the road to ultimately defeat the Salisbury Seagulls 36-17, maintaining its undefeated record.

The defense came up big early as junior defensive back Rob McCracken intercepted a third-down pass on Salisbury's opening drive. The offense, however, started slowly. Salisbury put lots of pressure on Ron Sermarini, attacking the junior quarterback from all angles.

After junior defensive back Marvin Deal made an interception, tying a school career record of 19, the Terror was able to put three points on the board with a field goal from sophomore placekicker Brent Sandrock. Then, on the first play of the second quarter, special-teams coach Paul McCord sent the punt-block team in on a Salisbury fourth down, an unquestionably good call.

Freshman cornerback and special-teams standout Edmund Goldsberry worked his magic and blocked another punt. He was also able to scoop the ball up and run the rest of the way for the score, a spark the Terror needed.

Once again the defense stepped up big for the Terror. Junior

lineback Matt Meiklejohn recorded an early sack, while sophomore Kevin Kramer wreaked havoc on the inside. The leader of the D-line, junior Zach "Moose" Galemore, stepped up his play for this big game, using his size to clog up any and all inside running attempts by the Seagulls. "Moose" then used his athletic ability to ap-

pear unexpectedly by many Terror fans, but the surprise didn't last very long. Sermarini rolled to his right, then throwing back to his left. Powell was waiting for a screen and, with a horde of Terror linemen in front of him, raced down the sideline for the touchdown. Although there was a lot of football to play, this play seemed to put the

There's an old football adage stating "Offense wins games, defense wins championships."

ply pressure on pass attempts. After the game, Galemore said "We all played real hard. I think we deserved to win."

The offense recorded their first score early in the third quarter. Senior fullback Jay Tharpe scored his first touchdown of the season on a tough run behind great backing by junior Dan Harman and senior Ryan Hines, the right side of the offensive line. Tharpe continued to be the theme for the third quarter. It seemed whenever Coach Tim Keating needed a big play, Tharpe's number was called.

The fourth quarter started with a bang. The Terror lined up with freshman receiver Terren Powell at tight end. This move might have

proverbal nail in the coffin.

The coaching staff was ecstatic about their team's victory. Rumor has it that Keating did a cartwheel on the field after the game.

There's an old football adage stating "Offense wins games, defense wins championships." When the Terror played the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats two weeks ago, they were playing for both that game and a centennial conference championship. With Hopkins playing strong, every conference game is a must win for the Terrors to keep their championship hopes alive. Thus both the offense and defense had to play well to win the game for the Terror.

Coach Al Thomas, the defen-



ROB VYN HILL

Terrors huddle to plan how to continue their victorious streak.

sive coordinator, received an overall great performance from the "D." Although the score was 28-13, Thomas's defense kept F&M comfortably out of reach for the entire game. Junior Anthony Burgos earned CC Defensive Player of the Week and made honorable mention for the National Defensive Player of the Week.

Keating's offense was in the zone against the Diplomats as well. Sermarini's running was held in check, as F&M made an extra effort to keep him in the pocket. That choice was fine with Keating and

Sermarini, who exploded with a season high of four touchdown passes. Senior Tim Herb, in a break out game, caught two of the touchdowns and ended up with 49 yards, while Mike Starke caught the other two. Harman and senior Matt Mathias dominated F&M's combination of highly regarded defensive ends. The win kept the Terror undefeated in both conference and overall play.

After a game against Swarthmore this Saturday, the Terror finishes off the regular season with a Centennial Conference game against rival Johns Hopkins.

Volleyball in semis

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Terrors are all fired up and ready to go for their upcoming semi-final bout against Gettysburg in the Centennial Conference playoffs.

The ladies are coming off a strong third place finish at the Halloween Classic at Elizabethtown. After dropping a 3-0 game to Salisbury State in the semi-finals (17-15, 15-9, 15-7), they rebounded with an extremely hard fought 3-2 win over Eastern Mennonite (10-15, 15-13, 15-8, 10-15, 15-6).

Sophomore Honesty Drumgoole led the team with 12 kills, while Stacey Seward had 11 kills and 13 digs.

Earlier that week the Terror handed Washington College a 3-0 defeat (15-7, 15-6, 15-6). After being downed 7-2 in the first game, the Terror mounted a furious comeback to win in three sets. Leading the way for the Terror was Brienne Bray, who accumulated nine kills on the evening.

The girl's also rolled over Swarthmore 3-0, and Ursinus 3-1 (7-15, 15-12, 15-10, 15-10).

The only real setback for the Terror was a 3-0 defeat by Lycoming this past week (11-15, 11-15, 14-16). The Terror fell to the country's fourth ranked division III team, despite Drumgoole's 12 kills, Seward's eight digs, and Christa Farrar's three service aces.

Six to be inducted into Green Terror Sports Hall of Fame

A three-sport athlete and a long-time soccer coach will be among six Terror greats inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 14.

Sally Stanfield, a '70's letter winner in basketball, field hockey, and lacrosse, and Philip E. Uhrig, who coached the men's soccer squad for ten years, including the 1955 Mason-Dixon Conference champs, join Ricci (Gus) Bonaccorsy of Edgewater, Robert W. Butler of Lampe, Mo., Howard (Dick) Linton of Ocean City, NJ, and Fred A. Dilkes of Vancouver, British Columbia, in the Hall's Class of 1998.

With the new inductees, who comprise the Hall's 21st class since the chartering in 1978, the Sports Hall of Fame membership increases to 126.

Following are profiles on the 1998 Hall of Fame inductees:

Ricci Bonaccorsy, Class of 1980

Bonaccorsy was a four-year letter winner at defensive end for the

Terror football team with a ferocious rush that earned him a spot on the All-America team selected by the American Football Coaches

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Association in both 1978 and 1979. He is the only Terror named to the squad since the AFCA began selecting a Division III squad in 1967. Bonaccorsy also earned all-state honors in 1977, 1978 and 1979, as well as a spot on the 1979 Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention team and was an alternate at the 1980 Senior Bowl. Victor Makovitch

'52, enshrined in the hall of fame in 1982, is the only Terror football player ever to earn Little All-America honors. Bonaccorsy was also named to the All-Middle Atlantic Conference first team in 1979 and in the same year was selected to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) All-America team.

Robert W. Butler, Class of 1957

Two-sport star Butler played football and ran track during Coach Dick Harlow's tenure to Western Maryland in the mid-1950s. Harlow, who put WMC on the football map with several unbeaten teams in the 1920s and '30s before heading to Harvard, came back to the Hill as an assistant coach for Charlie Havens, one of Harlow's own gridiron stars. Butler flourished under his coaches—who are both '78 charter members of the Hall—and earned the 1957 John A. Alexander Award, given each year

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New class time schedule adopted for fall '99 semester

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
News Editor

A new proposal has been agreed upon that will slightly alter the school's current class schedule, allowing for two more time codes for classes during the day.

The new course schedule will take effect this fall. In addition to creating more class times, it allows for more convenient flex periods, but will not abolish them altogether, according to Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Linda Eshleman, who proposed the new schedule at the last faculty meeting.

The biggest problems with WMC's current schedule are the differences between class start times on MWF and T/TH classes, and scheduling conflicts that often mean hour-long gaps between normal class times and flex periods, Eshleman said.

The new schedule will also make better use of classroom space. Eshleman said in her proposal that it's not surprising that there are an

abundance of empty classrooms during flex times, since "the faculty has the option of choosing how or if the flex period is used."

"Sometimes flexes are just a pain," Eshleman said. However she wanted to make it clear that her proposed schedule will not eliminate flex periods, just help allevi-

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ate scheduling conflicts. Current flex times are a recurring complaint of students and professors.

The biggest difference in the new schedule occurs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but now

there will be more continuity, such as a 10:20 class every day of the week.

Two new time codes will be added to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: an 8-9 am course and a 1:20-2:50 pm spot, which is currently only used as a flex.

Eshleman thinks the new time periods should be attractive to professors since most do not want to teach after 3 pm. The 8 am class may not be quite as desirable, but it will be "rarely used," she said.

All of these new time codes, when used in a combination which can be chosen by the professor when submitting his or her courses, should accommodate classes that need four meeting times per week, "with minimal impact on availability of other classes [because] they overlap with no more than one other time code," Eshleman said.

There was an overwhelming vote in favor of the new time codes at the faculty meeting. Eshleman said, "I don't see anything negative about the schedule and the faculty are supporting it."

Class of 2001 sets retention record

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

The class of 2001 set the record for the largest retention of first to second year students ever at Western Maryland College.

The retention rate of the class is 87.8 percent, a seven percent increase from the class of 2000. Out of 427 students who entered WMC in the fall of 1997, 375 students returned for the fall of 1998.

A recent study done by the University of Oklahoma concluded that WMC's retention averages "are way above comparable colleges," according to Dr. Philip Sayre, the vice president of the college and the chairman of the retention committee. The study found that the average retention rate for comparable colleges, such as Messiah (PA), Stonehill (Mass), Casanova (NY), Cabrini (PA) and Mt. St. Mary's (MD) is 75.7 percent, 12 percent less than that of WMC.

According to Sayre, the retention rate of second year students is

so important because that is the year when most students leave college.

The sudden increase of the percentage of the class of 2001 does please Sayre; however, he is not yet satisfied.

"One year does not make it a routine," he said. "We would like to crack 90 percent next year."

Barbara Horneff, the associate dean of the first-year program and a member of the retention committee, believes that the school has a good chance of reaching 90 percent next year.

"Once we hit that, then the job is done," said Horneff.

Horneff and Sayre cite a number of different reasons for the improvement in the retention rate, including the recent renovations to the residence halls, the "generosity" of the financial aid packages that are being offered to students,

Once we hit 90%, then the job is done"

Barbara Horneff

WMC greets new multicultural director in wake of racial controversy

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

Mary Grace Almandrez, the new director of multicultural affairs at Western Maryland College, plans to improve upon existing race relations on campus and include the faculty in multiculturalism.

Almandrez arrived on campus on November 11 and began her career here on November 16. She was surprised by the atmosphere of the area when she experienced it for the first time.

"People are extremely friendly around here. Members of the faculty, the students, and even the townspeople were very nice to me when I first got here," she said.

Almandrez graduated from the University of San Diego California with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and a minor in Spanish in May of this year.

She has been anticipating the start of her career here since she was first informed that she got the job. "My mind set was that I was already in Maryland. I was ready to begin when I got off the phone with the college."

According to Almandrez, she was made aware of the WMC's recent racial controversy while at home in San Diego but did not learn the specifics of the incident until she arrived on campus. She plans to deal with the situation by initi-

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TRANO DAN

At 22 years old, new Multicultural Director Mary Grace Almandrez will be able to relate to college students on a unique level.

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the recent success of many of WMC's athletic teams and the fact that the national economy is doing so well.

Sayre also believes another reason is that the reputation of the school is growing, due to the construction of the new science building and the new music building, which in turn increases the amount of pride that people have for the school.

"Another reason is the fact that we are getting to our maximum capacity of 1500 students, which has given the campus more energy than when we were smaller," said Martha O'Connell, the dean of admissions.

The biggest reason for the improvement in the retention rate, according to Horneff, is the success of the first year program.

According to a recent presentation given by Sayre and Horneff to the National Orientation Directors Association Conference '98 in Austin, Texas, entitled "Beyond 2000! The New Frontier", five years ago the college restructured administrative positions to build stronger links between the academic and student affairs divisions for the purpose of

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Campus Safety Blotter

Civil War photography expert demonstrates his craft

•3:25 pm on 10/31, DoCS documented a medical report, with no treatment rendered, at Hoover Library.

•10:38 pm on 10/31, DoCS documented disorderly conduct due to reckless behavior at the Gill Parking Lot.

•12:40 am on 11/1, DoCS documented degrading of property due to malicious behavior at Whiteford Hall.

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•9:40 pm on 11/2, DoCS documented a medical report due to an accident, with treatment rendered.

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•2:25 pm on 11/3, DoCS documented telephone misuse at McDaniel Hall.

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•3:22 pm on 11/5, DoCS documented a dangerous substance at Rouzer Hall.

•9:26 pm on 11/5, DoCS documented the intimidation of an individual at Whiteford Hall.

•12:12 am on 11/6, DoCS documented a medical report, with treatment rendered, at Blanche Ward Hall.

•3:20 am on 11/6, DoCS documented a report of indecent conduct at Elderdice Hall.

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•11:52 pm on 11/6, DoCS documented an alcohol violation at the Carpe Diem Gazebo.

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•5:41 am on 11/9, DoCS documented damaged property at Blanche Ward Hall.

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•1:50 am on 11/13, DoCS documented an alcohol violation at Blanche Ward Hall.



Cannonballs and canisters weren't the only deadly shots fired during America's Civil War. Taking a photograph could be a killer, too.

Photographers chronicling the war usually survived the bullets because they moved in after the battles, but many of them fell victim to their own profession which at that time used cyanide and other extremely dangerous chemicals to create glass plate negatives and positives, and tintypes.

Rob Gibson is one of six photographers in the nation still practicing wet plate collodion, the photographic process popular through the late 1860s. He will demonstrate the trade from 1:30-3 pm, Thursday, Nov. 19, in back of Peterson Hall. In case of inclement weather, the exhibition will be moved to the College's Art Studio on Uniontown Road near the intersection with West Main Street.

Dressed in period costume, Gibson and his assistant Raymond Davenport will do some of their work out of a photography wagon, nicknamed a "what's it wagon," similar to the kind used by Matthew Brady and other well-known photojournalists of the 1860s.

His equipment is authentic and includes a head clamp stand used to position subjects, and a lens from 1862 that was used by Richard Walz, a Confederate photographer from Baltimore. Gibson said Walz's work includes portraits of Jefferson Davis and shots of Mosby's Rangers.

Gibson, who is leaving his corporate position in upstate New York to open a studio in Gettysburg by May 1999, had relatives who fought with the Union Cavalry and has always been fascinated by the era, especially the photography. As a high school student

he spent many hours pouring over a donated book of Civil War photographs with a magnifying glass trying to pull up all the details. He got into reenacting in 1989 and later even landed a cavalry part in the blockbuster film, "Gettysburg."

"But it was never about the battles or the guns for me," he said. "I just wanted to know all I could about that period of life, the stories behind the photos."

So he quit reenacting and decided to research Civil War photography, which was made a lot easier since he now lived in Rochester, home of Eastman-Kodak's photography museum.

He was hooked and continued researching and working until he perfected the collodion process in 1993. Since that time he has participated in historical reenactments, demonstrations, movies, and documentaries throughout the U.S. and Canada. Gibson and Davenport recently demonstrated wet plate photography for the White House press corps.

While at WMC, Gibson will help students experiment with the collodion process, as well as take and develop a portrait of current President Robert H. Chambers, who will dress as the College's first President James T. Ward, who served from 1867-1886.

"It's a lot of fun to watch people after we've taken their picture," he said. "They will stare at it, start to walk away, stare, walk and then stare some more, because we don't give you a picture of what we think you would look like in the 1860s, this is a picture of you from the 1860s."

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enriching new student orientation and the first-year student experience.

The restructuring has resulted in a vastly improved student-centered orientation program, better communication between faculty who teach first-year students, residence life staff in first-year housing, and counselors.

"The team approach has really pulled the college community together, which, in turn, helps out retention," said O'Connell.

Sophomore social work major Michelle Bernhardt is proof that the first year program has improved in the retention rate. "It helped to keep me here. It provided us with a welcoming environment, like that of a family."

Jack Griffith, a freshman busi-

ness major, also believes that the first-year program had a major impact on him. "It had an influence on me staying here," he said.

"Our program isn't perfect; however, we will continue to fine-tune it," said Horneff.

She believes that the success of the program is crucial to the retention rate.

O'Connell said that retention is a "continuing effort." Focus groups, monthly meetings and evaluations are all a part of the process, she said.

Most of the members of the school administration feel that retention is only going to improve, including O'Connell. "I feel that the retention rate is going to become even greater than it is," she said.

Racial crime verdict not yet reached

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
News Editor

The Honor and Conduct Board process has begun for Kenneth Carter III, the student charged with putting racial graffiti on the doors of his and other rooms, but a final decision may not be reached for another four weeks, according to Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre.

Dean Sayre had no statement on the current status of the hearing. "We'll only comment on any honor and conduct issue after the judiciary process is complete," he said.

The honor and conduct process consists of a number of steps, which could indeed take another month. The board will first hold a hearing, in the presence of the person charged, where all the evidence of the case will be reviewed.

After the hearing, the board,

which consists of two faculty and two students for each case, will then meet privately to decide on a guilty or innocent verdict. If the student charged is found guilty, his record will be reviewed before a sanction is set.

If the student decides to appeal his verdict, the final outcome could be postponed even further. An appeal may be filed if the student feels the board process was not conducted fairly, there was not sufficient evidence, there is new evidence, or the sanction is too severe.

Once the entire process is complete, a report on the outcome of the racial incident will be made public. Sayre said the report will contain the charge and the sanction, but will not include names.

As with all honor and conduct cases, the student charged is allowed to continue to be enrolled at WMC until the judiciary process is complete, Sayre said.

Necessity of fall break questioned in hopes of longer Thanksgiving

BY CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

For many students and faculty, fall break is a necessary time, breaking up the three months between the first day of school and Thanksgiving.

Fall break is usually an extended weekend held sometime between the first day of school and Thanksgiving break. This year, fall break at WMC was Oct 10-13.

At the Oct. 6 faculty meeting, a proposal to eliminate fall break was made by Herb Smith, a WMC political science professor. The proposal stated that fall break had "few benefits" and was "pointless." Many students depart for home early the Friday before, missing classes to avoid rush hour traffic. The cost of the trip itself is sometimes very expensive and just a nuisance for those living more than 3 or 4 hours away. Smith claimed the benefits of a fall break escaped him.

Fall break had originally been intended as a time for students to study and for professors to catch up, but many students do not study and it may not be far enough into the semester for professors to need to catch up.

Smith acknowledged that a time to "recharge psychic batteries" may indeed be needed, but said that is why weekends were invented.

Smith proposed that without a

fall break, Thanksgiving break could be extended to a whole week, reducing overall travel expenses and giving staff and students more time over the holidays to visit family.

After surveying a few of his classes, Smith believed that students might favor it. The discussion led to a straw vote among the faculty council, an unofficial vote testing opinion, with the proposal mainly meeting opposition.

Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, reported that the timing for the proposal was unfortunate. Having been introduced the week before fall break, the proposal was met by many people who were already looking forward to the break.

In regard to the thought that catch-up time may not be needed, Sayre said that, "work expands to fill the time available." Many people put things off, knowing a break from the frantic schedule is coming.

Sayre admits that he is not "particularly in favor of the proposal," and that it is nice to have a fall break. Sayre believes the trouble with extending the Thanksgiving break is that it is too close to Christmas break and the end of the semester. Sayre believes five days is sufficient for the holidays especially with another break so close.

He is, however, troubled that

many people take the whole week off for Thanksgiving anyway, because if school is open, the students should be there.

When asked if they believed a Fall Break was necessary, first year students Lisa Stanley, Shauna Dominguez, and Lesley Tyler exclaimed, "Hell Yeah!"

Dominguez explained that "if it wasn't for fall break, I wouldn't have seen my parents until Thanksgiving break."

Tyler used some of her break to see old friends and catch up on the latest happenings at home. She only wishes it could be a day longer.

Stanley believed that "fall break was well needed. Even if they want to shorten it to three days it's fine, but if they take it out I'll scream."

Some students who were away from home for the first time felt that the fall break kept them from "dying of homesickness." But even those who aren't far from home like the fall break. "As a commuter, it effects me less because I don't have to find a ride home, but we definitely need a fall break," sophomore Cassie Domser said.

Fortunately for these students, because of the negative response from the faculty council, fall break is not being threatened at the moment.

Interlibrary loan faces criticism

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
News Editor

Not finding what is needed at Hoover Library has been a common occurrence for students this semester.

The interlibrary loan system was not operational at the beginning of the semester, and students have raised concerns about the lack of resources available to them at the library.

Students are mainly concerned that important journals and periodicals

not being subscribed to, and that volumes of periodicals are missing.

The librarian who was appointed to handle interlibrary loan requests became sick, and was not able to work, according to Dave Neikirk, director of Hoover Library.

The two other librarians who were trained in interlibrary loan left, creating a situation where no body was able to handle the requests, Neikirk added.

However, the problem has now

been solved and the "position is at full strength," according to Neikirk.

In addition, it takes a while to obtain the requested materials. "It is dependent upon where and when they [other libraries] have the time to fill the request," Neikirk said. "The general turn around time is now 7-14 days."

According to The Student Guide and Databook, there are approximately 195,000 bound volumes, 825 journals, and 1,000 video cassettes available for student use at the library.

And, adding new resources to the library is not easy. "It's a matter of budget," according to Neikirk. The price of journals has increased between 10-20%, and 80% of the budget is committed on day one, Neikirk said.

Robert Withers, the acquisitions librarian, said that the library staff is "aware and working on the problem" of finding and replacing the missing journals.

The library staff checks for periodicals that have been misplaced once a week for unbound periodicals, and ongoing for the bound periodicals, according to Withers. Its not an uncommon occurrence for them to be misplaced around the library, or even left in the bathrooms, he added.

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Concert series highlights African American women

Music professor Robin Armstrong is on a personal mission to make works by women composers more accessible to her students at Western Maryland College.

Not simply because the works were written by women. Because the compositions are solid and deserve to be heard, she said. And now she's ready for the rest of the community to listen, too.

The Monday Night Music Series will feature works by African American women composers at 7 pm, on November 23, in Little Baker Chapel.

"It is a doubly marginalized population," Dr. Armstrong said. "It was hard enough just to be a woman and get your music heard, let alone be African American, too."

The concert, free and open to the public, features soprano Janis-Rozena Peri performing works by 19th and 20th century composers, including several musical interpretations of poems by Langston Hughes.

Since coming to WMC in 1995, Dr. Armstrong has continually introduced more women and more minorities into her courses and has helped other music faculty members do the same.

Multicultural Director

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ating a diversity campaign, in which she will find out what issues led to the incident and what causes some WMC students to not feel completely welcome on campus.

She will then use that information to "foster a positive relationship between all members of the campus community," said Almadrez.

One of Almadrez's top priorities is to bring some "big names" to WMC for campus-wide events. "For instance, during Black History Month the University of San Diego brought in Anita Hill to speak to the student population, and that made a positive impact of a lot of people. I believe well-known people will help to bring more students to campus events."

Another goal Almadrez is working toward is building a coalition between campus organizations. "I believe that building positive relationships between all groups on campus will help to improve the community as a whole," she said.

During her tenure at WMC, Almadrez will also try to include faculty in the process of multiculturalism. One example would be for professors to award extra credit to students for their attendance of a campus event. She believes that this will help to improve the attendance of such events and also build better relationships between the faculty and the students.

Almadrez hopes that she is able to build relationships with all students at WMC, no matter what their race. "I want all students to come in and use me as a resource. I will provide them with a safe environment in which they could talk to me about whatever is on their mind."

At 22, she believes that her age is an advantage in dealing with students. She said that she can be understanding to the problems that college students have, because she is only a few years older than them.

Most importantly, Almadrez is excited about her new job. "I'm really open-minded and energetic. My main priority is working with the students. I am excited that now I have that opportunity."

Also, last month she traveled to a national conference in Puerto Rico to discuss the advantages of musical diversity in the classroom.

"I want to help people with practical suggestions that will get them to use more than just the three musical Bs of Bach, Brahms and Beethoven," she said. "These works stand on their own as musical compositions. They shouldn't be included in a curriculum just because they are written by women or African-Americans. This is good music and

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Robin Armstrong

it has merit to be included."

Peri, a faculty member at West Virginia University, will be accompanied by two more West Virginia University musicians, pianist and faculty member John Crotty, and mezzo soprano Emily Hastings Keene, who received her master's degree in music there in 1996. Keene also was the first recipient of the Valerie Canady Foundation-H.J. Heinz Scholarship.

A specialist in works of women composers, Peri has performed throughout the United States, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Bulgaria and the former Yugoslavia.

Her debut recital at Carnegie Hall featured the first New York performance in fifty years of Alma Mahler's (1879-1964) early songs. At Western Maryland, Peri will perform Mahler's "Lauesommernacht (Warm Summer Night)."

She has premiered the works of many African American male and female composers.

Courtesy of Public Information

Trustee reviews author's memoirs at next BSI

Author James McBride grew up without a true ethnic identity. His father was African-American and his mother was white, a Polish Jew who emigrated to the United States soon after birth.

WMC Board of Trustees vice chair Dolores Snyder will review McBride's 1997 novel about that biracial childhood, "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother," at the College's next Books Sandwiched In at noon on Thursday, November 19, in McDaniel Lounge.

The novel, which earned 4.5 stars from

Amazon.com and a thumbs-up from The New York Times Book Review, is a loving memoir of McBride's mother Ruth McBride Jordan.

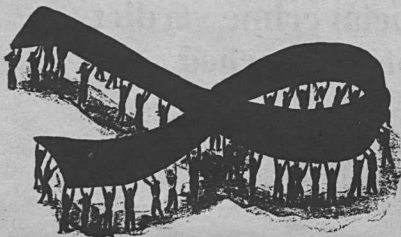
Mrs. Jordan, born Rachel Shilsky, moved to New York City and married a man from Harlem, founded a church, and put 12 children through college.

Ms. Snyder, who earned a master's degree from WMC in 1963, is a retired educator. She also was awarded an honorary doctorate by WMC in 1989.

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SGA in Brief

Meetings

Our first Organizational Representative meeting was held on October 29 with stellar attendance. The meeting consisted of the compilation of every group's activities and meeting times which was sent to each organizational head to encourage participation at all school events. The next Organizational Representative meeting will be held on November 19. We hope to eventually have the organizational event calendar on our SGA Webpage.

Congrats

The SGA would like to congratulate all of the hard-working groups and organizations on campus who are consistently working to improve the social and academic lives of the WMC community. Congratulations to two groups in particular, the ROTC Ranger Platoon and S.E.R.V.E. The SGA will present the Ranger Platoon with the first ever Outstanding Performance Award for the month of October. Ranger Platoon traveled to Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia and competed in Ranger Challenge from Oct. 23-26. Team Terror took sixth place out of 27, and Team Green took fifteenth and the

Most Improved Team award.

This was their best showing in years. S.E.R.V.E. (Students Engaging in Rural Volunteer Experience) presented the first ever Unique Events Award for the month of October. S.E.R.V.E. traveled to St. John's Church and aided in the renovation of trailer for a poverty-stricken family. They have also planned the first annual S.E.R.V.E. Service Day on November 21, from 11-5. Congratulations to all groups, and keep up the good work.

Attention All Juniors

One of our valued and hard-working Senators from the junior class will, unfortunately, be leaving us next semester for a semester abroad. This means that there is a very large space to fill for anyone interested in making a difference on the Hill. This is a tremendous opportunity for leadership experience, as well as a chance to be a part of the decisions that effect you and your life at WMC. If interested, please contact the Junior Class President, Kelly Dunnivant, at x8203, or any of the Junior Class Senators: Michael Blundin at x8012, Bernie Schwartz at x8016, or Chandra Westergaard at x8330.

SGA Meetings are held every **Thursday night in Hill Hall 110 at 8:00**. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact the SGA at **sga001**, or talk to one of your SGA representatives.

by Matthew J. Gribbin

International club dinner celebrates campus diversity

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
News Editor

The International Dinner, featuring the food, fashions, and cultures of countries around the world was held last Sunday in the forum. The dinner, which is sponsored by the International Club, was attended by approximately 230 students, faculty, and members of the community.

"Our main goal was for people to taste the food and to experience different cultures from other countries," said Dinali Jayasinghe, International club president.

"I think that it went well. The forum was crowded and I've been told that people liked the variety of the food served," she added.

Hosted by International Club members Sushama Rajapaska and Art Vinokour, the evening began with "Expressions '98," a fashion show featuring the traditional garments of Southeast Asia, Cambodia, Japan, Palestine, Nigeria, Western Europe, and the United States.

Following the fashion show, a buffet dinner was served which included a wide array of dishes. Items on the menu included pollo a la naranja- an orange chicken dish from Mexico, hot beef curry- a beef and curry dish from Sri Lanka, and village salad- a mixture of vegetables and spices from Cyprus.

The desserts included brownies and apple pie from the United

States, bread and butter pudding from Britain, and baklava from Greece, among others.

After dinner, the entertainment continued with the performances of traditional Greek, Indian, Cambodian, and African dances and several poetry readings.

Joanna Kraft recited "Wonderful is Short," a poem from Finland which urged people to make the best of the good times because they are short. Silvana Vela recited "Pachakuteg," a poem in Spanish about a great emperor and his people.

One of the highlights of the

evening was when Vinokour challenged Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell, and President Chambers, who needed the assistance of Bill Spence, professor of English and the International Club's advisor, to identify the flags that decorated the Forum.

The evening concluded with the introduction of graduating International Club members and alumni of the college.

Jayasinghe gave a speech about her experiences as an international student at WMC, and thanked everyone for their support.


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Endangered Flex Time: But What About the Students?

Kristen G. Fraser describes the lack of communication between administration and students.

Attention WMC! Did you hear the hot rumor about next year's classes? You did not? Our school seems fairly interested in communication. Everyone has grown accustomed to numerous daily messages from Ernie Ogle, and it seems odd that anything would slip through the cracks. This rumor has far-reaching impact for every WMC student, and the worst part of all is that it is not a rumor.

According to a professor at WMC, the most recent faculty meeting nearly changed the academic life of WMC students for the future. One of these changes concerned the current length of classes. A change from 60 minutes to 70 minutes was proposed for classes that meet three times weekly.

In addition, there was a suggestion for a change in classes from 90 minutes to 100 minutes for classes that meet two times a week. The point of this change would be to eliminate the established flex hours.

There was also a move to start classes at 8:00, instead of the already established 8:20 time slot. Another suggestion was to offer all of the freshman seminar classes at a concurrent time slot, creating tighter scheduling practices.

The impact of these issues is great, but that proposal did not pass with votes from the faculty members. The truth of the matter is that the actual vote is not crucial.

The issue is that virtually no student on

campus knew these proposals. The Curriculum Committee proposed these changes to the faculty. There is one student member who stands on the committee, but besides that student and members of the committee, other faculty and students were without knowledge of this proposal.

Many students do not have an interest in a large majority of the issues discussed in the realm of the administration of the college, but that does not condone this action. Even a minority interest in the issue would have been expected as fallout from the committee.

The changes recommended represent a large change to all of the student body. Yet this issue appeared virtually out of the blue.

It seems that the debate is not currently resolved. The issue of unused flex time is a real and serious issue at the college, but is an increase of class time a good replacement or solution? It demands student intervention, if only on a basic level.

The discussion of earlier class times would probably be met with student opposition. And the idea of longer classes is one in which many students would voice an opinion. A compromise has been suggested to the original plan. Still, for the most part, students did not even know of this historical proposal, much less the rebuttal.

Students, if you are concerned with even earlier classes, longer class times, and the loss of personal attention associated with the flex time schedule, make your opinion known. Surprise proposals without student input can lead to disastrous results.

Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to the WMC Student Body

I am writing this letter to thank the students at Western Maryland College for their kind words and expressions of support for my son and our family.

Although this whole affair has been very hard to deal with, I have been greatly encouraged by the maturity and thoughtfulness that I have experienced in all of my interactions with students on campus. Many students have spoken to Kenneth, just to say "Hang in there," or have let him know in some way that he is their brother and that a family supports its member during tough times.

The faculty and administration should be very proud of you; I know that I am.

Thank you,
Kenneth M. Carter, III

On Tolerance and Religion

While attending the candlelight vigil and listening to the open-mic portion, I couldn't help but become concerned about the comments made by one individual. The indi-

vidual made comments having to do with Jesus Christ being the key to solving the problems relating to intolerance.

I am certain the intentions reflected by these comments were indeed well-meant; after all, Jesus' greatest commandment was love. Yet, at the same time, I found those comments to be rather ironic and, as a result, felt quite uneasy.

Students of this campus have different truths that they adhere to. We need to be tolerant and inclusive towards all people on this campus, and in the greater community, no matter what race, sexual orientation, or creed. I believe it is incredibly important to acknowledge that though our campus is predominantly Christian, there are those of us who are of other faiths or don't claim to belong to any specific faith.

I realize that with regards to religion there tends to be an "I" mentality and that followers of a particular faith believe theirs is the "right one." Yet, I think we can be more sensitive to others around us. We need to do a better job of respecting the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

When it comes to the different religions of the world, I think it is best to look for the similarity among them all. Every human heart is capable of love, and love is also what all religions hold sacred - this we need to uphold as our common bond.

Erin Snell '99

Editorials

Football success

Congratulations to the Green Terror football team. Their outstanding success in clinching a second conference title gives everybody here at WMC something to be proud of.

With all the problems of the last few weeks, which caused many members of the college community to become aware of divisions on this campus, a victorious football team gives us all a reason to unite.

Let's support our team together and use our school spirit to heal the wounds that have been opened.

Interlibrary moan

Let's face it, interlibrary loan is a pain in the ass. Even when it is working, how many of us can honestly say that we start looking for research materials two to three weeks before we even use them?

Despite assurances that our library is well stocked for a college this size, many students are often unable to find the sources they need for their papers. Even when the computers say that the journal or book is in the library, it usually cannot be found.

If interlibrary loan is the only solution to this problem, it needs to be fully operational and students should be made more aware of how to use it and what resources are available.

International aid

Many college students, enclosed as we are in our secure WMC world, are scarcely aware of the disastrous effects of Hurricane Mitch on South America. At the International Dinner last Sunday, Rev. Mark Lancaster highlighted the destruction that this phenomenon has caused.

Rev. Lancaster urged that as a college community we contribute to the international efforts to help repair some of the damage. Several campus groups are organizing ways to do this, or you can get involved with an outside organization that is sending aid to these devastated countries.

Don't be apathetic about this issue, get up and do something to help.

Retention improvement

It's great news that the retention rate is finally higher than that of many other comparable schools. Only three years ago it was embarrassingly low in relation to other conference schools.

If Deans Horneff and Sayre are correct, perhaps we have turned a corner.

This college has a great deal to offer students, but so do many other colleges. We need to work together to develop a good school atmosphere and make WMC a place where people are happy to stay for four years.

The more enthusiastic people feel about being at this school, the more fun it will be for all of us.

Pro/Con: Should Smoking in Rooms Remain Legal?

Ron Mojica argues that smokers have the right to smoke in their own rooms.

Amidst the many freedoms we received upon coming to college, some arguments still arise which challenge our supposedly independent living. One of the more arguable topics which raises some dispute among residents and staff members alike is the issue of smoking in the residence halls.

Currently, students may smoke in their rooms with the consent of their roommates. The only areas where smoking is prohibited are in the hallways and lobbies of housing buildings and certain wings designated as substance free.

Although bestowed this privilege, conflicts still arise and divide smokers from non-smokers. Granted that smoking is not one of the healthiest of habits, but what vice is? Compulsive eaters can continue their gluttonous practice of devouring "hobos" nightly and, although "alcohol free," the alcoholics in Rouzer and Whiteford can still enjoy a sip or two of their fermented barley and yeast.

An issue which may be a valid complaint against smoking is the smell which lingers after. Yes, even smokers don't like the scent of burnt tobacco, but they have gotten accustomed to it. The less

tolerant non-smokers, however, gripe and complain about the odor. There is one simple solution to rectify this problem: close your doors. If that doesn't suffice, artificial fragrances are available in an assortment of aromas which can cover up the smell. Still, if that doesn't quite cut the mustard for these objectors, then it's advisable that they relocate to substance free housing.

Another point which arises is the question of safety with the issue of possible fires occurring. However, if students have succeeded in being accepted into college, then they have proven themselves to be intelligent and responsible adults, smokers and non-smokers alike. Hence, they then have the ability and knowledge to differentiate an ash tray from a trash can filled with papers or a pile of wool apparel when dispensing their cigarettes. Also, if fires are such a concern, the paranoia should be directed towards candles in the dorm rooms which are actually alabamite rather than cigarettes with a minute glow of fire.

Now on to the smokers' argument. So the non-smokers have paid large sums of money and should have the right to live in a smoke free environment, away from all the smells and carcinogens. In all fairness, however, the

smokers too have paid the same amount and have as much right to live in a smoking environment, enveloped in as many smells and carcinogens as they desire. For many, the little cubicles where we sleep, study, relax, and entertain are what we may consider our first taste of residing on our own. Stripping away this right would be a little biased and a bit juvenile if staying on campus supposedly fosters a sense of independent living. A solution to this problem is to not ban smoking altogether but to pay closer attention to housing preference sheets which students have filled out. Numerous accounts circulate of residents who wished for roommates who do not smoke and were coupled with those that do and vice versa.

The argument does not revolve around the case of whether smoking is bad or not but more on the what liberties we really acquire by living on campus and how free we really are in this newly attained freedom. The total prohibition of smoking will not be effective in that the residents will refuse to accept it and continue to smoke which could later extend to further complications. A more feasible and practical option is to provide a more accommodative housing plan for smokers and non smokers.

Megan Martin believes that non-smokers should be able to breathe clean air.

I'm not a friend of the tobacco industry for several reasons. First of all, I enjoy being able to breathe. Secondly, I am not a fan of cancer. I also enjoy personal hygiene and my personal property remaining intact.

For these two reasons, specifically, I am against smoking in residence halls. I am not saying that smokers should not be allowed to smoke, but smoking in the residence halls, whether it is in a private room or not, infringes on the rights of neighboring non-smokers. What rights you say? Well, let's look at a few of them.

1. I have the right to not smell bad. Cigarette smoke smells awful. Even if a person is smoking in their room, the odor works its way into the hallway. It's not a simple matter of non-smokers keeping their doors shut. What if it's hot in the room, and the only way to cool it off is to keep the door open. If there is smoke out in the hallway, what is the non-smoker supposed to do?

Air fresheners don't work either. They just make the smell worse or cover it up for a few short minutes. Cigarette smoke lingers a lot longer than air fresheners. Also, clothing and hair hold smells. If a non-smoker walks through a smoke-filled hallway, he or she will smell just like smoke. I don't know about you, but I don't have time to shower every time I walk down the hallway.

2. Asthmatics have the right to breathe. Not every person on campus who has asthma can make into the substance free zones or special medical housing. Smoke is a big trigger of asthma attacks. Why should these people have to suffer every time they walk down the hallway?

3. Non-smokers have the right to not be forced to inhale carcinogens. Second-hand smoke causes cancer in non-smokers who live with smokers. It's been proven. Again, substance free housing may not be an option, either because of availability or because some non-smokers do not want to live in that environment. They shouldn't be forced to live somewhere they don't want to live, either way.

4. I have the right to not have my personal belongings destroyed by careless smokers. Any person can accidentally start a fire. That's why candles are supposed to be contraband. Accidents happen, and we're all tired, overworked college students. What happens when a tired smoker falls asleep while smoking in the room? I know I don't want to be around when that happens.

In short, your rights end where mine begin. Of course smokers have a right to smoke their cigarettes, but I, as a non-smoker, have a right to live the way I choose. That includes smelling good, breathing, not contracting cancer if it can help it, and not exposing my property to destruction by fire. For these important reasons, among others, I think smoking should be banned in students' rooms on campus.

Quirks: Learning Prevention

I thought it was strange to see Fred Higgins and his friend Colin sitting outside of Lewis. Both boys were sophomores, and it was generally considered that they'd shown up on the day God was giving out brains to snails instead of on the human day. True, they were stupid, but at least they weren't freshmen.

I approached the boys, determined to find out their problem. "What's wrong, guys?"

Mourningly, Fred looked up at me. "We got class now."

I digested this for a bit. It hadn't been the answer I was expecting. "Er, so why aren't you in your classroom?"

Fred sighed and looked toward the door. "The squirrels won't let us in."

Hardly believing it, I walked to the door and indeed found several pairs of beady little eyes, watching my movements. I went back to the boys. "Son of a... I guess you were right. Why are they doing that?"

"Cause they wanna prevent us from getting an education," Colin answered, sniffing. "Ya know, like the Baha'is is in, er," he pondered for a moment. "Uh, Iran! Yeah, that's it! Iran!"

Puzzled, Fred looked at his buddy. "We walked here, stupid, neither of us ran!"

I rolled my eyes. Fred was still in top form. "He means the country Iran. In the Middle East?" Fred nodded as understanding dawned

Anne Butler calls your attention to a serious world injustice.

(which it had to do frequently for him).

"Er, okay, but why would someone be persecuting Beehives?" Fred asked his friend.

Colin shook his head. "No, Baha'i, it's like er, a religion, or something."

I tried to elaborate for Fred, "They sprang from Islam as the Christians sprang from Judaism." Fred still looked confused. I sighed. "It's like a religion or something."

Fred seemed to accept that. "Er, so why they being denied an education?"

"Because the Iranian government is prejudiced against Baha'is. They're not allowed to attend a normal college, so they set up their own university open to everyone. However, the Iranian government has essentially shut down the university. Baha'i students aren't allowed to attend classes and Baha'i professors aren't allowed to teach. The Iranian government even seized expensive educational equipment from several Baha'is' homes. Many have been jailed as well."

"Ain't some been executed too?" Colin asked.

I nodded. "Several have been, without being given a proper trial. One family was given only a hour

to bury their executed father."

Fred frowned. "Is it really that bad over there?"

"Yeah. Iranian officials broke up a Baha'i children's class that was held in the home of a Baha'i. The three adults were given three year sentences in prison, and fifteen teenagers were told that they'd be put in jail for five years if they were ever caught attending a Baha'i class again."

"Man, that sucks," Fred said rather unnecessarily. "What can we do though?"

Colin chimed in, "You could, like write your congressman or something."

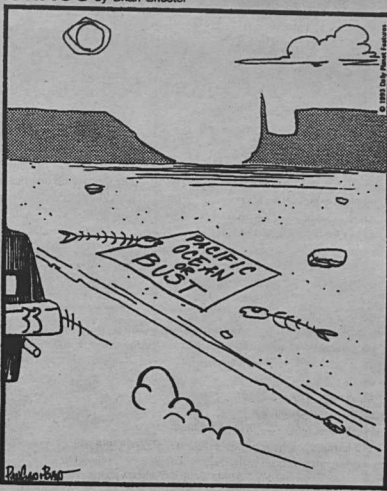
I nodded. "Or you could check the WMC Baha'i club web site for details." I glanced back over at the door. "Though I'm not even sure the Baha'i club could solve your squirrel problem."

As if by magic, a messenger squirrel appeared next to us. It chittered for a few seconds at Colin. "Oh, okay," Colin told the squirrel and then he turned to us. "He says they'll let us in if we get them a bag of peanuts and a case of beer." More chattering followed. "But good beer, not Beast."

"Yo, man, you can talk with them?" Fred stared at his friend in surprise.

Colin shrugged. "Can't you?" Fred shook his head. "Nope. Anyways let's get into town and get what they want." He stood to leave, pulling his friend with him. "Then we can get our education!"

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



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Honor Code Against Students' Individual Integrity

"I have neither given nor received unauthorized help on this exam." What exactly does that mean? As our WMC Honor Code, it seems that it doesn't quite mean to all students what it ought to mean. Although students are required to write this code followed by a signature on the bottom of every test and quiz, one wonders if to some it means anything more than ink on paper.

Since WMC students are from a variety of backgrounds, it becomes hard to agree on one level of integrity that applies to all students. For example, a student that grew up in a household where honesty was strongly emphasized is more likely to demonstrate a high integrity level. In comparison, someone that grew up in an environment where honesty was never taught or enforced may display less integrity.

It most likely is not even the student's choice but a result of the way they were raised. Integrity lies within the individual student; therefore, modifying the honor system may reduce the amount of cheating but will never eliminate it.

Another aspect of the honor system that causes controversy is that it does not require the professor to remain in the room during quizzes and exams. It should. The professor's presence in the room will reduce the likelihood of someone attempting to cheat. Students aren't as much afraid of cheating as they are of getting caught. In addition, I feel it is the responsibility of the

professor to remain in the room in case of questions arising.

In light of the responsibility of the professors, one may suggest that the students need to take some responsibility as well. Although many feel that students who witness their peers cheating or lying should be expected to turn them in, I feel that by doing this, you are making one student responsible for another's actions. If a student decides to cheat or lie, he or she is

Billie Jo Shorb offers some insight into the Honor Code and ways to reduce incidents of cheating.

the Ad Hoc Committee's proposal to expand the board. They suggested adding two randomly selected students from the student body.

Although this is a good idea, adding more than two would be more effective. Perhaps ten students could be randomly selected and serve on a jury. By doing this, you have a better representation of the student body; furthermore, you allow the students to en-

peer was not wrong, so I decided to do just that. The suggestion I received from my classmate across the table was to go into the hard drive and look at someone else's lab. As I began to question him concerning the dishonesty in that, I found his response surprising. It seemed as though he honestly saw nothing wrong with looking at another student's work without his or her knowledge.

Considering the variety of integrity levels at WMC, we need to remember that other students may have different perceptions of this situation. The jury concept previously suggested provides a better representation of these levels, and it also serves as a method of promoting awareness. Making students aware of this problem may spark a desire to improve it.

It is easy to modify the honor code and system, but it is much more difficult to improve individual integrity. However, the two work hand in hand, and one cannot be successful without the other. Eliminating this problem is impossible; reducing it is not.

Those students who successfully continue to cheat will have justice catch up with them somewhere down the road. Someday, they will find themselves in a situation where they will need to know something that they failed to take the time to learn. Those consequences may be far worse than getting caught now. With the modifications suggested, the number of students who cheat would lessen, but cheating will never completely go away.

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expecting to pay the consequences, and it is between them and the administration.

By interfering with someone else's business, whom I may not even know, I may be endangering myself. I may be in for a payback, who knows? There is no need to bring people into a situation where they don't belong.

The honor system includes the Honor and Conduct Board that hears cases of academic dishonesty. This board consists of five members: two faculty, two elected students, and the Dean of Student Affairs. I agree with

gaging in a hands-on experience of enforcing the honor code.

The final modification should be creating a greater awareness of the cheating problem. It is very likely that most students are not aware that an academic dishonesty problem exists. Again, this may not be a problem to some because of their individual integrity.

For example, as I was working on a lab in Lewis Hall one night near the beginning of the semester, I ran into some difficulty. Since it was not a test or quiz, consulting a

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Horoscopes

A Still Naughty November

Scorpio (10/24 — 11/22)

You're a Scorpio. May dogs pee on your leg.

Sagittarius (11/23 — 12/21)

Pawn your watch. Buy a book on Tantric Yoga. Or, if your name is Nate, a copy of Hustler.

Capricorn (12/22 — 1/20)

For all the Capricorns on lockdown, I'm afraid you misinterpreted my liquor store trick-or-treating comment.

Aquarius (1/21 — 2/19)

"If you're going to touch my ass, you're going to give me some money." If you're going to sell Christ, you might as well do it this week, Aquarius.

Pisces (2/20 — 3/20)

There's something fishy about all the lame jokes that pass for your horoscope, Pisces.

Aries (3/21 — 4/19)

I look to the lyrics of k.d. lang for Aries horoscope writing inspiration: "La, la, la..." Oh, wait, wrong lyrics. "In perfect dreams, you can fly, it seems, sailing nakedly, and weightlessly." Follow your dreams. Then let me know just how perfect they are.

Taurus (4/20 — 5/20)

Ole! You might die in a bullfight this week, Taurus. But you'll die with much more dignity than that bull on the Bugs Bunny cartoon where Bugs should've taken that left turn at Albuquerque.

Gemini (5/21 — 6/20)

OK. I can see it. Something from your past. You. Singing along with the Backstreet Boys. While wearing a \$40 tie-dye T-shirt. Weird.

Cancer (6/22 — 7/23)

"What about all of those people born on the 21st, ma?"

Leo (7/24 — 8/23)

Yeah. Hell, yeah.

Virgo (8/24 — 9/23)

I see it now, Virgo. An important event, perhaps a milestone in your life. Uh-oh. It's fading. But there's good news. You can listen to the Dennis Lucey Psychedelic Hillbilly Revival on WMCR Wednesdays, 6-8 PM to find out what the big deal is.

Libra (9/24 — 10/23)

Chin up! That's not a bare gut you've got, Libra. It's a fuel tank for a sex machine.

by Matthew Thomas

WMC students offer helping hand to Westminster community

BY RICH SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Do you have a lot of spare time on your hands? Well don't waste it watching Teletubbies and drinking cheap beer. *The Phoenix* presents a listing of on-campus community service organizations for your perusal. So go to a meeting and get involved in helping to make a difference.

S.T.A.Y. - Students Teaching America's Youth

The purpose of S.T.A.Y. is to academically and socially help disadvantaged youth at the local William Winchester Elementary School. Tutors from S.T.A.Y. aid students every day of the week, and are very active in holding regular on-campus events that help the tutors and students form strong mentoring bonds. To become involved with the S.T.A.Y. program, call Nikki Kassolis at x8212.

A.S.A.P. - AIDS: Support Awareness and Prevention

The members of A.S.A.P. strive to create awareness on campus of the dangers of AIDS and educate the WMC student body to proper methods of protection from the HIV virus. A.S.A.P. spreads its message

through informative skits, special events, and hosting speakers on campus throughout the year. On December 1, World AIDS Day, A.S.A.P. will be displaying portions of the AIDS quilt in Ensor Lounge in conjunction with guest speakers and musical guests. For more information about A.S.A.P., call Janet Keymetian at x8217.

Sense of Pride -

Sense of Pride is a well-established community service-oriented group here on campus and has been featured in the Baltimore Sun. The basic purpose of Sense of Pride is to tutor and mentor sixth and seventh graders as they make the transition from elementary to middle school. The members of Sense of Pride also involve the children they mentor in activities on campus. If you're interested in joining Sense of Pride, call Jeff Cree at x8185.

Big Brothers -

Another mentoring program designed to provide help and guidance to troubled children is Big Brothers. The mentoring provided by Big Brothers is designed so that the little brothers the group's members adopt will mature into responsible young adults. If you'd like to become a Big Brother, call Mike Stokes at x8627.

Circle K -

The local branch of the national Circle K service organization provide leadership training, development, and group fellowship. For more information, call Brian Hornbecker at x8266.

H.E.L.P. - Homeless Education and Leadership Program

H.E.L.P. exists to provide assistance to the area homeless shelters and provide various means of support for those without homes. To become involved with H.E.L.P., call Lolita Johnson at x8620.

S.E.R.V.E. - Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences

The members of S.E.R.V.E. provide volunteer assistance to communities plagued with poverty as well as provide an affordable, substance-free alternative to Spring Break where students can learn about a different culture while aiding society and building personal character. S.E.R.V.E. also sponsors many events during other parts of the school year. For more information about getting involved, call Jeremiah Kelly at x8106.



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Commuters see campus life from outside

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

The life of a commuter is much more difficult and tiresome than the life of a resident. Residents have to adapt to a whole new way of life and get used to living in dorms. But a commuter is suddenly thrust into the school year with two different lives.

One life is the peaceful tranquility of home with friends and family nearby. The other life revolves around a place that could almost be called a little village, where most of the people live and know one another intimately.

Commuters are those to look up to, faced with the task of adjusting to a college life where they are on the outside of the friendship circle, looking in on the close bonds between residents.

WMC freshman Christine Houston and Sara Szymanski both initially found it hard to adjust, just like other residents. But Houston and Szymanski both now agree that they are adjusting fast and do not see themselves as having a harder time adjusting than residents.

Houston remarks that "At first I didn't think I liked it at all, but now I really like it here." She adds, however, that "you have to put through a lot of effort to get involved."



TRANG DAN

Sara Szymanski found Freshman orientation a good way to connect with resident students.



COURTESY OF CYNTHIA PANDOLFO
Freshman Cynthia Pandolfo commutes to Villanova College in Pennsylvania.

Szymanski says that, "going to orientation opened up more opportunity. I chose to get involved."

Cynthia Pandolfo, a freshman commuter at Villanova College in Pennsylvania, shares the same difficulties as her WMC colleagues. She says that residents, "just have to ask around their dorm to find people to go with while commuters have trouble finding people to go with because they don't have something like a dorm where they get to meet a lot of people."

For Houston, Szymanski, and Pandolfo, the decision to commute was mostly their own. Their parents wanted them to commute to save money, and they wanted to commute so they could still enjoy the comforts of home.

Home cooked meals, free laundry, and no noise are luxuries compared to cafeteria food, \$2.00 for a load of laundry, and the neighbors next door partying until 4:00 am. Says Szymanski, "I need my personal space. I would feel uncomfortable having a roommate."

"No, I don't wish I lived at college," says Pandolfo, "because I know I wouldn't like living in a dorm. I like being able to eat what I want when I want and being able to see my family whenever I want to."

However, Houston, Szymanski, and

Pandolfo all think they might move onto campus in the future, for diverse reasons. "I don't feel as independent as most college students do," says Pandolfo. Houston also wants to get away from her house and make WMC a home instead of a daily visit. Szymanski would consider living on campus because of her "parents getting on [her] nerves."

But, all agree that the driving is by far the worst part of commuting. Not only do they all have to get up early to get to school on time, they have to get up extra early to find the very valuable parking space.

There is supposedly a commuter parking lot next to Gill Gym, but residents always park there anyway. Szymanski suggests that "there should be a parking lot for commuters and better lighting at night."

At Villanova, Pandolfo says there is a commuter parking lot, but it's "as far away from the campus as you can get [and] there are always construction vehicles in our spots, which we pay seventy five dollars for."

Despite these minor complaints of commuting, the students from both schools are very happy with how easily they are adjusting to college. They think the accommodations made for them are very generous.

"Everybody's friendly, and it's easy to make friends," says Szymanski.



TRANG DAN

Christine Houston enjoys commuting although she says that it takes a lot of effort to become involved in the WMC community.

New cell biologist arrives on the Hill

BY KEVIN WORLEY
Staff Writer

Dr. Randall Morrison is one of the new faces in WMC's biology department. The Ohio native had an impressive academic record. He obtained his B.A. in biology from the University of Dayton before moving on to obtain his Masters in systematics at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Then he received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in the field of cell biology. He participated in a 1-year co-op program the University of Kansas before moving on to teach for four years at Hood College. Morrison is now at WMC in his first full year as an Assistant Professor of Biology.

Several factors drew him to WMC. The most enticing one was the fact that there were two positions open in the biology department: one for Morrison and one for his wife, Dr. Ralene Mitschler. Morrison also cited the opportunity to teach a wider range of courses here than he was able to at Hood as one of the reasons for the move.

His current tasks include teaching both Cell Biology lectures and labs. Next semester he will pick up another section of Cell Biology as well as a Vertebrate Diversity class.

Another one of Morrison's attractions to WMC is his interest in doing research with undergraduates. He was recently awarded a NSF grant to study zebra fish. This past summer he worked with two students from WMC, Diane Grove and Megan Drost, on the project. He will be hiring more students for the coming summer in order to finish up the grant.

Morrison is here to stay. He plans on continuing his career at WMC in the years to come. He hopes to be up for tenure in a few years, which would promote him from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, and eventually to full Professor of Biology.

He is looking forward to moving into the new science building. The new building will make available facilities far superior to those in Lewis Hall for raising fish for the purpose of research.

Morrison stresses his love for teaching. "You have to really enjoy teaching," he said. "I look forward to teaching in the traditional sense as well as the teaching that goes along with research."

His life away from WMC includes upkeep of a new home in the woods which he and Mitschler recently purchased. He dabbles in brewing and enjoys reading fiction novels of all kinds. He is also active in a society devoted to the study of pigment cells. Morrison is currently helping to organize a workshop to be held in Japan on behalf of the society.

End Note: Alanis offers a sweeter pill

BY SHAWN SPRAGUE
Staff Writer

Why are musicians in 1998 so happy? With pop superstars such as Janet Jackson and Madonna releasing feel-good albums expressing rebirth and renewal, the question remains: what happened to the feelings of angst which were so prevalent in years past?

Over the past year or two, rap has become radio-friendly, alternative has been diluted into pop-rock, and country has dominated the air waves. The reasons for this phenomenon are not clear, but the pattern is there.

With her new album, "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie," Alanis Morissette is no exception to this rule, and presents pop-rock in a kinder, gentler vein.

As I'm sure you remember, Alanis became the postergirl for teen angst back in 1995 with her debut entitled "Jagged Little Pill." She shrieked her way into our homes, ranting and raving about the unfaithful men in her life, and in the process spurred a new generation of power-feminists.

However, in the three years that Alanis has spent without a new release, it appears

that she has matured somewhat and has come to a new understanding of herself.

On opening the case, I was given a surprise when I saw Alanis nude on the CD in the fetal position. That just says it all. It appears that she has turned a new leaf and it really shows in the music: "I have been loud and pretentious...I have misused my power; forgive me."

In the three years that Alanis has spent without a new release, it appears that she has matured somewhat and has come to a new understanding of herself.

The best song on the album, "Thank You," which has been saturating air waves this autumn, expresses the main theme of the album: rebirth. "How about no longer being masochist; how about remembering your divinity...How about not equating death

with stopping." The gentle keyboard notes and reflective guitar are supplemented with a pounding yet smooth beat, creating a beautiful melody.

In "Unsent," Alanis writes to five previous boyfriends, thanking them and expressing regret at lost opportunities: "If you're ever single in the future and you want to come visit me in California, I would be open to spending some time with you." In "UR," she reminisces on her late childhood and looks back at herself: "Hopeful you are; schoolbound you are; naive you are; driven you are...ahead of your time you are."

Once again produced and co-written by Glen Ballard, "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie" has a solid foundation of production with which to accompany Alanis' voice.

Reminiscent of the Patrick Leonard/Madonna duo which created "Like A Prayer," this musical team has again put together a solid collection of pop-rock songs which carry a common theme and musicality. Though Alanis Morissette has undergone a drastic change of attitude as well as outlook, the music remains as utterly listenable as her debut. Kudos, Alanis.

60 Seconds

Which classes would you like to see offered that aren't already?



"Rock Climbing"
Summer Byers '00
English/Deaf Education



"Sky diving and auto racing."
Darren Mileto '02
Psychology



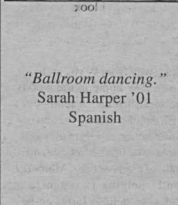
"Basket weaving, wreath making, etc. class."
Kelly Stevenson '99
Biology



"A hunting with live targets course."
Don Rutledge '01
History



"Paintball, military tactics (not ROTC), Air Force Military Science."
James Gasparo '02
History/English



"Ballroom dancing."
Sarah Harper '01
Spanish



IN THE FISHBOWL...

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

BY NICOLE LEHMANN
Staff Writer

Phones ring endlessly on cluttered desks inside the Student Health Service building at Western Maryland College. Smith House remains alive with last minute phone calls even after office hours end.

Joan M. Lusby, WMC's certified physician assistant, is eminently qualified to handle the chaos. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Health Services, with 20 years of experience in family and college health medicine.

Lusby chose not to go to medical school and become a doctor because she prefers working with people to sitting in a classroom. "I enjoy caring for people [more] directly than if I was going to Medical School," she said.

Lusby was born and raised in Baltimore. After graduating from Mercy High School, Lusby attended Anne Arundel Community College and then the University of Maryland in Germany.

Lusby married in 1970 and moved overseas with her husband to a town in Germany called Kaiserslautern. In 1973, it was one of many to be flooded by the Rhine and Neckar rivers.

"We lost everything dear to us in that flood," says Lusby. The couple returned to the United States and insurance money from the flood damages allowed them to buy their first home in Glenden, Md. Lusby then became a physician assistant.

To continue certification, Lusby must maintain ongoing medical education, which includes attending medical seminars, lectures and keeping up with current medical journals.

"Of course I also have to attend conferences, which earns me about 100 credit hours every two years," explains Lusby. In order to be re-certified, a mandatory state examination is required every six years.

Lusby's is also on the medical field was influenced by Dr. John Welliver, a licensed physician who recently retired from Student



Joan Lusby stands by Smith House, the student health services building.

Health Services. Lusby interned with Dr. Welliver and learned a lot from him. "He really helped me get to know his patients on a more personal basis," she explained.

Lusby has very little spare time, with three children, three pets, and a household to run. "I enjoy reading, but every time I read, it's a medical journal. So it's a real treat to sit down and read a good novel from time to time," she said.

When she's not reading a good book, Lusby spends time with her family, helping her children with their homework. She also loves sailing and would most enjoy sailing up to Black Hat Island, N.H., and vacationing there for as long as possible.

However, for the time being, she will continue to keep the population at WMC healthy and strong. "The students don't have time to be sick. This age group is generally a pretty healthy group of kids. Other than the drugs, cigarettes, and eating disorders, I'm pleased with their health," she said.

Aside from getting a chance to sit down with a good book, Lusby considers her career her favorite hobby. She works on a part-time basis at Carroll Primary Care, a family medical care center in Westminster. Lusby is also on the medical staff at the department of surgery at Carroll County General Hospital.



Senior Kristian Braun, a member of WMC's Budapest Program, is looking forward to returning to Hungary when he graduates in December.

WMC student Kristian Braun has received an international education. The Hungarian senior took his fourth year of high school in Deerfield, Kansas where he ran on the track team and played basketball. "I felt it was time to try something new," he says.

Braun is an only child. His mother works for a sports company and his father at a transportation office. They learned that their son would be able to attend a good college and attain new experiences of America.

"My mom called me in Kansas and said that she read something about a new opening of an American College at home [Budapest]. She didn't hesitate to enroll me," recalls Braun.

Braun received a scholarship from WMC Budapest because he kept a B average. "I still have that scholarship. It has really helped me and my family financially," he said.

Braun will graduate in December with a degree in economics and business administration. He chose this major because he felt that many countries are in need for people with knowledge of both subjects.

"Many businesses are in need of this type of education, especially in Europe," says Braun.

Before he jumps into the world of work, Braun will further his education. He will begin classes at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in February. It will take two years to earn his masters degree there.

He plans to take economic and European Union courses, which will concentrate on international economics and business administration. After he has learned what he needs, Braun will work at the Environmental company in Budapest, where he interned once last summer and then again last January.

Braun plans to live and work in Budapest for quite some time. He would rather not accept a job anywhere else.

"I'm not planning to move out of Hungary for a long time...I have been away from home long enough and now it's my turn to enjoy my home again," he adds.

PA houses are homes to cultural diversity

BY SOPHIE BOULET
Staff Writer

Students! Do you know that you have a piece of Spain, Germany and France here in WMC just for you, where you can talk, eat and discover or even live with, the European culture and people?

If you drive by houses 191, 193 and 195 on Pennsylvania Avenue, you will probably be surprised by a German flag and a multinational population and atmosphere. Actually, these houses are not really American, although American students live there.

They represent Spain, Germany and France on your campus and are directed by native directors who come every year to live with and help students of foreign languages. They also help all the students interested in the European culture.

Many activities and cultural events are organized there every week by Marina from Seville, Silke from Berlin, and Sophie from Paris, who are also students in their countries. They are intended to help WMC students immerse themselves in the European cultures.

The students majoring in foreign languages can come there for an hour of conversation every week or participate in the Spanish, German and French clubs activities, as well as field trips to Museums, the art or festivals.

Many parties are also organized there with typical meals or music from the three countries. The German Halloween party and the Spanish Tertulia have been successful. So have the French dinner and field trips to the Embassies during the past two weeks.

All the students are welcome to chat in Spanish, German and French of course. Some of them have already come to watch the news in French, thanks to the satellite dish installed this September in the French house. Students can also learn about German history and Spanish culture.

Other activities are also proposed in common with the three houses. This September, the foreign language picnic gathered almost 30 students and teachers in a friendly and multicultural atmosphere in the backyard of the language houses.

So, feel free to come and discover the PA foreign language houses. They offer many opportunities to share and exchange different cultural richness.

*Find yourself lying
awake at night? Warm
milk not doing the
trick? Here's what
other folks do when
they can't sleep:*

Read	66%
Watch TV	63%
Walk or exercise	47%
Pray or meditate	46%
Listen to music	44%
Take a warm bath	43%

Source: Marist Institute for Public Opinion

Tellabration provides fun for all

On November 21, 1998, thousands of people around the world will gather in small towns and big cities to enjoy the wonder of storytelling. The annual event is known as Tellabration, and since its beginning in 1988, it has grown into one of the most impressive collective events in the history of the modern storytelling revival.

Tellabration '98 on the Hill will be presented at Western Maryland College on November 21, 1998. Graduate students who have participated in "The Art of Storytelling" classes at WMC will present various programs throughout the day. Listeners will hear humorous tales, folklore, stories that touch the heart, and much more.

There will be something for everyone. The public is welcome to attend all programs.

Tellabration originated ten years ago as a means of encouraging the perpetuation of the art of storytelling. The worldwide event is coordinated by the National Storytelling Association, headquartered in Jonesborough, Tennessee. In 1997 communities across the continent participated in Tellabration. The event in that year drew audiences in 44 states and ten foreign countries including: Japan, Bermuda, Canada, Australia, Thailand, Africa, Brazil, France, Scotland, and New Zealand.

Courtesy of Public Information

Cheap Thrills: High Dining with Low Class

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

Hello, friends. Welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy in your joynag.

Last time I promised to explore Carroll County culture. I'm still looking for it. More to come on the topic, I promise.

I mentioned Taco Bell in the last issue. I was alluding, of course, to the \$.89 bean burrito (My friend Nate gets his without red sauce). It's the epitome of cheap, filling fast food. It scoffs at burgers and pizza.

Need something to wash down that burrito? Of course you do! Now, cheap-skate college students have no problem drinking cheap (read: bad) beer. So why do they insist on drinking Coke and Pepsi products?

Cheap cola is much better than cheap beer when compared to the respective, more expensive counterpart of each. It's why Sam's Choice still makes soda but K-Mart gave up marketing wine a long time ago.

Speaking of drinks, always order water at restaurants. I can't stress that enough. Always order water. Save the cash for the tip, if you've got to spend it.

Which brings me to dating. Key in on fun, not cost. Is a girl going to have a better time if you take her to an expensive restaurant? Maybe. Depends on the girl. If you've got to go somewhere expensive, order a lime in your water. You can save cash and not look like a tightwad. It's that easy. Hmm. I'm still stuck on beverages. Geez. There's so much more to a good cheap thrill, datewise or otherwise. Let's spend some time talking about the thrill itself.

Not everybody digs this, but try something novel on a weekend. Instead of trying to hook up at a party, ask someone to put together a jigsaw puzzle or have some couples over to watch Fellini films or bad kung-fu movies. If you're gonna drink Natty Ice, you're gonna drink Natty Ice.

But it's easy to break up the tedious or playing asshole and going to underage bars once in a while. All you need is a little bit of cash and an open mind. Now, not everybody wants to sit around and discuss plays they've read. I understand. But I also understand that people get bored going to Lone Star.

I know I'm repeating myself, but the one thing that makes it hard to come with ideas for Cheap Thrills is how easy it is to get bored with the same old, and how hard it is to break the habit.

With that in mind, I issue a challenge to Phoenix readers. Instead of offering more cheap thrills, I'm going to challenge you to spend one weekend night between now and the next issue doing something on a whim, doing something other than what you typically do.

Spend as little as possible for food, beverage, and entertainment while keeping the fun factor high. Let us folks at the Phoenix know what you did, and we will publish your cheap thrill in the next issue.

Next time, in addition to some readers' cheap thrills, I'll keep myself from having a breakdown — I'll actually write about a cheap date involving Carroll County High Culture on a Low Budget.

Some quick tips before I go:
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Mural Competition

The City of Westminster in cooperation with the Carroll County Arts Council is sponsoring a Mural Competition. The competition will ultimately identify and commission one qualified muralist/artist to create and execute an original mural on a specified exterior wall in downtown Westminster.

Application for the competition is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Selection of a winning design will be made by a jurying committee consisting of professionals from the art community and representatives from the community of Westminster. Three finalists will be selected from the applicants to design a "to scale" rendering of a mural for the allotted space; for which the muralist will be paid a stipend of \$300. From these designs a muralist will be selected to execute his/her/their design for a commission of \$8,000. Cut off for application is December 31, 1998.

Information for the competition and the application process may be obtained by contacting Karen Blandford at the City of Westminster (410-876-6322) or Sandra Oxx at the Carroll County Arts Council (410-876-8550).

One act plays unleash student directors' creative freedom

BY MOLLIE LAND
Staff Writer

Imagine giving several college students unlimited power to make other college students act according to their demands. No, it's not your worst nightmare, it's the Theatre Department's Directing class's final project. On December 2-3 each of the directing students will present his/her production of a one act play.

Of course, what play could be complete without actors? As part of their project the directing students were required to hold auditions for their plays. This gave all of the "wannabe" actors on campus a chance to show off their skills.

With casting done, all the plays are now in rehearsal. With the per-

formance less than three weeks away, the directors are beginning to feel the crunch. Rehearsal time and space is limited.

Although the actors are all volunteers, the directors must accommodate rehearsals to fit the actors' schedules. Even a cast of only two actors can produce a scheduling nightmare for a director. The busy life of collegiates makes finding a time when the entire cast can meet nearly impossible.

Around November 29, the plays will go into the "tech" phase of rehearsals. During these rehearsals the directing students will try their hand with decisions regarding lighting, sound, set, and other technical aspects of theatre.

On December 2-3, the directors

will finally get to see the fruits of their labor. As their actors perform, the directors can sit, watch, and critique their own work.

If all this sounds complicated, it is. Which is the precise reason why this is a directing class. This class gives upcoming directors the chance to direct a play with the support of a seasoned director, Ron Miller is the professor of the class.

The students can approach him with any difficulties they encounter throughout their directorial debut. With the proper support from their professor and enthusiastic actors, the directing students are well on their way to creating their masterpieces.

Talkin 'bout my d-d-disconfection

The Phoenix presents for your verbal pleasure a list of words that aren't actually part of the English language—but should be. Help standardize these wack words.

aquadextrous (ak wa deks trus) ad.
The ability to turn the bathtub faucet off and on with your toes.

pupkiss (pup kus) n. The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses his nose to it.

elbonics (el bon icks) n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one arm rest in a movie theater.

telecrastination (tel e kras tin ay shun) n. Letting the phone ring at least twice before you answer it, even when you're only six inches away.

disconfect (dis kon fekt) v. To blow on a piece of candy that's been dropped on the floor, assuming that will remove the germs.

Volunteers are needed for FIRST NIGHT ANNAPOLIS -the family oriented, non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration of the arts.

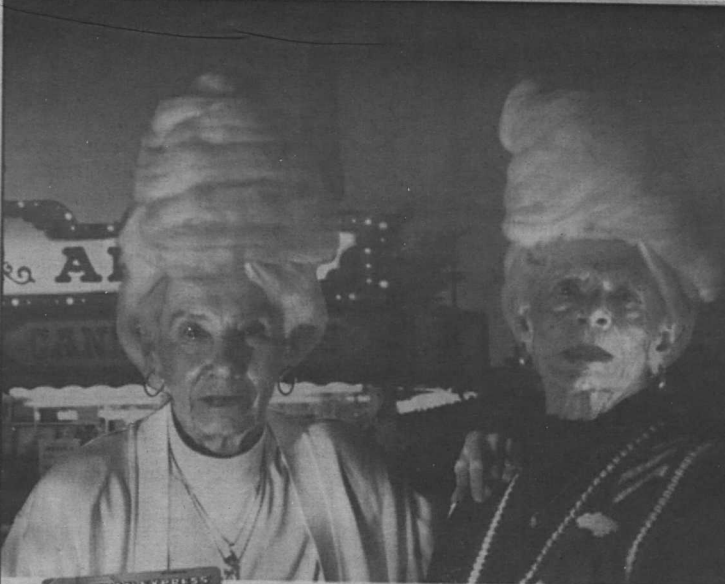
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Scoreboard

Individual results as of 11-15-98

FOOTBALL [10-0]

RUSHING

Player-Att-Net Yds-Avg

Joe Kendorski-159-827-5.2
Ron Sermarini-125-299-2.4
Jay Tharpe-73-398-5.5
Tony Russo-71-227-3.2
Jamie Harris-15-84-5.6
Greg Dubell-22-68-3.1
Jason Allaire-9-64-7.1
Ryan Hain-9-44-4.9
Jeff Groff-10-28-2.8

RECEIVING

Player-Rec-Yds-Avg

Mike Starke-31-433-14.0
Tim Herb-20-276-13.8
Joe Kendorski-23-221-9.6
Matt Jackson-14-126-9.0
Teron Powell-12-310-25.8
Jay Tharpe-9-117-13.0
Tommy Paolucci-7-122-17.4
Ryan Smith-6-44-7.3

DEFENSE

Player-Tack-Solo-Sacks

Tommy Selecky-82-30-1
Zach Galemore-57-18-3
Joey Garrison-60-17-1
Tom Lapato-63-26-2
Rob McCracken-49-20-1
Matt Meiklejohn-46-18-13
Aaron Bartolain-46-21-7
Anthony Burgos-34-20-3
Marvin Deal-32-20-2
Derrick Gwyn-29-17-2
Bucky Booth-24-8-6
Kevin Kramer-24-7-2

PASSING

Player-Com-Att-Pct

Ron Sermarini-129-209-61.7
Jamie Harris-9-17-52.9
Jay Tharpe-1-1-100.0
Scott Cristy-1-2-50.0
Justin Sheridan-1-1-100.0

INTERCEPTIONS

Player-Int-Ret. Yds-LG

Marvin Deal-7-128-42
Tom Lapato-6-85-37
Anthony Burgos-5-106-49
Zach Galemore-2-8-8
Rob McCracken-3-17-10

SCORING

Plyr-Rush TD-Rec. TD-Pts

Brent Sandrock-0-0-57
Ron Sermarini-9-0-54
Joe Kendorski-6-3-54
Mike Starke-0-9-54
Tony Russo-7-0-42

OFFENSE

Player-Total Yds-Avg

Ron Sermarini-1,938-193.8
Joe Kendorski-827-82.7
Jay Tharpe-401-40.1

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Player-Total-Avg

Joe Kendorski-1,048-104.8
Marvin Deal-647-64.7
Mike Starke-433-43.3
Jay Tharpe-536-53.6

FIELD GOALS

Player-FG-Att-LG

Brent Sandrock-5-12-39

MEN's SOCCER

[9-11]

Player-G-A-TG-SOG

Darren Wolf-6-3-15-32
Ryan Bowles-4-7-15-14
Vinnie Pedalino-6-1-13-33
Art Crouse-3-5-11-28
Daniel Dufera-6-0-12-14
Dan Strine-6-0-12-20
Brad Russell-1-6-8-5
Duané Campbell-3-1-7-10
Tom Long-2-3-7-21
Jason Wattensdhardt-3-1-7-21
Scott Edwards-3-0-6-9
Cabot Goodrum-2-0-4-6
Jason Pyle-1-0-2-6
Chad Walker-1-0-2-3
Scott Trader-0-1-1-2
Patrick Danaher-0-1-1-6
Scott Smith-0-1-1-4

Goalkeeper-Min-Sv-Sv%

Ryan Defibaugh
-1095-124-82.12
Erik Higginbottom
-450-50-83.33
Mike Donovan
-245-19-79.17

VOLLEYBALL

[18-15]

Player-K-K%-Digs

Brianne Bray
-312-309-194
Honesty Drumgoole
-274-240-246
Krissy Kurtyka
-209-131-142
Taylor Redding
-95-084-69
Heather Talkach
-76-066-177
Stacey Seward
-72-163-136
Jessica Rouse
-49-107-154
Christa Farrar
-67-078-166
Steph Bell
-17-111-33
Monique Butler
-312-309-4
Jenny Martin
-4-000-127
Lori Noel
-52-105-83
Emily Stuard
-15-074-7



Fall Sports Wrap-up Season

Cross Country

Freshman Jill Krebs took 17th place at the Midstate Regional Cross Country meet held at Allentown College. With her top 25 finish, Krebs earned All Midstate Region Honors as well as being named First Team Freshman All Midstate Region. Krebs ran the 5,000 meter course in 19:20.52, nearly a minute off the pace set by the College of New Jersey's Noel Whitall, who won the race with a time of 18:23.01.

As a team, the women finished 20th out of 40 teams. Freshman Jayne Karalow finished in 38th place out of a total of 278 runners.

The men, on the other hand, placed 34th out of 37 teams competing. The top finisher for the Green Terror was Senior Jarod Gillam who took 139th out of 268 finishers. Freshman Jeremy Cuno finished a strong freshman season by finishing in 164th position.

Men's Soccer

The Terror lost to Dickinson 5-2 on November 4. The Green Terror held a 2-1 lead on two Dan Strine goals until senior Chris White tied it for Dickinson (15-5, 7-1) with 6:35 left in the game. Strine had put the Terror on top with 15 seconds left in the first half.

The Terror ended their season with a 4-2 loss to visiting Washington College, though Dufera and Wattenschaidt each scored.

Field Hockey

Junior halfback Tammy Fletcher earned honorable-mention recognition on the 1998 all-Centennial Conference field hockey squad, the only Terror named to the team.

Fletcher helped the Terror win five out of seven overtime games this year, anchoring a defense that gave up just two goals in 87 pressure-packed overtime minutes.

Women's Soccer

Green Terror forward Beth Blasi earned first-team all-Centennial Conference honors in women's soccer for the second straight year.

Blasi, a junior, was one of four Terror players named to the team, along with senior midfielder Natalie Hannibal, junior sweeper Meghan Giorno, and sophomore goalie Becca Lyter.

Hannibal and Lyter earned honorable-mention status. Giorno, an honorable-mention pick last year, moved up to the second team this time.

Blasi, the league's co-Player of the Year in 1997, finished seventh in the conference in scoring this fall and tied Hannibal for the team lead with nine goals and five assists. Hannibal wound up her career No. 2 on the Terror's all-time list in goals (33) and total points (79).

Courtesy of Sports Information

Volleyball ends fall season 18-15

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

November 7 marked the end of a superb season by the Lady Terror volleyball team, which they finished 18-15 overall. Gettysburg, for the second year in a row, ousted the Terror in the semi-final round of the Centennial Conference playoffs. Gettysburg did eventually go on to win the entire tournament. The Terror fell 15-4, 15-10, and 15-12 to Gettysburg, though Jessica Rouse capped her amazing freshman campaign with 22 set assists, and Taylor Redding accumulated five kills on the day.

Swimmers win solo

The Terror swimming teams were swept by Susquehanna (52-41, both men and women) in the season opener for both squads.

Sophomore Chris Clemmens led the men with first place finishes in the 200 meter freestyle and the 100 meter backstroke. Clemmens and teammates Jameson Pain, Jon Soucy, and Aaron Corbett won the 200 meter freestyle relay as well. But it was not enough as Susquehanna took first in all of the other races.

The Terror women fell by the same 52-41 margin. Sophomore Kara Wnukowski won the 100 and 50 meter freestyle races. The Joyce sisters Meghan, a senior, and Christine, a freshman, also took first in the 100 meter breaststroke and 100 meter fly respectively.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Western Maryland/Converse tournament to launch hoop season

The Green Terror will launch its 77th men's basketball season this weekend by hosting the 17th annual Western Maryland/Converse Tipoff Tournament at the Gill Center.

The Terror takes on Daniel Webster in the first round Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 pm, following the game between North Carolina Wesleyan and Randolph-Macon at 6.

The championship game is set for Saturday, Nov. 21 at 4 pm, following the consolation at 2 pm.

Last year the Terror fell in the title game to Virginia Wesleyan, 82-80.

The Terror has won the tournament seven times over the years, but only once since 1990. The team has reached the title game every year except '83.

The Terror has four starters returning from the club that finished 11-12 last year, just missing its first winning season since 1984-85. Junior forward Brian Billman is a

prime all-league candidate after finishing ninth in the Centennial Conference in scoring (15.1 ppg) and third in rebounding (7.5).

First-round foe Daniel Webster of Nashua, N.H., has only one starter back from a 16-10 team. This will be the first meeting ever between the two opponents.

North Carolina Wesleyan has two starters back from a 15-11 club, but one of them is center Marquis McDougald, a 6-7, 235-pound senior who made the all-Dixie Conference squad last year and earned all-South honors from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Western Maryland has never played North Carolina Wesleyan, and the Terror stands 2-6 all time against Randolph-Macon, a former rival from the long-gone Mason-Dixon Conference. WMC last played Randolph-Macon in 1973.

Courtesy of Sports Information

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FRIDAY, NOV. 20

Men's Basketball

WMC/Converse
Tipoff Tournament
• North Carolina Wesleyan vs. Randolph-Macon, 6 pm
• WMC vs. Daniel Webster, 8 pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

Men's Basketball

WMC/Converse Tipoff Tournament
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THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Men's Basketball

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SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Men's Basketball

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Hopkins shutout, Terror gain conference championship

BY MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror football squad clinched the Centennial Conference Division III championship with a record of 10-0, mimicking the Fall 1997 season. This victory makes them the only team in Centennial Conference history to win the league championship two consecutive years.

The team traveled to Homewood field, home stadium of Johns Hopkins University, Saturday, November 14. Winning 17-0, this was the Terror's first ever victory on artificial turf.

There was plenty of motivation for both teams going into this game. The Terror needed a win to qualify for the NCAA playoffs for the second straight season. On the other side of the field, Johns Hopkins would have clinched a share of the Centennial Conference with an upset.

The game started off fast. The Terror kicked off and covered its kick well. Defense held Hopkins, and was able to get the ball over to offense. On the opening drive, offense moved the ball well and threatened Hopkins with a touchdown. Then a questionable holding call set up third and long for the Terror. Seeing a great opportunity, head coach Tim Keating called a pass play, which sent wideout Mike Starke deep into the endzone. Quarterback Ron Serمارini threw a jump ball in Starke's direction, Starke then able to out jump the Hopkins defensive back and come down with the first score of the day. After a Brent Sandrock extra point, the Terror led 7-0.

Penalties and a tough Hopkins defense kept the Terror out of the endzone for the rest of the first half. With a second quarter field goal by Sandrock, the Terror ended the first half with 10-0.

In the second half, with a lead, Keating kept the ball on the ground,

in the safety of the hands of Jay Tharpe and Joe Kendorski; the latter ending the game with over one-hundred yards rushing.

The story of the on field action was the defense. Aaron Bartolain never seemed to stop moving the whole game, applying pressure on any of the three quarterbacks Hopkins put on the field, as well as making down field tackles.

Fellow defensive lineman

The dominant force for the Terror defense was Rob McCracken, who was able to catch interceptions both early and late in the contest.

Bucky Booth had his best game of the season, making several tackles on or behind the line of scrimmage. When he wasn't knocking down running backs, he was knocking down passes. Booth also had three pass deflections.

Senior captain and defensive back Tom Lapato played well and added an interception to the Terror cause.

The dominant force for the Terror defense, however, was Rob McCracken, who was able to catch interceptions both early and late in the contest. Both plays came at crucial moments in the game. On top of his two interceptions, the cornerback/safety added a third-quarter sack. To those watching the game, it seemed wherever the ball was, McCracken was near. McCracken also added an emotional spark, seeming to get many of the Terror fans into the game.

Late in the fourth quarter, barely holding on to the 10-0 lead, defense was able to turn the ball over to offense deep in Hopkins territory. After runs by Kendorski and Tharpe, Keating sent running

back Tony Russo into the game. After not getting into the endzone since the first quarter, Russo put the nail in the coffin with a 6 yard sweep. With another Sandrock kick, the Terror shut Hopkins out 17-0.

The Terror's previous shutout of 42-0, occurred hosting Swarthmore on November 7.

Linebacker Matt Meiklejohn recorded two sacks, raising his season total to 13. Offensive lineman Terry Otto and A.J. Barchetto pushed Swarthmore defenders around creating room for the Terror running backs.

In the third quarter, with a comfortable lead, Keating was able to give Terror fans a promising sign for the future. Freshman quarterback Jamie "Boo" Harris entered in as quarterback for Serمارini. Harris was nowhere near a disappointment. He was able to connect with senior flanker Tim Herb for a forty-yard gain.

Then there was Tharpe. Being the seniors' last game at Scott S. Bair stadium, the defeat over Swarthmore had to be a memorable one. Tharpe fulfilled the prophecy. Like his usual play, he delivered crushing blocks, creating running room or extra passing time. He also ran at previously unseen levels.

Tharpe ran for his first one-hundred-yard game, ending with a total of 118. His most exciting run was no doubt his second-quarter seventy-yard scamper. Starting inside and running through three of four Swarthmore defenders, he found the sideline. Using surprising quickness and crucial down-field blocking from receivers Kendorski and Matt Jackson, Tharpe easily walked into the endzone, for the first of his two touchdowns.

With two consecutive shutouts, all the Terror players and coaches were happy. After the Hopkins game, many players were signaling for a second ring to be placed on their hands. Coaches, players,

D-III Playoffs -November 21-

South

Region:

Western MD
@ Trinity

Catholic @
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Buffalo State
@
Springfield,
Mass.

Rowan @
College of
New Jersey

North

Region:

Albion
@ Mt. Union

Milliken
@ Wittenberg

West Region:

Wisconsin-
Eau Claire @
Central (Iowa)

Pacific

Lutheran
@ St. Johns
(Minnesota)

and die-hard fans know, however, that there are still tough times ahead. This weekend the Terror will head to Texas to play Trinity in the first round of the NCAA division

three playoffs. Unlike last year, the Terror at least hope to advance deep into the playoffs, if not to win the first national championship in school history.

Terror grapplers place fourth at Monarch

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior tri-captain Charlie Conway won first place in the 184-lb. weight class at the Monarch Invitational, Saturday, November 14, by defeating David Rohrbach of King's College, 5-2. This was the first gold medal Conway has received in his NCAA career. Conway ended his sophomore campaign by placing fifth at the

NCAA East Regionals last March.

Senior tri-captain Josh Ellin captured second place at the 157-lb. class, while sophomores Rodney Stine and Brian Jones each placed third in their respective weight classes, 133 and 275.

The Green Terror ended up with a fourth place finish overall out of 13 competing teams.

November 7 wasn't as friendly to the Terror, the team having only

placed in two weight classes and not having any individual championships at the Central Jersey Open hosted by the College of New Jersey.

The highest finisher was defending 165-lb. Centennial Conference Champion sophomore Andy Brenner. Having placed second, he dropped a close bout in the finals, 3-5, to Princeton's Ryan Bonfiglio. Brenner was one match shy of re-

ceiving All-American status during his freshman season.

The only other placewinner for the Terror was junior Scott Taylor, placing third at 184 lbs. Taylor is also a defending Centennial Conference Champion, wrestling last season at the 190 lb. weight class. Taylor's only loss at the Central Jersey Open was to eventual champion Mohammed Tautakolia in their semi-final contest.

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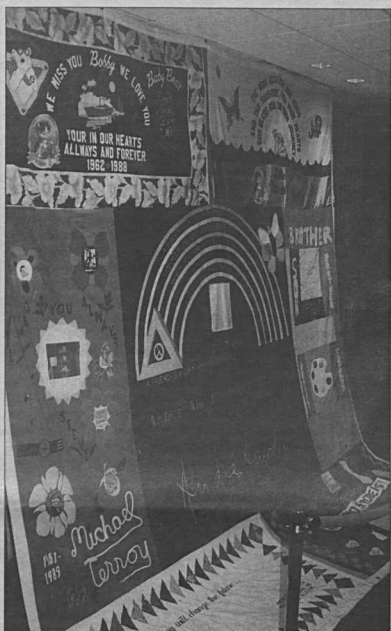


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Sections of the AIDS quilt were displayed in Ensor Lounge.

ERIN OWEN

ASAP brings World AIDS Day to WMC

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
News Editor

The statistics on HIV and AIDS are disturbing. It is estimated that there are 40,000 new infections of HIV every year in this country. In 1997, 1 out of 4 HIV infections occurred in adolescents under 22 years old.

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By the year 2000, 60-70 million people will have been infected with HIV, according to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention.

It is because of the rise in adolescent HIV infections that this year's World AIDS Day, with the theme "Be a Force for Change," focused on educating adolescents about the dangers of contracting HIV, and urged adolescents to protect themselves in hopes of reducing the spread of HIV and AIDS.

A program, sponsored by ASAP and the AIDS Alliance of Carroll County, held in Ensor Lounge on December 1st encouraged adolescents to have safe sexual intercourse, and remembered those who have lost their lives to AIDS. Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were also on display.

"We are promoting safe and responsible behavior on the 10th anniversary of world AIDS day. We

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Binge drinking incident endangers WMC student

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
AND MICHAEL STOKES
News Editor & Staff Writer

The problem of binge drinking that has plagued campuses nationwide struck home at WMC recently when a student nearly died from alcohol poisoning. A sophomore member of Alpha Nu Omega sorority was taken to the hospital after drinking 24 shots of bourbon at a party in the Gamma Beta Chi suite in the beginning of November.

The student involved in the incident was contacted by the *Phoenix*, but refused to comment. However, she has recovered from the incident, according to Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre.

"It was very close," Sayre added. "She could've killed herself."

"The event was extremely scary for our sorority," said Melinda Virts, president of Alpha Nu Omega.

Sayre said that the college is dealing with the student. He has

already met with the two Greek organizations twice, once in the presence of a panel of Greek leaders including Betsy Chimmok, faculty members, and Bonnie Bosley, coordinator of health education. These meetings took place immediately before the Thanksgiving holiday, according to Sayre.

The final decision was to put both groups on probation until December, 1999, in respect to both their charter and their recognition by the college. The conditions of the probation include loss of housing for one year, loss of the organizations' spring pledge classes, and the loss of the use of their club rooms for both parties and meetings.

"They need to spend that year reforming," Sayre said. "This is too dangerous for words."

As part of their penalty, both the Omegas and the Bates must also do three hours of community service per member to assist in alcohol education.

According to Virts, the organizations received their sanctions in

a letter, but were never actually contacted. Matt Koeling, president of Gamma Beta Chi, called this "a spineless way of handling the situation."

He sees the college's actions as "completely unprofessional," and "another way for the school to wipe out the Greek system on campus."

"They're trying to make an example out of all of us," he said.

Koeling thinks that both organizations should not be held responsible for the actions of one individual, especially since the party was not an official fraternity get-together, but a gathering attended by independent students as well.

Koeling admits that "people should have been more careful," but stressed that he believed the student was alright when she left the party.

"Everyone drinks in excess on campus," Virts said. "It's not a Greek thing, it's a student thing." She also said that the school needs to modify the way its students are educated about alcohol.

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Green Terror winning streak raises campus morale

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

The recent success of the Western Maryland College football team has put some money in the school's pocket, helped with admissions, and even benefited the retention rate.

The team, which has just completed their second straight 10-0 regular season, returned home two

"A source of pride does now exist among alumni, due to the success of the team."

Dr. Richard Keif

weeks ago after their playoff loss to Trinity College of Texas. Despite their inability to advance in the college playoffs, their success will have a far-reaching impact on campus.

The most influential impact resulting from their success was the increase in positive media coverage



PHOENIX ARCHIVES

WMC's winning football team has benefited all aspects of campus life, including admissions, retention, and the general school atmosphere.

age of the college. A number of newspaper articles in the *Carroll County Times* and *Baltimore Sun*, along with exposure on the local television network news programs, has helped to improve the public's image of the college.

Martha O'Connell, the dean of admissions, feels that the increase in media coverage is "a very positive thing."

Richard Kief, the vice president for Institutional Advancement,

said, "The football team's success has raised the visibility of WMC in a targeted area, which will inevitably benefit the school in a number of ways."

O'Connell also believes that the team's success has aided the admissions process of WMC, and will continue to help it.

"Students in high school have approached WMC based on knowledge of the record of the football

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Campus Safety Blotter

On 11/14 at 7:32 pm DoCS documented harassment at the Garden Apartments.

On 11/15 at 9:50 am DoCS documented a key pad alarm report at the President's House.

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On 11/16 at 12:09 am DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance in Whiteford Hall.

On 11/16 at 11:15 pm DoCS documented the possession of a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

On 11/17 at 11:44 pm DoCS documented unauthorized access in Peterson Hall.

On 11/18 at 12:35 am DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Whiteford Hall.

On 11/18 at 1:00 am DoCS documented disorderly conduct at the Englar Parking Lot.

On 11/18 at 9:00 pm DoCS documented unauthorized use of Peterson Hall.

On 11/18 at 10:57 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm report in Daniel MacLea Hall.

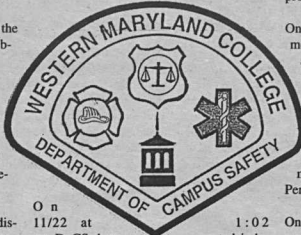
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On 11/20 at 1:15 am DoCS documented disorderly conduct in Blanche Ward Hall.

On 11/20 at 1:27 am DoCS documented an emergency exit alarm report in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

On 11/21 at 12:27 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

On 11/21 at 4:24 am DoCS documented a medical report in Daniel MacLea Hall, but did not render treatment.



On 11/22 at 1:02 am DoCS documented indecent conduct at Whiteford Parking Lot.

On 11/22 at 1:25 am DoCS documented an emergency exit alarm report in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

On 11/22 at 1:54 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession in Rouzer Hall.

On 11/23 at 2:16 am DoCS documented a property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

On 11/23 at 8:51 pm DoCS documented a pull station alarm report on Pennsylvania Avenue.

On 11/23 at 10:57 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm report on Pennsylvania Avenue.

On 11/24 at 1:12 pm DoCS documented a medical report at Smith House and rendered treatment.

On 11/26 at 6:30 pm DoCS documented a property crime at Water Tower Parking Lot.

On 11/30 at 3:30 pm DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment at the Billingslea Building.

On 11/30 at 5:03 pm DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment, off campus.

On 11/30 at 5:30 pm DoCS documented a damaging property crime on Pennsylvania Avenue.

On 12/2 at 10:09 am DoCS documented a periodic system check alarm report in Hoover Library.

On 12/3 at 4:05 am DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm report in Daniel MacLea Hall.

On 12/4 at 2:06 am DoCS documented a student for possession of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall.

On 12/4 at 9:03 am DoCS documented the blocking of a fire lane on McDaniel Lane.

Honor and Conduct Board

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case on Thursday, October 8, 1998, involving a student charged with violating the college's policy on illegal drugs. The student was found responsible and given a \$150 fine, 3 hours of community service, placed on disciplinary probation through graduation, and required to participate in a substance abuse treatment program.

The Honor & Conduct Board met on Friday, November 6, 1998, to hear another case involving a student charged with furnishing false information to the college officials, racial harassment, and defacing college property. The student was found responsible for all three violations and was suspended from the college for the Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 semesters, required to participate in personal counseling prior to returning to WMC, and required to complete an educational project upon returning as a student.

Finally, the Honor & Conduct Board met on Friday, November 17, 1998, to hear another case involving a student charged with endangering the health and safety of others, damaging another student's car, and disorderly conduct. The student accepted responsibility for all three violations and was required to participate in an intensive drunk driving education program, suspended from the college for Jan Term 1999, and placed on disciplinary probation through graduation.

WMC Jazz Night swings, rocks, and all that jazz

Bo Eckard calls it Jazz Night. But that doesn't mean the concert is straight from New Orleans' French Quarter. Annually one of the hottest nights of music at Western Maryland College, the concert takes on swing, ballad, Latin, rock, funk, fusion, rhythm and blues, soul, reggae, and even disco.

This semester's Jazz Night, free and open to the public, will be held at 8 pm, Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Forum.

"We will showcase every aspect of jazz," said Eckard, who will direct the show featuring two jazz ensembles, a jazz workshop and five student vocalists.

Eckard developed the musical arrangements for all of the pieces scheduled for the sextet workshop session. Vocalist Raphael Taylor, a junior from Dover, Del., will perform a self-composed arrangement.

Refreshments will be available following the performance.

Besides the jazz ensembles, Eckard also directs the college's electric bass ensemble. The bass ensemble will present its semester-ending concert at 4:30 pm, Friday, Dec. 11, in Levine Recital Hall.

"Bass players," said Eckard, "are notoriously late, so we just go ahead and build those few minutes into the starting time for our concerts."

The concert, featuring five bass players and a drum machine nicknamed "Fred," will include a piece written by Nick Valentine, a sophomore from Cumberland.

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Football streak reaps campus-wide benefits

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team. There are also those students that are now aware that they can play football and receive a quality education at the same time," she said.

There are other reasons why the team's accomplishments will be advantageous to the college. Philip Sayre, the dean of student affairs, said "The sensational amount of pride in our school, as a result of the football team, plays a part in the retention rate."

The college has also benefited financially because of the football team, according to Kief. "There has been an increase in money given to the college by alumni and corporations over the last five years. And one of the reasons for that increase is the success of the football team."

Kief explained that "A source of pride does now exist among alumni, due to the success of the team."

Perhaps the most important result of the football team's almost perfect two seasons is the improvement in the overall morale of the campus community. Although it is probably the most difficult of all the benefits to gauge, many members of the administration feel that the campus' morale has strengthened.

Dr. Richard Carpenter, the director of athletics, said "The team's performance in the past two years has had a positive impact on the psyche of campus. Everyone can now take pride in our campus."

Kief also believes that the psyche of WMC has improved. However, he also feels that the team has had an even more impressive benefit on the college. "Their success has pulled the community together," he said.

SERVE brings campus organizations together to help community

BY CATHY PENDOLF
Staff Writer

SERVE, Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences participated in their first annual SERVE service day on November 21.

Jeremiah Kelly, president of SERVE explained that the goal of the service day was "to get as many organizations and students involved in a large scale service day targeting volunteer efforts in as many areas throughout the community as possible."

Although SERVE is historically a Spring Break service trip, Kelly believes that "service shouldn't be just a short term thing."

leaves, and organizing clothes. Barb Horneff was so helpful to SERVE, that some members went and raked her leaves too.

Kelly's efforts "to expand SERVE into a year round organization has helped SERVE become "the most active service organization on campus surpassing even Circle K."

"I'm excited," Kelly said. "Excited to see the group of 25 people who always come to every meeting, and their willingness to always help out no matter what the weather conditions are. In rain or shine, hot or cold, [SERVE members] are always out there giving 100%. It's exciting to see them so motivated to get the campus involved."

"Service shouldn't be just a short term thing."

Jeremiah Kelly, SERVE president

SERVE members and volunteers started the first annual SERVE Service Day early in the morning at the Resurrection Farm located in Silver Run, Maryland. The farm is a refuge for people with economic difficulties and drug problems. SERVE members provided manual labor by putting down a barn floor, moving hay and fixing vehicles.

After a volunteer luncheon that was attended by 30-35 people on the back dining hall porch behind Glar, the SERVE members and volunteers split up.

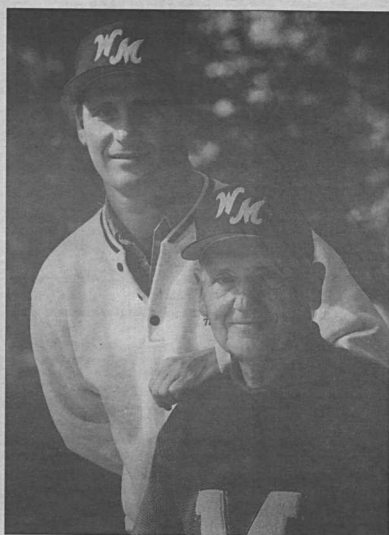
One group went to the Resurrection Farm and the other to Shepard Staff, a donation facility that provides clothing and other services to families in need. SERVE got busy cleaning, raking

SERVE members Erin Owen and George Cramer gave the entire organization two thumbs up.

Cramer said, "There were a lot of other organizations involved and I think it was good that other schools were involved. We needed the help, there was a lot to do."

"I thought it was really cool," Owen said. "Since high school, I've missed the service projects that we used to do. I like helping people, so I really enjoyed it. It's so much fun to go up there and help people."

Kelly encourages all students to become involved in SERVE. "There's no rigid structure, and SERVE has limited man power, so volunteers are always welcome. It's lots of fun, and it's great to see people care."



COURTESY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

William Seibert '49, shown here with his son Dave '78, has never seriously had his punting record challenged, even after 50 years.

Oldest record at WMC is a real kick

After 50 years, William Seibert of Palmyra is still a record holder at his alma mater, WMC. In fact, his season-high punting average is the oldest individual football record on file here.

Now a retired dentist, he punted 27 times for 1,096 yards, an average kick of 40.6 yards for the 1948 Green Terror squad. His season average has never really been seriously challenged over the past half century.

Dr. Seibert '49 and other players from the 1946-51 teams were recognized before the 1998 homecoming game against Dickinson College. The players were on campus for a gridiron reunion sandwiched around the Oct. 17 game won by WMC, 38-20.

He was joined during the ceremony by his son Dave, also a WMC alumnus and football player. Dave Seibert '78 is currently a lecturer in the College's exercise science and physical education department, and has served as assistant football coach since 1979 and head coach of the Green Terror baseball team since 1980.

Dr. Seibert's daughter, Susan Bentham, is a member of WMC's class of 1970.

Besides punting, Dr. Seibert was the Green Terror's starting halfback. He also was a two-year key player for the basketball team. In 1995, he was inducted into the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for his on-field exploits at WMC and Hanover High School where he also starred in football and basketball.

He was a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and American Association of Hospital Dentists. Dr. Seibert also has served as president of the Lebanon Federal Credit Union.

He currently lives in Palmyra with June, his wife of 52 years. They have four children and five grandchildren.

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Dining In pokes good-hearted fun at ROTC program

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Staff Writer

ROTC celebrated another successful semester with their Dining In on Friday, Dec. 4. The Dining In is a traditional gala that Army units everywhere participate in each year. It is a chance for all to come together and enjoy themselves and focus on the light-hearted aspects of the semester.

While it may be in decline elsewhere, WMC is keeping the tradition going strong.

The Mess, as the formal dinner is called, began with the posting of the colors and the national anthem, followed by an invocation and toasts. Members of the junior class were responsible for toasting the Commander-in-Chief, the United States Army, WMC and Mt. St. Mary's college, the special guests who were invited, including faculty and friends of ROTC, all of the cadets, and our fallen comrades.

The senior cadets recited the Cadet Creed which was followed by the playing of the Army song before the Mess was finally declared open by the president.

The president of the Mess was the most senior cadre member, the professor of military science, Maj. Karen Doyle. She was responsible for the conduct of the Mess.

Her assistant, Mr. Vice, helped her to maintain morale and discipline. This year junior cadet Rob Schoppert was Mr. Vice. There was a list of rules for the Mess in everyone's program and Mr. Vice was responsible for issuing fines "in good taste" for those who violated the rules.

While some violations included formalities such as improperly wearing the uniform, failing to speak before addressing Mr. Vice



FRANCESCA SAYLOR

Violators of the rules of the mess had to sing songs to redeem themselves during the meal.

of the Mess, others were more subjective such as not properly responding to a sarcastic comment directed at you, failing to answer a question from Mr. Vice truthfully, or not embellishing the truth when it clearly needed it.

Rules like this made for a rather interesting and hilarious evening because as everyone was eating dinner Mr. Vice, or other cadets, would do their best to find violators.

The punishments varied from singing songs to doing push-ups to sounding off in a particular way each time someone said "Mr. Vice." The most dreadful punishment, however, was to have to drink from the grog, an awful concoction Mr. Vice made before dinner was served. It included items represen-

tative of each military science class and their cadre. For example, "sand" and water from their canteens was mixed in for the freshmen, "sweat" and "blood" for the juniors, and Pepto-Bismol for the cadre.

Junior Chad Reiley, who had to drink from the grog, commented that he still had a good time, "All of our hard work paid off in an evening of fellowship, laughter, and bad drink!"

Following dinner and these antics, it was time for a serious moment as the guest speaker, retired Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Gregg spoke. Having had more than forty-four years of professional experience both in the Army and in industry, he advised the cadets in four areas: leadership, how to manage

one's career, mentoring, and developing relationships. Gregg emphasized leading by example and having respect for subordinates, regardless of what career path one takes. He said the key to success in one's career is to have the philosophy that "it's only good enough when it's your very best."

In addition, Gregg urged cadets to "seek mentors wherever [they] are" for it is these types of relationships that help to foster personal development, as long as they are not taken for granted.

Cadet 1st Sgt. Jeremy Bell commented that "the General's speech gave all cadets a standard to follow as they prepare for commissioning this spring."

Following the Lt. Gen.'s speech, it was time for even more entertainment as each military science class performed skits which made fun of their classmates and cadre members. The sophomores and seniors developed game shows such as "Win Capt. Baldree's Money," where cadets imitated others, or answered questions about others' shortcomings in order to win.

The freshmen recited their own version of "The Night Before Christmas," inserting their take on events that happened during a field training exercise, while the juniors poked fun at how everyone acts at ROTC's weekly staff meetings.

Ironically, it was at these staff meetings where everything for the Dining In was coordinated. Cadets were divided into committees assigned to tasks including protocol, mess, and dining.

While it was definitely fun, the weeks of preparation were what made the Dining In the well-organized event that Lt. Gen. Gregg commended it to be.

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1998 International Dinner... ...in pictures

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Modeling traditional East Asian garments, Dinali Jayasinghe and Sarah Hill greet the audience.



Megan Smoker and Megan Garcia-Gasanueva perform Sevillanas, a traditional Spanish dance.



Lea Nichols, Popi Pitta, Jessica Mufarreh, and Enca Mufarreh perform a traditional Greek dance.

Campus Greeks join to serve community

BY MALISSA MORIN
Contributing Writer

When you see Greeks walking around campus with their letters scrawled across their chests, a typical stereotype probably pops into your mind. You picture wild, crazy parties every night of the week, with the participants stumbling into class the next morning with a hangover. But, there is another side to being Greek at WMC.

Each chapter of a fraternity or sorority is required to complete two service projects a semester to maintain housing on campus. However, most of them complete many more activities than they are required.

"I'm not sure what the motivator is. Maybe it's the Brandt Cup or it's their creed," said Betsy Chismock, Greek advisor at WMC. "I hope it's because [community service is] the right thing to do."

With four sororities and five fraternities on campus, many events are planned that benefit the surrounding area.

Shane Toothaker, president of Phi Delta Theta, believes that doing these service projects is good for the whole fraternity. "It improves brotherhood and we get a lot out of helping because we can see the benefits," he said.

Phi Delta Theta won a community service award from national last year for their involvement in the community. The award is determined by the size of the chapter, how much service is done, and what kinds of service are performed. Toothaker thought ushering at graduation and being involved in the Adopt-A-Family program for Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas every year helped them to win.

This semester Phi Kappa Sigma is donating food and volunteering their time at Shepherd's Staff, a Christian-based soup kitchen in Westminster. Jason Valentine, community service chair for Phi Kappa Sigma, believes this is the most beneficial project they do because it directly helps people.

"We're very appreciative of them coming and we have many things for them to do," said Kathy Brown, director of Shepherd's Staff.

While playing bingo at Carroll Lutheran Village, an area retirement home, Alpha Nu Omega sorority was assured by the activities director that their time was being well-spent.

"The residents were having such a good time. The activities director thanked us and that made the girls realize they did something really good," said Lori Hansch, community service chair. Among other things, they spent hours volunteering for the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen on Main Street.

January Scott, philanthropy chair for Phi Sigma Sigma, said

that this semester the chapter has done more than the usual. They have participated in the Race for the Cure in Baltimore, the Diabetes Walk, and a clothing drive to benefit needy Westminster families.

The most fun activity, according to Scott, was helping with a haunted hayride sponsored by the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department.

"It was by far the most successful in the years we have organized it," said John Krebs, chairman of the hayride. "A total of 6,099 people rode through and Phi Sigma Sigma's station was one of the favorites."

Brad Centineo, a sophomore member of Gamma Beta Chi, was appreciative of Phi Alpha Mu's picnic for ANW residents at the beginning of the semester. "It was a good idea to get all the residents together, Greek and non-Greek," Centineo said.

Women's issues are the main concern of Phi Alpha Mu. They always participate in the Domestic Violence Clothesline Project, sponsored by the Social Work Club, the Social Work Department and the Domestic Violence Task Force, and the Rape Vigil held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ each year.

Some sororities and fraternities do service projects together. Every year Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Delta Theta help with the Charity Bowl, which benefits the Special Olympics, as referees for volleyball and soccer. For Halloween, Alpha Nu Omega and Alpha Gamma Tau worked at Hollow's Scream at Adventure World.

The Adopt-a-Highway program is a favorite among Greek organizations. Alpha Nu Omega, Gamma Beta Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Alpha Mu have all adopted a highway which they are required to clean up.

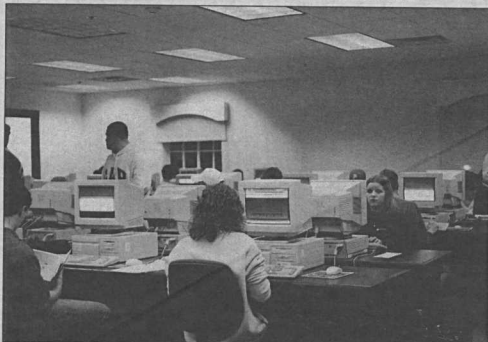
Holiday zoo lights at the Baltimore Zoo will get lots of help from Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Phi Mu. These organizations will either face-paint, help with the construction or tearing-down of the set, or dress as elves to spread holiday cheer.

Phi Mu also raises money throughout the year for the Children's Medical Network. They sponsor events such as Change for Charity outside of the Pub, Bookstore, and Post Office each year.

All Greeks see the benefit of doing service projects. Not only does it make them feel good about themselves and their organizations but it also helps improve the tarnished image Greek organizations have gained lately.

"Greeks aren't just out to party and the community is able to see it through our involvement," said Kevin Klunk, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Hoover computer lab gives students 24-hour access



TRANG DAN

With the use of a key-card attainable during library hours, students can access the Hoover Library Computer Lab 24 hours a day.

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
News Editor

WMC students finally are able to use the computer lab in Hoover Library 24 hours a day.

The lab, which was supposed to begin 24-hour access last spring, began its new schedule on Monday, November 30.

The increased access allows everyone to use computers at any time.

This will be good now because it is the end of the semester and the computer lab is usually crowded, according to sophomore Bethany Young.

Students wishing to use the lab after hours

staffed by a lab attendant need to check out a key card, which the student may use for 48 hours, from the library during library hours.

The key card will allow the student to open the front door to the library, and open up the new computer lab entrance that is on the right hand side of the library lobby.

During the months of the year when school is not in session, the hours of the lab will vary.

In addition, WMC network servers were upgraded over the Thanksgiving holiday allowing greater student access. However, students are not permitted to stay connected to the network for more than 4 hours.

WMC's Rabush receives career education award

Western Maryland College's own Don Rabush is the recipient of its 1998 Joseph R. Baier Award.

The award, named for one of the college's most highly respected career educators, is presented each year to a WMC master's degree recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of education.

Dr. Rabush, who retired in 1995 after teaching in the education department for more than 22 years, earned a WMC

Binge drinking

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The issue of binge drinking is an especially hot topic at the moment. The death of Ben Wynne, a 20-year-old Louisiana State University student, last August has served as a sobering warning to all colleges of the importance of responsible drinking.

Wynne's blood alcohol level was six times the legal limit for intoxication, according to an initial autopsy. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member also did not meet Louisiana's drinking age, which is 21.

The WMC Greek organizations currently under investigation for the incident are in the process of appealing, and a decision will be made before the holiday break, according to President Robert Chambers.

There will be disciplinary action as well as counseling for the student, Sayre said.

The Phoenix is aware of the identity of the student involved, but we feel that releasing her name is unnecessary when the problems this would cause her are considered.

bachelor's degree in 1962 and a master's degree in 1970.

He returned to teach at his alma mater in July 1973 after receiving his doctorate from University of Denver.

He also served as WMC's first coordinator of the graduate program in special education.

In 1983, Dr. Rabush and his wife Carol used \$500 of their savings to start TARGET, Inc., a non-profit organization providing residential, occupational and recreational services to people with developmental disabilities.

Today, TARGET has 10 houses in Carroll County, and apartments in Carroll and Montgomery counties.

WMC students spend two years living in the group homes with the TARGET clients while pursuing a master's degree in human service management in special education.

In 1991, Dr. Rabush was named WMC's first Laurence J. Adams Chair in Special Education. He retired as professor of education emeritus.

Also, to create a legacy for Dr. Rabush's work, WMC is establishing The Donald R. Rabush Special Education Fund which will support TARGET and the graduate program in special education.

The Baier Award rotates among the college's various certificate programs in administration, counselor education, education of the deaf, curriculum and instruction, elementary and secondary education, school library media, reading, and special education.

Courtesy of Public Information

Service of Lights celebrates multicultural holiday season

Western Maryland College will bring together holiday traditions and religious customs from around the world for its Interfaith Service of Lights on Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 pm, in Baker Memorial Chapel.

Representatives from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Baha'i will take part in the service and perform readings, candlelight ceremonies or musical selections special to the respective faiths, according to Rev. Mark Lancaster, the college's coordinator of religious life.

Also, the African American customs of Kwanzaa will be celebrated, and the WMC College and Gospel choirs will perform.

"It's a unifying event for people of all faiths," said Rev. Lancaster.

The chapel will be open from 7-7:30 pm for a sing-along of holiday carols before the interfaith service. The program, which is open to the public, will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. A reception will be held in Ensor Lounge after the service.

Courtesy of Public Information

World AIDS Day

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empathize with those that face challenges as they continue to fight AIDS," said Janet Keymetian, ASAP's president.

World AIDS Day began in 1988 after a summit of health officials decided that an exchange of information on HIV and AIDS should be held, according to the World AIDS Day resource guide. Since then, World AIDS day has been observed in countries all over the world on December 1st.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt now consists of over 42,000 panels and grew too large to be displayed in its entirety in Washington, D.C. in 1996.

The effort to create a quilt began in 1987 when a man created a panel to remember his friend who died of AIDS, according to a pamphlet on panelmaking by The Names Project, the organization that organizes the quilt.

Dr. Laura Cheever, an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and a clinical physician treating patients with HIV and AIDS urged those in attendance to practice safe sexual intercourse.

"[Our society] is repressed about sex issues. We need to be talking about condoms if we are going to have a change. It needs to be grassroots," said Cheever, who noted that you can't even discuss condoms in some high schools. According to Cheever, 7 out of every 10 high school students are sexually active and only half use condoms.

Cheever said that it is important for everyone to realize that the number of AIDS deaths are decreasing because of the new treatments available; however, the number of infections of HIV are actually increasing. There are approximately 900,000 people currently living with HIV in the United States, she said.

During the program, Dr. Robin Armstrong sang "Patchwork Quilt," a song

dedicated to those who are memorialized on the quilt, and ASAP presented two skits that demonstrated correct condom use and discussed the AIDS testing process at Smith House.

Senior James Reddan, a music education major, sang "Seasons of Love," from the Broadway musical *RENT*, and played "Footprints" during a candle lighting in memory of those that have died of AIDS.

However, people infected with HIV and AIDS sometimes face adversity through in their lives. "The presence of AIDS sends out ripples throughout the community," said Reverend Dr. David Highfield of the Westminster United Methodist Church. "[Those with AIDS] fear sexuality, fear dying, fear rejection, and fear dealing with AIDS. [Those with AIDS] and their families need to be reminded that they are loved respected, and cared for in a community such as ours. There can be a force for change."

The program concluded with a burning ceremony that gave those in attendance the opportunity to write a message about HIV/AIDS and burn it in a fire.

"Our program was very meaningful. It was a call to compassion and remembrance of those who are affected by HIV/AIDS," said Bonnie Bosley, ASAP's advisor.

"I was profoundly impacted from the program. It makes you realize how many people are infected with HIV and AIDS, and how we need to make an effort to reduce the spread of AIDS," said sophomore Elizabeth Lium, who attended the program.

World AIDS Day observances around the world included women passing out condoms in Israel, and children demanding an end to AIDS in India. In Washington, D.C. talk show host Ricki Lake hosted a discussion on HIV and AIDS with high school students.



BONNIE BOSLEY

Members of ASAP worked hard to make World AIDS Day an important event at WMC.

Horse Racing: Dying Tradition?

Maryland racing and slot machines: an important tradition? Not according to a poll done by Potomac Survey Research. When asked if they oppose or favor slot machines at horse racing tracks in Maryland, 48% of Marylanders opposed the idea.

If the over 10,000 people working in the Maryland racing industry had a choice between slots or no slots they would probably say no to slot machines because it draws attention away from the horses. But they do not have a choice; they depend on racing for a job, and for their livelihood.

Without the slot machines, Laurel and Pimlico are eventually going out of business. Surrounded by tracks with slot machines, Maryland is already losing business to West Virginia and Delaware.

The recent reelection of Parris Glendening does not help the interests of the racing industry. Joseph A. De Francis, the majority owner of Pimlico and Laurel Park racetracks, gave \$250,000 to the Republican National committee.

This happened just as the party launched a major ad campaign on

J. Tim Mascari comments on slot machines and Maryland horse racing.

Sauerbrey's behalf. (The Baltimore Sun) Glendening, knowing of De Francis' contributions to the opposing party, is not going to willingly pass a new slots law.

Glendening has, on the other hand, contributed 21.7 million directly to the industry. This is a nice gesture and it sounds like a lot of money, but putting slots at the tracks would generate over 24 million a year.

16 million would be directly added to the purses which, in turn, would bring more people to the race tracks. Big purses are what draw people to the racetrack, the chance to win a lot of money at one time.

Maybe the threat of losing Maryland's most highly regarded tourism and sporting attraction, Preakness, would convince Maryland lawmakers that slots are not that bad. There is a concern that the legalization of slot machines would open the door for other types of gambling.

There is a good answer for this:

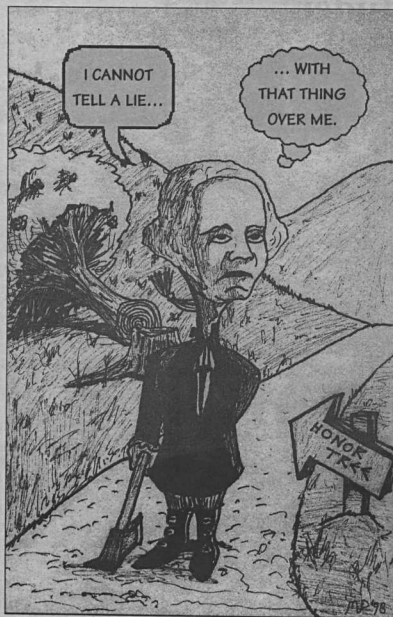
"no." What are the chances of the new football stadium needing slot machines to compete with neighboring sports stadiums? It is not going to happen.

Horse racing is a part of Maryland's history, but it may also be a business. Marylanders have the privilege of living in horse country U.S.A. and we are taking it for granted. When you think of horse racing in America, you think of Kentucky, New York, and Maryland.

We are the second leg in the Triple Crown, and I could not imagine having to go to Delaware to see the Preakness. I could not imagine having to go to West Virginia just to watch the horses run.

So, the next time you get a chance, take a trip to Pimlico. You do not have to bet on the horses, but just be proud of where you live and the generations of horsemen that have founded this sport.

Slots may not be the way to go in Maryland, but something has to be done soon. Right now, slots are the only answer, but maybe the government and the racing industry can work together in preserving this great Maryland tradition.



Letter to the Editor: WMC Honor Code Project

The students in my COM2202 Communication Research Methods class recently completed a study of student attitudes towards the WMC honor system.

The questionnaire, the data, the students' analyses, and a summary of national research on academic dishonesty are online at: www.rdl1man.com/achon/achon.comment.html.

Here is a brief summary of the results:

- When asked if they had read

dishonesty is, and they are generally opposed to it. However, they are unwilling to report dishonest acts, and their teachers are paying little attention to the situation.

As a result, the relatively small number of students who have no qualms about cheating remain unpunished, and the advantage that they gain by their behavior draws others into following their lead."

Given this, the notion that students need more tutoring on the Honor Code would seem to be

much, much longer to write them. With ten or twelve students in the class, this isn't so bad, but with twenty-five or thirty, it's a major commitment of time.

Still, it does work — the students say that they think this method is fair, and the number of Ds and Fs has somewhat increased.

Finally, it strikes me that the most cogent comments on the entire situation have come from those who question the role of campus social life in the development of ethical behavior.

One faculty member comments that the root cause of the cheating problem is found in the residence halls. Students who come to WMC should join, and be socialized into, an academic community.

But in practice the first year stu-

ding from" (Andy Behr).

A number of others have spoken to this point, and their comments are available at the web site.

This approach may be the way to get at the key question, which appears to be: "Why doesn't WMC behave like a real academic community?"

In a traditional academic community, cheating is a serious, despicable offense.

But at WMC today, most people tend to treat it as a minor offense, like going 63 mph in a 55 mph zone, or like carrying an open can of beer across the hall.

One faculty member suggests that today's students come to college for "sports, sex and social life." And that they do not see class work as important to their educa-

Everyone knows the rules, the problem is that many are simply ignoring them.

or been familiarized with the WMC Honor Code, 84% said "yes."

• When presented with various statements from the Honor Code booklet and asked if they agreed or disagreed, approximately 70% agreed.

• When asked to label eighteen specific dishonest activities, approximately 70% agreed that most of the activities were dishonest.

• When asked if they had experienced violations of the honor code, most had experienced at least some dishonesty, and approximately 60% reported witnessing dishonest acts "often" or "very often."

Data from all WMC sources seems consistent with national reports and might be summarized as follows:

"Students know what academic

moot. Everyone knows the rules, the problem is that many are simply ignoring them.

As one student put it when she analyzed the data, "The widespread awareness of the honor system gives the implication that it has little to no effect on the students who are supposed to follow the rules governing its existence."

"Cheating seems to take place quite frequently in all different areas, even though 84% of the students interviewed have been told about and, are said to, understand the honor code. Therefore, it appears that academic dishonesty is occurring because there is a lack of implementation of, and belief in, the honor system's rules and standards" (Grace McAleer).

Nor does it seem likely that rhetorical changes in the Handbook will make any difference.

Given the late "drop" policy and the "retake a course" policy, very few Ds and Fs find their way on to the transcripts of WMC graduates.

Happy with their As, Bs, and Cs, most students see no need to rock the boat, and even the teachers who are actively trying to eliminate cheating say that it takes a lot of work.

I can verify that latter. This semester I've begun to give difficult, open book, essay exams, with each student getting a different set of questions.

According to the students in my classes, this has greatly reduced the cheating — because looking at someone else's paper is useless, and because everyone is working hard trying to answer their own questions, and so they have little time to help anyone else.

But it takes me much longer to grade a set of these exams, and

Happy with their As, Bs, and Cs, most students see no need to rock the boat....

dents are segregated from their upper class peers and allowed to persist in the ideology they learned in high school.

And, as one COM2202 student wrote in analyzing the survey data: "Since our findings indicate that students do not follow the honor code despite their agreement with it, future studies should sharpen their focus on the student body. Instead of looking at the campus in general, a study examining different groups and organizations on campus could provide an in-depth look at where this attitude is com-

mon, but rather as time put in for credits towards a degree.

If the majority of students, teachers and administrators take this point of view, then it's easy to see why most of them don't see academic dishonesty as a major problem.

On the other hand, it would seem to raise some serious questions as to what a WMC education is all about.

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The Last Deadline

Kate Hampson looks back on her time as Editor-in-Chief of the Phoenix

ing, among other things, so it's really not true to say that nothing ever happens on this campus.

As editor of *The Phoenix*, I have tried to emphasize the importance of fair, balanced reporting. We are a student newspaper, not a tool of the administration, and as such have tried not to sweep problems under the carpet. Sometimes organizations and individuals complain about the lack of coverage of their event or society, or do not like the focus of the story that was written.

The first problem exists because we were either not aware of the event or we did not consider it newsworthy enough to merit an article. To people with the second complaint, I answer that *The Phoenix* is not out to attack any organization or individual.

When we learn of an incident that we wish to cover, we try to provide a balanced report of the event, and to allow everyone involved a chance to state their side of the story. Sometimes this makes us unpopular with those people, who do not want the issue to be highlighted.

However, on a campus this small, most things are common knowledge, and often the best way to stop false rumors from circulating is to provide the newspaper with the full facts.

Sometimes it has felt as though we are constantly running up against brick walls when trying to find out information for a story. People get very scared of the media and refuse to cooperate. This can make life

very hard for a student journalist but *the Phoenix* is lucky enough to have some great reporters who are dedicated to getting all the facts before writing the story.

Working with the other staff members has been one of the best experiences I've had at WMC. Helping each other make deadlines and feeding off each other's creativity has made for some great moments. To see the final product of the paper we have worked hard together to produce is an extremely satisfying feeling, and one that I will miss a lot next semester.

To those students who complain that they are not fulfilled at WMC, I say go out and get involved. Although journalism may not be your particular interest, there are many clubs and groups that you can join. You get out of your time at college what you put in, and I know from experience that if you find the right activity, you can derive great satisfaction from being a part of it.

Before I stop preaching, I have to say thank you to my great staff. One individual cannot make a newspaper, and although *the Phoenix* staff is not large, we make a good team. I also have to thank our advisor, Professor Dalton, who has helped preserve my sanity with his support through the many dilemmas I have faced and the decisions I have made.

I'm not accepting an Oscar so I won't continue. I leave you in the hands of the new editors, Megan Martin and Emily Stamathis, who I am confident will be very successful in their positions. I'm off to France for a semester to recover from the near nervous breakdown I've had every lay-out weekend for the past year.

Quirks: Yes, Virginia...

Anne Butler reflects on the attitudes of the season.

Yes, I'm friends with an electric mouse. His name is Pikachu, and he lives on a hot wired yellow Game Boy that is on my belt loop. Pikachu's a great friend.

He feeds himself at noon and six, and he brushes his teeth after every meal. We even do things together. When I'm half asleep in my 8:20 Stat class, I check Pikachu, and he's yawning even as I am. Guess he's not that fond of Stat either, eh? Pikachu even watches TV at night the same time I do. (I think he's watching the Simpsons!) Yep, Pikachu's a great friend, but, as you've probably guessed by now, he's not exactly real. You see, Pikachu's a virtual pet. He's a toy.

petting I can when she stops to rest, or even in just chasing a friend through Red Square because he stole my hat.

Things don't seem that complex when you're a child. Magic is everywhere: in Nature, in technology, in life. Something like Pikachu seems real to a child, and Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy are facts of life.

At this time of year it's the easiest to remember what it is to be a child. There are so many magical things about the holidays. The gifts, the music, lights on a Menorah, tree or candle, all dance through our minds leaving a sense of wonder and peace behind. People's hearts open during the holidays, and charities do especially well. There's time to spend with each other, whether it be friends or family, and for one single moment all of

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I like toys. My room's full of them; we even use them at the TV station. I've loved toys all my life, and I expect to still love them far in the future. Surely you remember the toys of our childhood? There was Masters of the Universe, Rainbow Brite, My Little Ponies and, of course, G.I. Joe.

That's kind of why I like toys so much. I'm still something of a child myself, you see. I still wonder and marvel at all the world holds. Every night I look up to find the three stars in Orion's belt, in the summer I chase fireflies across my yard, and, if it were allowed here, I'd be out trick-or-treating too. Even on campus I act like this, following Siouxsie wherever she goes, getting in what

our troubles seem to melt away. And then, of course, there's that jolly old elf who is almost a universal symbol of gift giving to children. He probably brings out the child in us more than anything else.

So what exactly is my point with all this? Well, it's rather simple actually. It's going to be a stressful next few weeks for us. So maybe you could take some time out, relax, and just go back a bit. Don't worry and become a child again, if only for a little while. Pikachu and I will be there to welcome you.

This column is dedicated to my editor, Kate Hampson: Thanks for letting the squirrels invade The Phoenix. Good luck!

Stress!!!!!!!!!!

Megan Martin makes a statement about time.

TV's Jessie Spano, of *Saved by the Bell* fame (Elizabeth Berkley in real life) said it best when she said: "No time! There's never any time!"

As we approach the end of another semester here at WMC, I know many people, myself included, who feel the same way. You don't even have to be a procrastinator to know the feeling of trying to dig your way out of the time hole. We procrastinators, however, may be in a little deeper than the non-procrastinators.

What can I suggest to solve this problem? Right now, there isn't much that can be done. As your self-appointed queen of procrastination, I suggest that you live on coffee, sugar, and no sleep. After that kind of lifestyle, however, I suggest you get lots of sleep and start eating healthily.

Here, though, I am going to share some of my early New Year's Resolutions. First of all, I no longer want to be the queen of procrastinators. Therefore, I resolve to budget my time, organize my semesters better, and start projects several weeks before they are due.

If there's one thing I learned this semester, it's to not put things off. While this is not always an easy or viable option, it can be accomplished to some extent.

Good luck on your finals, and enjoy your free time afterwards. Spring semester 1999 will be here soon!

Keeping WMC Students Cultured in Next Century

Who says that the history of any one country is more important than the history of another country? The general consensus is no one.

In the politically correct era we are living in, breathing incorrectly, (as well as exaggerating) can be considered offensive. If we are to avoid insulting our fellow earth dwellers, it is necessary that we as Americans are (idealistically) open-minded, tolerant, and cultured.

Yet, despite the growing diversity and changing mentality of the American people and the people of the world, Western Maryland College may find itself settling for a feeble number of courses of anthropological and cross-cultural studies in the school's curriculum if action is not taken.

Anthropological and cross-cultural studies include classes such as East Asian Civilization, Indigenous American studies, African American studies, and Hispanic American studies. These courses in anthropology satisfy the global perspective B.L.A.R., as well as widening the cultural horizons of WMC students.

From these classes, we can

acquire an appreciation for other cultures, no matter what our own ethnic backgrounds are. In the changing face of ideology, we can be familiar with the cultures that have come to create the world we live in by taking these classes.

Because America is becoming more diverse by the minute, cross-cultural studies will be a staple in the education of future generations. So what would make WMC diminish them now?

Discontinuing the studies was

Lisa Dale-Van Auken
argues for keeping cultural classes.

time teacher who will conduct classes in a field that is not directly in a major, the department chairs are faced with a difficult decision.

Part time teachers are not always as effective as full-time ones because they do not have a curriculum to adhere to, and if the college is to hire a full time teacher, it makes sense to hire in order to en-

age that is priding itself on diversity.

Losing choices in anthropological studies is inhibiting to students. The future is multicultural, and while the college continues to incorporate European studies into its list of classes, European history and culture is only a very small part of the anthropology that young adults need to become familiar with if they are to keep up with the world.

This college would become bland with only European studies

peoples of other equally important countries.

Of course, the intention is not to represent the college as single-faceted in the areas of anthropological studies, nor is it to claim that the college is not concerned with education in cultural diversity.

As one faculty member put it, "I don't think the college intends to give that message. I think that the faculty does recognize that cultures and peoples are important.... I am glad that anthropology is not being taken from the curriculum, but I am concerned with the gradual marginalization of those programs, especially when the United States is becoming more diverse."

All said, if WMC is to stay afloat in the ever changing mainstream of cultural education, not to mention the growing interest in the field of cross cultural studies, varied courses in anthropology must be a part of the curriculum.

Without these courses, WMC can expect to find itself lost in the isolation of ideals which have long been dismissed in favor of a bright new future in cultural education which the rest of the nation holds.

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never really the intention of the college. Years ago, the college was given a special grant to enhance the cross cultural and anthropological studies that it offered. Of course, the college took the offer, and added a variety of new classes in culture to the curriculum.

Now, however, as the full-time professors are retiring, the cultural studies are dwindling.

When faced with the choice between hiring a full time teacher specific to a department, or hiring a part

time teacher within the said major.

Such is the situation with the sociology department, and the narrowing number of classes that will be offered in cross-cultural studies. In my opinion, all efforts that can be made to keep a varying number of anthropological courses in the school should be taken seriously.

The gradual wearing away of our cross cultural studies must be stopped now. We cannot afford to loose our cross-cultural studies in

to choose from, and when the rest of the world passes it by, as opportunities in communication grow from nation to nation, WMC would be left in the stale mentality of archaic notions of education.

Also, losing cross cultural studies does not represent the college as it really is. It seems that because of the light treatment of studies in Asian, Hispanic, or Indigenous American studies, this college focuses more on European issues than the histories of cultures and

Pro and Con: Weighted Grades at WMC

Ron Mojica explains the positive aspects of weighted grades.

The dawning of our collegiate lives brings us to the final leg of our journey to independence in the real world. During this time, we have the opportunity to acquire new skills and refine our talents, which range from conjuring up elaborate research, to perfecting our grammar, or to the simplicity of acquiring a taste for preprocessed food and cheap beer.

Among these new discoveries is an invaluable lesson which we stumble upon - learning the true

nougements have been made about its initiation. This leaves students questioning the seriousness allotted to this issue and, consequently, its worth.

Its worth, however, should be the last item to undergo questioning. Incorporating the weighted grade system would result in the trust and most accurate illustration of a student's performance, in that it regards the very details of the assessment of their progress. An A plus is more stellar than a regular A and a C minus wouldn't pass as a regular C.

Worries about the ominous landing of this revamped grading system

students strive more and reach the coveted goal of an A. Continuing along the lines of motivation, the new system would also benefit those students who have not done so well.

For example, under the present system, a student might receive a C minus in a class, but a C will be calculated in his or her GPA. Of course this is good news, but, sadly enough, it fosters a sense of false security since they didn't really work hard enough for that C.

Not only that, the present system also encourages complacency. If a student can slide by with a C minus and still get a C, why work

Kristen G. Fraser refutes the necessity of weighted grades.

The debate over weighted grades rages on. And though the pro side has merits for students, a change is not really necessary. To maintain the current system follows the traditional and perfectly acceptable system of grades.

The current GPA system follows the normal pattern of grading systems used by most high schools that send students to Western Maryland College. Everyone has become accustomed to a GPA calculated by a single letter grade with the choice of an added plus or minus made by the teacher or professor.

Yes, it was a normal experience to suffer through a A+ that was given as a A. It was also normal to slide by with a A-, or an A, that was actually a lot closer to a B. The point is that this was acceptable and normal.

As a transfer student, I came from a community college. At my particular college, weighted grades were employed. I appreciate the traditional grading system as a result of this. It was difficult to follow the normal GPA that was a part of the previous, traditional system. The headaches associated with this system are not worth the stress. Weighted grades do encourage hard work but not necessarily for those who already work hard.

Everyone has experienced the sensation of working incredibly

hard to scrape by with a simple C. On the flip side, everyone has enjoyed a cake walk class when anything less than an A was impossible. This is the nature of life, some wins, some losses, and a traditional grading system further illustrates this. Any change from this is not.

Another problem associated with the change would be the reaction for students. Semesters of adjustment would be required, and the people in charge of scholarship eligibility and academic probation would not have any sympathy for a 79.5% that was ruled a C, when the work merits some form of distinguishing it as an C+.

Many students rely on their scholarships for continued attendance at Western Maryland College, not the most affordable venture. The loss of potential students due to academic ineligibility from a weak grading system greatly outweighs any benefits.

Additional pressure is another issue. Many students know what is required to obtain an A in a class. Even if they do the work associated with getting an A, it does not immediately guarantee an A. A new system would further punish these students.

College life is confusing and stressful enough. The last thing students need is to have their entire grade system disrupted. The maxim "change is good" is not always necessarily true, especially in the case of weighted grades.

Worries about the ominous landing of this revamped grading system spring from many of those who presently receive A's.... Questions such as "An A is an A, so why change it?" puzzle me in that it's not if it is an A minus.

value of our work, a lesson which could be more clearly taught by implementing the weighted grade system.

There is much debate about activating a weighted grade system in Western Maryland College. As of now, some professors use the plus and minus system in grading tests and quizzes, but final grades are still based upon the old system - one which just relies on the letter grade to calculate GPA.

Reports have circulated of its implication for the present freshman class but no concrete an-

spring from many of those who presently receive A's, whether a plus, a minus, or the regular letter grade, which all translate nonetheless to an A with the present system. Questions such as "An A is an A, so why change it?" puzzle me in that it's not if it is an A minus.

These students did well, but not well enough to receive the grade anticipated, so why receive credit? If grades are so important to them, then why not let weighted grades serve as a real indicator of performance.

Receiving an A minus may help

harder?

Ultimately, the present grading system cheats those who receive the pluses and benefit those who receive the minuses. If the first half truly realizes this unfairness, then they should see that it devalues their work which hopefully, for their sake, doesn't affect their self worth and pride.

For the latter, on the other hand, if the grading system continues as is, then enjoy the free ride, hopefully you'll receive as many benefits in the real world.

Six RAs resign

The Spring semester began with upheaval in the Residence Life department as six RAs resigned after the previous semester. Three out of the four RAs in Whiteford hall resigned, keeping the one remaining RA very busy until replacements were found.

The Resident Assistants cited several reasons for leaving the job, including "lack of support" from supervisors. Another motive given was that "being a bad guy sometimes did make it difficult."

Not all of the six RAs resigned because they were unhappy with the job. Some had too many other responsibilities to be able to continue with the position.

Residence Life hired new RAs to fill the vacancies, one of whom is resigning at the end of this semester. However, this is the only resignation so far this fall.

Sexual harassment

February saw the expulsion of first-year student, Hayden Myers, accused of sexually harassing a college employee. Myers admitted creating a pornographic flyer bearing a resemblance to a Residence Life Coordinator, which was distributed throughout Rouzer Hall.

Myer's mother explained that he meant the act to be a prank and did not intend sexual harassment. *The Baltimore Sun* quoted Myers describing the incident as "an immature guy thing. It was a joke, and I didn't mean more."

Myer's appealed his punishment which was later reduced to an enforced withdrawal for two semesters with the option to reapply thereafter.

Suspected drug dealer arrested

Senior Joel Bridges was arrested on February 21 on drug charges. Bridges, 21, was suspected of being a supplier at WMC.

He was arrested in his ANW dorm room where police found half an ounce of marijuana, \$2,023 in cash, scales, and incriminating photographs.

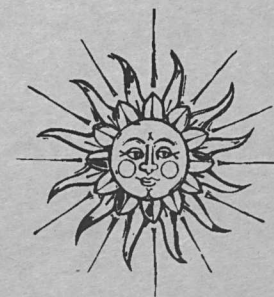
The honor and conduct board found Bridges responsible for violating the college's policy on illegal drugs. His sanctions included forced withdrawal from the college and a \$300 fine.

moe. & brownie mary

moe, a "funk-groove-rock-type music" band from New York, performed at the annual spring concert on April 24. moe. performed with Brownie Mary, an up-and-coming alternative rock band from Pittsburgh, and Jonasay, a rootsy folk pop group that hails from Maryland.

The performance had a sluggish first half and volume problems that were made up for by a high-energy second half, highlighted by a rendition of "Rebulba," a critically acclaimed song from their 1996 CD *No Day*.

moe., a group considered by some to be the next Phish, has performed at the Horde festival and the Bayou in D.C., as well as at many colleges around the U.S. Brownie Mary, founded in 1993, has a CD entitled *That's Me*, and has opened for the Dave Matthews Band, Melissa Etheridge, Rusted Root and Hootie and the Blowfish. Jonasay had been a group for only eight months at the time of the concert and had just released their first album.



Channel 17 shows pornographic movie

While some students were enjoying the sounds of the campus concert last May, others who stayed in their rooms watching TV saw some surprising programming on Channel 17, the campus television station.

Somebody put a hard-core pornographic movie into the station's machine and broadcast it throughout the campus.

Richard Suchoski, general manager of the station, was not aware of the change in the programming schedule until contacted by Campus Safety. The identity of the person who put in the video is still unknown, but all the key holding members of the station denied any knowledge of the prank.

One thing that is known is that Channel 17 had some of its best ever viewing figures. Several people left messages on the station's phonemail declaring "We love you Channel 17, you're our new favorite station."

Honor code comes under criticism

In October, students voiced their concerns about the efficacy of WMC's honor code. They were unsure as to whether it was performing the way a pure honor code should, where students are supposed to be academically honest and report honor code violations.

An ad hoc committee was convened last semester, and released a report in August. It contained several suggestions, such as increased clarification of the honor code booklet, inclusion of an orientation to the honor code in the Freshman Seminar classes, and faculty education.

In October, Dr. Sam Case proposed a surprise motion to abolish the honor code in order to renew student commitment to it.

Students displayed mixed opinions about the honor code question, and expressed their opinions at an SGA open house on October 22.



Football team reaches playoffs

The Green Terror football team ended its second undefeated season with a victory over Johns Hopkins University on November 14, clinching the Centennial Conference Division III championship.

The Terror traveled to Trinity in Texas for the first round of NCAA Division III playoffs, hoping turn last year's loss into this year's victory and win the first national championship in WMC's history. WMC put up a good fight; the Terror was ahead at half-time, but lost control of the game and finished up 20-30.



By Kate Hampson and Sarah Radice

Racial slurs shock campus community

October ended with a bizarre racial incident that shocked the WMC community.

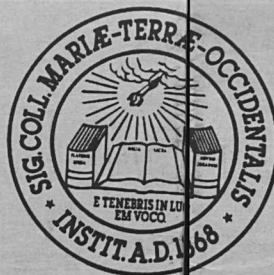
Freshman Kenneth Carter III confessed in writing to writing racial epithets on the doors of three Rouzer Hall rooms. He was caught after being observed writing the slurs on his own message board by a video surveillance camera.

Controversy later arose over the student's allegations that his confession was coerced, and a candlelight vigil was held on October 28 in order for the campus to show its solidarity.

The incident sparked a debate about among the students and administration about the racial climate of WMC, and led to the circulation of three petitions calling for racial awareness.

WMC '98

The year's news in review



Pigeons killed with illegal chemical



The beginning of this semester brought the unpleasant sight for some members of the WMC community of a dead or dying pigeon falling on the ground in front of them.

The pigeons were considered a pest by the college and so were terminated using a chemical called Avitrol, which was placed on the roofs of some campus buildings.

The decision caused controversy on campus as many people liked the pigeons and thought it was cruel to kill them.

The debate was further fueled by the fact that the pest control company, Terminex, did not have a permit to distribute the chemical. The company had reacted quickly to the problem and had forgotten to apply for permission to use Avitrol against birds in Carroll County.

After the college realized that the chemical was unlicensed, it was removed from the buildings, but not until 55 out of a flock of 700 birds were killed.

"Riot" erupts during Spring Fling party

Spring Fling in 1998 was certainly a weekend to be remembered, although perhaps not for the good times that were had. An unauthorized party that sprung up in the quad between ANW and Daniel MacLea halls was broken up by Westminster police, who used pepper spray and dogs to disperse the crowd.

Campus Safety officers were unable to break up the party and called in the police to help. They felt this was necessary because of the underage drinking and fistfights that occurred.

Students resented their party ending in this manner and objected to the presence of the police. Two students were arrested; both were charged with disorderly conduct and one student with two counts of second degree assault.

SO/CA merge sparks debate

The class of 2002 were probably unaware of the controversy that surrounded the planning of their freshman orientation program. The big issue was the combination of the Classroom Assistant and Student Orientor positions into one role.

For the most part, students were very strongly against the idea, citing the different personality traits required by each role, and arguing that an excellent CA may not have the right skills to be an effective SO, while a person who might be a great team leader may not have the academic ability to be a CA in a subject.

The college went ahead with the idea and the position of Peer Mentor was created. Students who felt comfortable filling both roles took on the responsibility of helping first-year students adapt, but many former CAs and SOs who did not like the requirements of the other position were not involved in this year's orientation.



ROBYN HILL

The Expressions '98 fashion show gave students the opportunity to demonstrate their runway skills. The show profiled evening attire, fall and winter clothing, and also featured a swimwear section. The event was organized by the Black Student Union and was followed by a party in the forum.

Resident Assistants assess pros and cons of their job

BY SARA GREGG
Contributing Writer

Before anyone decides to be a Resident Assistant, they should listen to what Jenny Weddle, Ahsan Latif, Joanna Kraft, and Jason Valentine have to say.

They are four of Western Maryland College's 21 Resident Assistants, better known as RAs.

Each of these students can describe the best and worst parts of being an RA.

All four agree that getting to know all of the residents is one of the best features of the job.

Weddle, a junior and RA for the ground and basement floors of Whiteford, gets to know her residents by planning different activities.

"I like planning different activities," she said. "We had a Tom Cruise movie night with popcorn and ice cream, craft night, an AIDS awareness program, and we decorate for the holidays together."

A junior and RA for the second floor of Rouzer, Valentine said that being an RA "gives you a lot of job experience and confrontation skills." These are things he believes will help him in the real world.

Latif, a senior and RA for the first and

third floors of McDaniel Hall, seems to be on the same page as Valentine when he says that being an RA helps with leadership skills.

"I was very shy and didn't know how to talk in front of people," he said. "Hall meetings helped me talk in front of people and now I don't have a hard time talking in front of my classes."

Knowing what is happening on campus is something that Kraft, a sophomore and RA for the third floor of Blanche Ward Hall, enjoys.

"I like when people ask me stuff," she said. They (residents) ask me questions from, "where do we get toilet paper?" to "where is a certain place on campus?" By being an RA, Kraft must know the answers to many questions that residents have.

Being there to answer questions, learning leadership skills, gaining job experience, planning activities, and meeting new people are all good reasons to be an RA.

Another reason is the fact that RAs get free room and board and the spaciousness of a single room.

Being an RA sounds great, doesn't it?

Not so fast, because being an RA has some disadvantages, too.

For example, Weddle says, "Being woken up in the middle of the night sucks. Going on rounds at one in the morning is terrible because I like to be asleep at one. It's cold, and people are dumb when they're drunk."

Although Weddle, Latif, Kraft, and Valentine have the job of being an RA, it does not mean that they are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In actuality, RAs are on duty one weeknight a week and one night each weekend from 8 pm until 8 am.

"It seems like everyone has a negative picture of an RA," said Kraft. "They think we're always on duty and we always care about stuff."

Latif agrees. "People think the RA is just there to write them up," he said. There really aren't any RAs who want to write people up."

Along with the job comes a certain conscience. "Being an RA dictates your social life. You have to make a lot of social decisions based on your job," said Valentine. "You have to ask yourself questions like, can I be here at this party? Should I be hanging out with these people? People think RAs are bad, evil, and out to get people."

In reality, RAs are students just like everyone else. They go to parties, hang out with friends, and study. The difference is, sometimes they have the responsibility of keeping things in order on campus.

What was your favorite album of 1998?

The Phoenix is conducting an informal poll to find out what WMC is listening to.

Email Shawn Sprague with your nomination at sas002@wmdc.edu

BY JANET KEYMETIAN
Contributing Writer

What do nine Western Maryland students, a Civil Rights attorney, and Pittsburgh have in common? Participation in the Thomas M. Kerr Annual Invitational Tournament hosted by Carnegie Mellon University.

According to team member Stacey Myers, the competition "was not only a fun and exciting event, it was a learning and bonding experience for the whole team."

The tournament is conducted in standard mock trial competition fashion. There are at least four teams competing against one another in at least four separate trials. The case and all of its materials are sent to each team several months prior to the competition so that they may prepare their questions and become familiar with the case.

Each team presents the prosecution or plaintiff's side of the case in one trial and the defense's side in another. Presenting a case includes making an opening statement, directly examining a witness, cross-examining the opposing side's witness, and giving a closing argument.

In competition, there are time allotments for each element. Each trial is presided over by a judge or set of judges that conduct the courtroom proceedings and score each participant and their respective teams based on a given set of criteria. These scores are later tabulated and a winner is declared.

WMC's team is a new organization on campus this year. It consists of nine members: Team Captain and senior, Janet Keymetian; seniors, Miesha Queen, Jaime Walker and Morrison Benjamin; juniors Francesca Saylor and Sergey Fayyusovich; sophomores Nathan Williams and Dennis Lucey; and freshman, Stacey Myers.

The team is supported by its faculty advisor, Dr. Charles Neal, and its coach, Marc Pentino. Pentino, an attorney and WMC alumnus, is employed as a civil rights ana-

lyst for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The WMC Mock Trial Team, accompanied by Dr. Neal, made the 245-mile trip to Pittsburgh on Friday, November 13, and stayed in a hotel that night in order to be at the competition at 8 am on Saturday morning. The weekend ended an 8-week intensive period of training that included over 80 hours of collective preparation.

At the tournament, WMC competed against teams from Allegheny College, Carnegie Mellon University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, St. Vincent College, Susquehanna University, and University of Pittsburgh.

Neal, professor of political science and prelaw advisor, said that Western Maryland has never had a mock trial team before as far as he knows. As a new organization, he feels that the team did "unbelievably well for their first time out."

Pentino was not sparing with praise either. He said that before the competition he was "extremely confident in their ability to compete against more experienced teams."

Pentino said that was satisfied with WMC placing second out of seven teams. "My goal was not for them to win the competition, but to gain tools for life. I wanted these students to realize they can successfully argue their position as they will have to do in real life within the business world against people who will take opposing views. The experience of standing up publicly for your ideals and making a good presentation are tools they'll use later on."

At the awards ceremony following the competition, the team was surprised by its unexpected second place showing. Reflecting on that moment, Walker said, "It was one of my most exciting college moments. I felt like I was swelling with pride. I was proud to represent WMC."

Team member Miesha Queen was presented with the Best Witness Award at the

ceremony. Queen said, "winning 'Best Witness' feels great...to walk away with honors for our school, in addition to receiving a personal award, is a great feeling. It is with humbleness and affection that I receive and share this award." She expressed gratitude to "the members who coached and drilled me day and night to perform the script of each witness convincingly."

The team may be new, but they are strong, as evidenced by their awards. Williams, the member with the most mock trial experience, believes that the team's greatest strengths were that they "had a hard-working collection of individuals that melded together as a team."

Team members said they intended to be competitive, but were not expecting to win. Walker said they "Just wanted to go there and present ourselves as a legitimate mock trial team," and is confident that "we'll be taking first next time."

Lucey added, "For a team to go to an invitational tournament and place second is wonderful. For a team to go and place second when half of the team has never done mock trial before is unquestionably unbelievable."

Walker said, "I've gained confidence in myself as a public speaker and it taught me a lot about teamwork."

Dr. Neal feels that the team brought honor both upon itself and WMC with its triumph. "Western Maryland has a long history of sending its graduates on to law school. The Mock Trial Team reflects well on the college as it is another example of how our graduates are prepared to face the outside world," he said.

Each member said they plan to continue with the team next semester. Plans are under way to write another grant for funding so that the team may host its own tournament next semester. Provost Joan Develin Coley granted the funding necessary for this tournament trip.

Horoscopes

December: Doing It Santa Style

Sagittarius (11/23 - 12/21)

When the cow shits, the crow will fly.

Capricorn (12/22 - 1/20)

Two words: fornicate.

Aquarius (1/21 - 2/19)

You ever cough up bloody mucus? In a bus station in Grand Rapids? No? Oh. Well, me neither.

Pisces (2/30 - 3/20)

The smell of fish delights you.

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)

Underwear can be pricy. Budget accordingly.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)

Playing Chubby Bunny will not get you chicks.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)

It's a bad week to drink hydrogen peroxide. At least, that's what the stars say.

Cancer (6/21 - 7/23)

"Does my ass look big?" Shut the hell up, Cancer.

Leo (7/24 - 8/23)

No Leo, I don't think these horoscopes make any sense. Or do they?

Virgo (8/24 - 9/23)

You missed it, Virgo. On the Dennis Lucey Psychedellic Hillbilly Revival on WMCR.

Libra (9/24 - 10/23)

"We sail tonight for Singapore. . ." Have you been popping Tavist-D again, Libra?

Scorpio (10/24 - 11/22)

You're a Scorpio. Get used to being last.



by Matthew Thomas

Center Stage production is As You Don't Like It

BY KEVIN WORLEY
Staff Writer

A recent production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* left me with two things: a steadfast desire for something more, and a sore butt.

The three-hour-long marathon captures very little of the viewers' interest as it fumbles from scene to scene. It begins in the court of Duke Frederick, who has banished his seemingly adored brother, the former duke, to a neighboring forest.

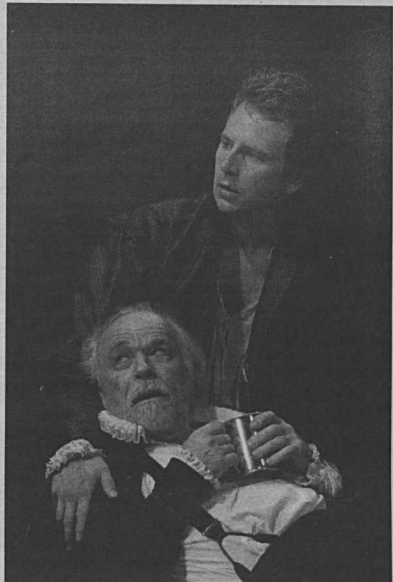
Frederick's daughter, Celia, happens to be best friends with Rosalind, the daughter of his banished brother, and so Rosalind is allowed to continue on within the kingdom. Orlando enters struggling with himself and his older brother, who treats him like a servant and keeps Orlando from his rightful inheritance.

To prove his worth, Orlando wrestles the Duke's best man and, of course, wins. Rosalind is pleased with his victory and finds herself awestruck. An hour and a half into the story and after some family troubles, the setting moves to the Forest of Arden where the banished duke resides.

We continue for the next hour with no real plot movement and some sorry attempts at humor. The play finally unwinds in the last twenty minutes as lovers come together in perfect harmony.

As it is with most of Shakespeare's plays, the second half of the play was better than the first. Of course, that doesn't say much at all.

The play is saved by two members of the cast: Touchstone, a fool at the duke's court, and the Musician who makes her way through



Orlando (Stephen Barker Turner) supports Adam (George Bartenieff) in the Forest of Arden, Shakespeare's mythical setting for the play.

each scene playing anything and everything. These two provide the only source of humor as the rest of the cast drags on as if performing is a cumbersome task.

I don't claim to be an experienced theater critic by any stretch of the imagination. The play by nature and by name is open to interpretation, so my views may not reflect the popular opinion. But I think that if in fact you are looking

for a good night's entertainment and a well-spent \$20, this will not be *As You Like It*.

The play *As You Like It* is directed by Irene Lewis and is being performed now through December 20th at Center Stage in Baltimore. For more information on tickets and performances visit www.centerstage.org or call 410-332-0033.

Madrid provides students with a fun cultural experience

BY KIMBERLY HALL
Contributing Writer

Hola de Espana! I'm spending the semester at Saint Louis University in Madrid, Spain's capital and one of the busiest cities in Europe.

Madrid, a relatively young city compared to some of the closest capitals, like Paris and Rome, was built in the center of Spain, making it the perfect point to travel to all parts of the country.

Its culture and nightlife bring people from all over Europe each weekend and summer.

Spain is famous for its beaches, its beautiful weather, its culture, and of course, its dedication for "el ocio" and "la marcha", which begins sometime on Thursday night and usually ends with a 7 am metro ride.

It's almost impossible to be bored while living in Madrid. When we're not traveling back and forth from Paris, Lisbon, Munich, or even Rome on our vacations, los estudiantes in Madrid can usually be found in the clubs, parks, plazas and bars that fill the city.

If we're not in Madrid, we are often in cities like Salamanca, Toledo, Malaga, or Sevilla, which is an easy two hour and fifteen minute ride due to the new AVE train.

On the weekends, we can choose from trips to museums all over the city, like the Prado or Reina Sofia museum, the crowded Rastro flea market, Retiro park, or running from bar to bar and club to club until the sun comes up.

Madridenos spend very little of their time at home. They will usually leave the house in the morn-

ing, perhaps come home for the 4 pm main meal, and then stay out until around 10, when it's time for the cena, or third meal of the day.

Weekdays, we usually find ourselves in Retiro, or in the courtyard at school. The sun seems to be shining 90 percent of the time in Madrid, and it's even possible to run around in shorts in November if you go south.

Of course, if you find yourself getting bored, there's always homework, but nobody here seems to be looking for something to do.

I'll be here for 4 months, but I'll never be able to do everything that I want to do here. Maybe you'll have better luck if you give it a try. Animate and come visit Spain! Hasta la vista!

Graduate school forces students to become self-starters

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Many undergraduates think that they definitely want to continue their education onto graduate school. Although unsure what exactly they want to do or what they're getting themselves into, they do know that they want to make a lot of money in their chosen field.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of work to do to get ready for graduate school. As an undergraduate, although it may not seem like it, college is pretty much a free life for a while. Initially, of course, it is hard being away from family and friends, being independent, meeting new people, learning how to deal with finances, and getting a sense of one's self.

College is mostly a time to be having fun,

have to pay a lot of bills. School doesn't always get the attention it deserves. It's hard to have a social life to a certain degree, but a social life becomes less important the older you get."

Morrissett is in her second year here at WMC. The twenty-four year old first attended Bradford University in Virginia, majoring in psychology.

She decided to go to graduate school mainly to make more money because "a psych degree gets you nowhere."

She also wanted to work with kids and decided that guidance counseling in an education program was the kind of career she wanted.

Morrissett plans to get a certification in guidance counseling, a master's in counseling, and, hopefully in four years, her license

"Unless you're going to med school or have a direct laid out path and know for certain, I'd recommend working for a couple of years and holding a job in a variety of positions."

Jim Willis

though it is necessary to keep up with studies, but is not always a time to seriously consider a career at hand.

Two graduate students from Western Maryland College, Jennifer Morrissett and Jim Willis, both agreed that graduate school is nothing like undergraduate school.

The biggest issue for both, and for most graduate students, is the money. In undergraduate school, parents often pay the bills, but graduates are usually on their own.

Morrissett juggles four jobs over the course of a week, while attending three classes. Morrissett describes her life as a "time crunch. You work full time, attend classes, and still have to find time for a social life."

As an undergraduate, Morrissett "worked during the summer and blew all the money [she] made over paid, but didn't owe a dime." Her parents paid all her bills, but when she decided to go on to graduate school, her parents said it was her turn to pay up.

Jim Willis, the operation supervisor for the College Activities Office agrees. "You

to counsel. In exchange for free tuition, she has also helped create Hall Council.

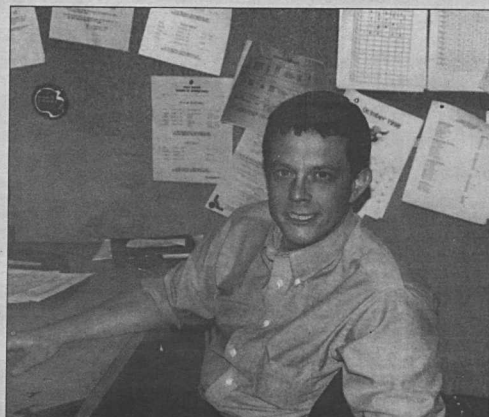
Willis also has a job that gives him free tuition. He got the job as supervisor first, before realizing that classes were free and deciding to enroll.

As operation supervisor, Willis supervises the information desk, game room, and thirty-seven employees. He is in charge of the setup crew and the operation of Decker Center, working as supervisor of activities, and general manager of the office.

Willis, 26, attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, P.A. He always knew he wanted to go on to grad school, but "didn't know what [he] wanted to study."

At first Willis was thinking about law or medical school, but has since turned to human resources development and hopes to get a master's in this area by March of 1999.

As advice for future grad students, Willis recommends that "unless you're going to med school or have a direct laid out path and know for certain, I'd recommend working for a couple of years and holding a job in a



ROBYN HILL

Jim Willis works at his desk in the college activities office. The operation supervisor chose to work for three years before pursuing a masters degree in human resources, here at WMC.

variety of positions." Willis himself took three years off before deciding to enroll at WMC as a grad student.

Both Morrissett and Willis are younger than most graduate students. Most are in their 30's to mid 40's, in the middle of a career change.

Morrissett only took a year off before moving to Westminster, where she grew up, and enrolling as a graduate student. What she looked for in a graduate school is "class availability, how well known a college it is, how well-respected it is as a school, and who are the best professors."

When asked how undergraduates should

go about deciding about graduate school, Morrissett says, "wait until you're serious about a career you want to take on. Research the field you want to enter." She also strongly emphasizes job experience.

Graduate school, in short, is a very big step to make on the way to a career. Granted, it is often needed to really get serious about one's direction in life. But it is not something to rush into.

It is a huge commitment, and therefore, undergraduates should get as much experience in their field as they can and begin to take on research projects to get a general-ized background in their field.

Aspiring musicians show Insight to Life with demo CD



TRANG DAN

Raphael Taylor and Kash Wright contemplate success with their demo CD, *Insight to Life*. The CD, named after their group, features four tracks, two of which are original compositions. Wright describes their musical style as a combination of contemporary Christian music and R&B.

Cheap Thrills

Hello, friends.
Welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy for your jobybang.

I'd like to begin this issue's column with a quick list of tips:

Cheap	Expensive
Internet porn + your hand	A whore
Gas from someone else's tank	Tank of nitrous
Videos from Carroll County Library...uh, free!	Videos at Blockbuster
Roadkill (a long as it's not your car)	Gun and a hunting license
Living vicariously through 2Pac	Thug Life

It's really that simple to save!
My friend, El Presidente, shared this thought with me when I asked him for Cheap Thrills ideas: "People are different—learn to understand them."
Is that what Cheap Thrills is really about? And not tightwad tastelessness?
Huh.
Hold your breath until next year (is life worth living without Cheap Thrills?) and have a happy Saturnalia!

60 Seconds

What would you like from Santa this year?



"A boa constrictor."
Dave Seydel '99
Biology

"A car that runs consistently that can get me to and from college without breaking down on 195."

Randy Justice '02
Political Science



"Sexy lingerie."
Camille Read '01
Art

"A futon and a bean bag chair and maybe a \$3 shirt from WalMart."

Clint McKay '01
Math/German



"I want it to snow sometime soon."
Greg Dubell '00
Social Work

"No more squirrel stories in the Phoenix. Let's talk about cats for a change. Miaow!"

Siouxsie the Phat Cat
Sleeping



Words by Sarah Radice, Photos by Robyn Hill

Christmas in Europe represents wealth of different traditions

SOPHIE BOULET
Staff Writer

Christmas is one of the most common celebrated parties worldwide and it is interesting to see how different peoples celebrate it in various countries.

Great Britain, France, and its northern neighbors are used to the Northern tradition of Father Christmas, a.k.a. Santa Claus in the U.S., who is supposed to come down the chimney with his bag full of presents.

In Great Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland, it is common for families to eat a big meal of a turkey and expensive food on December 24. People are supposed to open their presents on the morning of December 25 in most countries except Germany and Spain.

In Germany, Saint Nicholas comes on the 6th of December with his presents, but in Spain children have to wait until the 6th of January. This is the day of the "Reyes Magos," when the three kings come with their hands full of presents for everybody, like at Jesus's birth.

Almost all the children in Europe can see Father Christmas in the street and shops a few days before Christmas, when everybody is hurrying to buy the last presents and food that they will prepare for the big dinner of December 24 and 25, when usually the families gather and everybody offers presents to each other.



In all of these countries, you can find pine trees and light decorations, such as in Paris where the Champs Elysees' trees are covered with lights and monuments have lights or pine trees in front of them.

Many cities also organize Christmas arts and crafts markets, where you can find all food specialties and decorations, which change a bit according to the country and sometimes the region.

The general image of Christmas with snow and Santa Claus with his reindeer comes from the Scandinavian countries, and is seen almost everywhere in Europe, even if some Southern countries have adopted the three kings tradition.

The tradition in most Catholic countries is to go to midnight mass around 11 pm on the 24th or to watch the Vatican's mass, broadcast on all TV channels the same day or on the 25th.

Christmas is a big party everywhere, even if different religions do not always celebrate it.

It creates in Europe a very special atmosphere of sharing and partying for most people, just as it does in the United States.



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Secrets of a pizza planet

Domino's annual Pizza Meter, a survey of 500 managers and delivery staff across the U.S.A., found some interesting and unusual facts about our favorite Italian import in the last year.

- The Spice Girls was the most popular group that families were listening to when their pizzas were delivered.
- 62% of women wearing stiletto heels or ordered extra cheese as compared to those wearing flats
- There was a 4% increase in people answering the doors naked in the week following the release of "Boogie Nights". 72% of those were men.
- People wearing bell-bottoms ordered pepperoni three times more often than people wearing straight-legged jeans.
- Pizza orders by people with unusual hair colors was at an all-time high. Indigo was the number one color.
- People listening to opera were twice as likely to order meat-topped pizza as rap fans.
- There was a national drop of 11% in pizza orders following the Tyson-Holyfield ear-biting match. 45% of the orders received requested meat topping.

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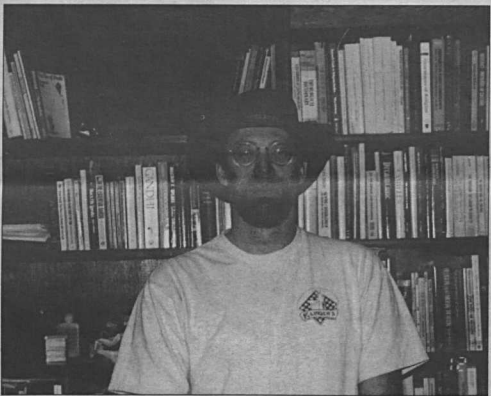
IN THE FISHBOWL

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC.



TRANG DAN

Jason Valentine takes a break from his studies and his job as a Rouzer Resident Assistant.



ROBYN HILL

Dr. Greg Alles can be seen around WMC in his trademark hat and bare feet.

BY RICHARD SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Jason Valentine, currently attending Western Maryland College as a junior, came to WMC for several reasons.

Its strong science programs and the college's reputation for placing graduates in highly-rated professional schools first attracted Jason's attention to the college. He also enjoyed the sense of community he felt the first time he visited the campus.

"I can remember coming up here for a football camp sometime while I was in the sixth grade. The atmosphere of this place really appealed to me...it was a feeling that stuck with me through to the end of high school when I got ready to apply to colleges."

Valentine is a Biochemistry and Biology double major and hopes to attend medical school at either the University of Texas at Austin or the University of Maryland at Baltimore after he graduates.

Currently a Resident Assistant in Rouzer, Jason enjoys working out, intermural football games, and is very active in Western Maryland's chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Students looking for Dr. Gregory Alles can often find him padding shoeless through the halls of Baker Memorial Chapel.

In his eleven years at Western Maryland College, Dr. Alles, chair of the department of religious studies, has become well known among his students and fellow faculty members for his unique, informal approaches to teaching his courses.

Dr. Alles has also become well known in the academic world of religious studies during his career for his work with the theories of German philosopher Rudolph Otto.

After graduating from Valparaiso University in 1977, Dr. Alles earned his M.A. in religious studies from the University of Chicago, where he also later earned his Ph.D. after a brief stint in the culinary world.

Dr. Alles has four children with his wife, Sarah. He enjoys swimming, which he does regularly, and traveling abroad.

Vegetarian lifestyle brings diverse benefits

The Phoenix would like to present some sobering facts about U.S. meat consumption for your consideration. We do not make any judgments; that is your prerogative.

Human population of United States: 270,000,000 (and counting).

Number of human beings who could be fed by the grain and soybeans eaten by U.S. livestock: 1,300,000,000.

Amount of world grain harvest consumed by livestock throughout the 1980s: half.

Number of people who will starve to death this year: 20,000,000. Number of people who could be adequately fed if Americans reduced their intake of meat by 10%: 100,000,000.

Water needed to produce 1 pound of wheat: 25 gallons.

Water needed to produce 1 pound of meat: 2,500 gallons.

Production of excrement by total U.S. human population: 12,000 pounds/second.

Production of excrement by U.S. livestock: 250,000 pounds/second.

Most common cause of death in U.S.: Heart attack.

Amount you reduce your risk of heart attack by reducing your consumption of meat, dairy products and eggs by 100%: 90%.

Leading sources of saturated fat and cholesterol in American diets: Meat, dairy products and eggs.

Increased risk of breast cancer for women who eat butter and cheese 3 or more times a week compared to women who eat these foods less than once a week: 3 times higher.

Increased risk of fatal prostate cancer for men who consume meats, cheese, eggs and milk daily compared to men who eat these foods sparingly or not at all: 3.6 times higher.

The Dairy Council tells us: Milk is nature's most perfect food.

The Dairy Council doesn't tell us: Milk is nature's most perfect food for a baby calf, who has four stomachs, will double its weight

in 47 days, and is destined to weigh 300 pounds within a year.

The meat, dairy and egg industries don't tell us: The diseases which are commonly prevented, consistently improved, and sometimes cured by a low-fat vegetarian diet include: Strokes, Kidney stones, Prostate cancer, Cervical cancer, Diabetes, Peptic ulcers, Hiatal hernias, Gallstones, Irritable colon syndrome, Heart disease, Breast cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Stomach cancer.

Number of animals killed for meat per hour in U.S.: 500,000.

Only man to win Ironman Triathlon more than twice: Dave Scott, 6 time winner.

Food choice of Dave Scott: Vegetarian.

World record holder for 24 hour triathlon, swim 4.8 miles, cycle 185 miles, run 52.5 miles: Sixto Linares.

Food choice of Sixto Linares: Strict vegetarian.

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M&M's Offense-Defense I: Home, Sweet Home Turf

BY MIKE PUSKAR AND MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor and Assistant Sports Editor

This new column is based on stuff that's been egging the Sports Editorial Staff; Mike P. plays the idealistic while Mike Y. plays the expert. This month they tackle the football team's playoff predicaments.

Mike Y:

The main reason that I feel the team has trouble advancing is the fact that they play the Centennial Conference, which is no fault of its own. The conference is just so weak that the players aren't used to playing high caliber teams when they have to; so, basically, that hurts them in that it gives them lower seeds in the playoffs and affects where they play. I think they should play a stronger schedule, such as a stronger out-of-conference schedule, their first three games.

Mike P:

Like against Catholic.

Mike Y:

Right, because it's been consistently ranked the last couple of years and made the playoffs and everything. Such a schedule would better prepare the Terrors for play-off-type games and possibly make them look more favorable in the eyes of the ranking bodies so that they can get a higher rank, which would then allow them to play at Western Maryland instead of having to go to Trinity or Lycoming or wherever else they may end up next year.

Mike P:

I agree exactly with that in that a big part of the Terrors' problem is that they weren't on home turf when Trinity was, and it really matters where you are. When you're on your own turf, you know every piece of the field and you can use more than just sight for sensing - you can feel everything intuitively and know where everything is. It's also influenced by fans and the support that you get. Since Trinity was home, all their regular fans could be there; whereas there's no way that WMC could have bussed or flown all our fans over there, it's just too much money and too much trouble. I think the best thing that can be done, regardless of seeds or tradition, would be to pick neutral turf that's equidistant from each college. That way neither one would be familiar with the ground so it would be more fair.

Here, I'll play devil's advocate. If we were to play a stronger schedule and get a better seed and were to play home turf, then the opposing college wouldn't have a fair chance either, and I think, in being sporting, you have to allow your opponents a fair chance as well. Therefore, neutral ground would be the best way to handle that.

Mike Y:

To counteract what you are saying, the whole point of playing the stronger regular season is to get a

higher seed so that you have an easier time and you get the home-field advantage and such - that's your incentive for playing hard in the regular season. It's not only to make the playoffs, but to make the playoffs and play at home and play the weakest team in the playoffs, etc., because, like you said, when playing at home you have your fans.

Fans matter a lot because friends and family are there, and players' girlfriends are there, or whatever. That's not just saying that the players don't want to perform but that it brings out the parts of them they don't know they have, the parts that are basically afraid of being embarrassed in front of family and friends.

Mike P:

It's not embarrassment. The support gets the ego going and the adrenaline pumping, which gets players rushing more and everything. It's not just support from

I think they should play... a stronger out-of-conference schedule their first three games.

M2: Mike Yestramski

fans that the home team receives; it's also support from fellow players. A team is a single unit and when you break up that team by sending 48 of the hundred and so players to a different college whose team has all its players, the away team is at a disadvantage. Their team is a whole working unit and our team is just a part which doesn't work as well without the others, even if the other players are there just supporting and not playing that game.

Mike Y:

Another thing as far as the home-field advantage goes is that our players were playing in Texas that's a different time zone! So, there's the jet lag to contend with too. There have been studies done on the effects of jet lag with NFL teams playing night games when east coast travels to west coast. You know, an eight o'clock start leads to the east coast players feel 11 o'clock, so they're just not at their peak performance hour. In general, the east coast teams generally don't do as well over there as when the west coast teams come to the east coast for night games. They generally play very well because an eight o'clock game for them feels like five o'clock, and that is the human body's general, ultimate peak

performance time of the day. Maybe allowing the east coast teams to get to the away game more than just one day ahead to allow their bodies time to adjust to the jet lag might be something they could also consider.

Mike P:

Or perhaps they could make it so that the western team would always be going to the east team school, even though that would affect the difference of seeds and the incentive that's there. Maybe they could pick a neutral school that's east of the west team and in the same time zone as the east team, if the situation is that there's one west and one east team.

Mike Y:

However, I think all of this sounds like a pipe-dream. But, you know, year's ago the NFL decided that there should be two weeks between the last playoff game and the Superbowl instead of just one to allow for the jet lag to be out of the people's bodies. This is a possibility the NCAA could consider. I see the stronger regular season schedule as being a possibility as well, but, outside of that, everything else is based on the hope that every other coach and every other NCAA official feels this way. It's going to take something really major to break the traditional way of doing things, not just a little bit of unfairness for one team or a slight advantage over another.

Mike P:

I'm a very traditional person myself, and I see the point of the tradition in the game. I'm just speculating here what could work better for both teams. Even though all societal relations are political and are always a power struggle, I still think that ideally a truly sporting person would want things to be as fair as possible despite tradition. So somehow, even in keeping tradition, someone might be able to find a way to work around the tradition while still making it more fair for both teams. I admit that I haven't the slightest idea how that would work; I'm just speaking my mind.

Mike Y:

I think about what you're saying about sporting people is that, even though I don't play the sport any more, when I did I saw the difference between dirty playing and taking advantage of an opponent's weakness. At home, to get that advantage is no different from knowing that your opponent can't stop a pass so you pass a lot, or that your opponent can't stop a run so



you run a lot, or hoping that if you're playing a team that likes to pass that it rains that day. Whatever weakness you find is what you have to attack, because every team in the playoffs theoretically is pretty much the same. They're all on level ground so you can't go strength for strength or even your average versus their average. You have to put your strengths against their weaknesses, get every inch that you can gain on an opponent - that's what separates a team from winning the national championship or not.

Mike P:

Well, it is true that taking advantage of weaknesses is a strength and we should be able to do that because, after all, getting to the top is doing just that, taking advantage of the weaknesses, and it's not playing dirty or being unsporting. However, being on home turf is more circumstantial. Suppose that there was a storm one day and so a team couldn't have any good passing plays; well, that's not any fault of the team, so why should they be punished for it? I just think that circumstance is far different from playing your cards right.

Mike Y:

I would agree with that. I would take more pride in beating someone by

shutting them down and knowing that I trained harder than they did, than by their star player getting hurt or because of bad weather. However, going back to what I was saying, when it comes to the playoffs, you win however you can, and if that little inch is what you need, then so be it.

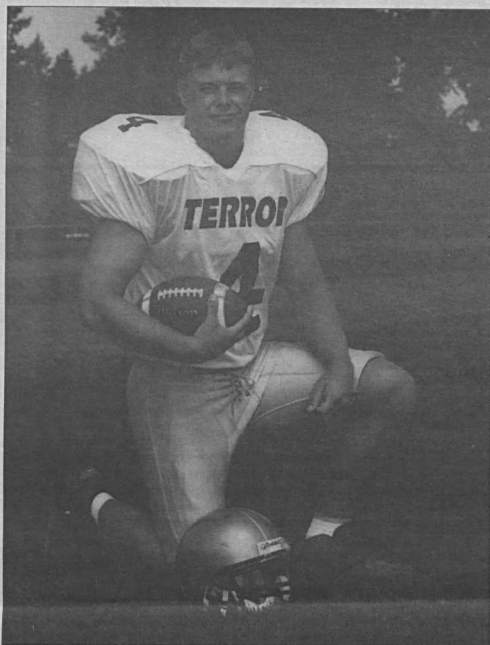
Mike P:

Yeah, that's also true because these four teams in the four seeds are top teams in their respective conferences; so if they are this good, you have to get any advantages that you can get. Whether it be circumstantial or not, you've already had the pride of defeating opponents by finding weaknesses rather than through circumstantial advantages.

Mike Y:

Agreed. I mean, the whole thing goes back to it being your incentive for wanting to play a harder schedule. A very common phrase in any athletic competition is "to be the best you have to be the best." So, again, beating nobody is going to pad your record and make you score a lot of points, making you look good, but when it all comes down to it...

Lapato, Mathias among football players honored



Senior Tom Lapato is a King scholar and athlete.

C. KURT HOLTER

Final exams are looming. Classmates are cramming. Tom Lapato? He's heading off to Disney World this week. Mat Mathias? He's flying down to Monterey, Mexico. These Terror seniors have won two of the highest honors in college football, and they're going south—textbooks in tow—to collect their rewards.

Lapato, a strong safety with a 4.0 GPA, has been named Burger King Scholar-Athlete of the Year in Division III, an award chosen by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Offensive tackle Mathias is a first-team pick on the AFCA's Division III all-America squad, widely considered the nation's premier small-college all-star team. He's also made the Football Gazette all-America team, along with Lapato, senior guard Ryan Hines, and junior cornerback Marvin Deal.

Lapato heads to Orlando to appear on the Home Depot College Football Awards Show, shown live on ESPN2 Dec. 10, 8-10 p.m. Meanwhile Mathias is spending the week in Mexico preparing for the 30th annual Aztec Bowl, pitting the Division III all-stars against the Mexican all-stars Sunday, Dec. 13.

Lapato will compete against three other finalists (Divisions I, I-AA and II) to become the Scholar-Athlete of the Year in all of college football. The award would mean \$100,000 for WMC's general scholarship fund, on top of the \$35,000 he's already earned the college—\$25,000 as the D-III winner and an earlier \$10,000 as Scholar-Athlete of the Week.

Lapato, a mathematics major with a concentration in computer science, has also been named to the GTE College Division Aca-

demic All-America team, the NCAA's official squad, chosen by college sports information directors. He earned first-team honors this year after making the second team in 1997.

The Football Gazette named Mathias and Hines to its second team, Lapato and Deal to its third unit.

And the honors don't stop there for the Green Terror (10-1), the first team in Centennial Conference history to earn back-to-back NCAA playoff bids and go unbeaten in league play for a second straight year.

No less than 12 players—half the starting unit, including kickers—have been named all-Centennial Conference. Seven made the first team: Mathias, Hines, Lapato, Deal, junior quarterback Ron Sermarini, senior defensive tackle Zach Galemore, and junior linebacker Tommy Selecky. Sermarini was named Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season.

Noseguard Kevin Kramer and placekicker Brent Sandrock, both sophomores, earned second-team honors, and three others were honorable-mention picks: sophomore running back Joe Kendorski, sophomore wideout Mike Starke, and junior linebacker Matt Meiklejohn.

Meanwhile the Terrors topped the Centennial Conference with six players on the league's Academic Honor Roll: Lapato, Mathias, sophomore wideout Tommy Paolucci, running back Jeff Groff, senior linebacker Matt Dauphin and sophomore defensive tackle John Croy. The unit requires a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Courtesy of Sports Information.

M&M speak out against away-turf violence

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Mike P:
It's all "superficial."

Mike Y:
Right. My original feeling is that, unless all of a sudden the Centennial Conference becomes the Conference to play in and Swarthmore somehow magically becomes good and Muhlenberg becomes good and Gettysburg and Ursinus and all the other teams magically become awesome teams...

Mike P:
If the Mules become wild stallions and the Bullets become cannonballs.

Mike Y:
Yeah, unless something like that happens, I think the only way that the Terrors can get themselves to the next level is to continue climbing the mountain. Instead of climbing

this year, because of last, they expected it.

Mike Y:
Right, and so this year, instead of just making the playoffs, they wanted to advance in the playoffs. You know, it was kind of like the Denver Broncos, again to make another parallel to the pros. The first time they made it to the Superbowl, and that was great. Then they made it to the Superbowl again, and then they made it again, but they couldn't win it. That's why I think last year that they played so well, because they finally wanted to win it. Getting there is great the first time, but, after that, getting there isn't enough. You need to...

Mike P:
Top your own record in a way.

Mike Y:
Right. Because I think that the biggest downfall of individuals and full teams—and not just athletic, but any form in life in general

Suppose that there was a storm one day and so a team couldn't have any good passing plays; well, that's not any fault of the team, so why should they be punished for it? I just think that circumstance is far different than playing your cards right.

M1: Mike Puskari

a mountain and reaching a plateau, we want to continue reaching towards the peak. To do that, we're just going to have to play harder teams and we're going to have to find ways to do this. Until this happens, I have a feeling that the Terrors are going to continue to have really great regular seasons and have a lot of hype to go into the playoffs and be disappointed. I'm not saying that they're disappointing us; I know that they're disappointing themselves because they expected more than they achieved. You know, last year was good—they made it to the playoffs, which they hadn't done in a long time, and that's great but...

Mike P:
That was kind of unexpected in a way, but

—is complacency with your current position, not constantly striving to achieve better than what you are—because you can always become better than what you are. Even if you win the national championship, the next year your goal should be to win the national championship and shut the team out. The aim the year after should be to not even give up any yards—a general progression of constant improvement, which, again, I feel can only be achieved through playing harder teams. Basically, that's what I feel it comes down to: they just have to play better teams.

Mike P:
And our current Centennial Conference doesn't really offer much towards that.

Wnukowski wins races

The Green Terror swim teams fell to 0-4 on the year after being crushed by Swarthmore. The men ended with a score of 102-52, and the women ended with one of 109-62.

Sophomore Kara Wnukowski, despite the women's fall, won both of her individual races, being the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

Franklin & Marshall took down both teams in the previous meet, with the women scoring 125-52, and the men losing by a lesser margin with a score of 93-68.

The highlights for the men were senior Aaron Corbett winning the 100-yard backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke. The Terror squad in the 200-yard freestyle relay took first as well.

The women were led by Jenny Weddle, who won the 100-yard backstroke. The team also placed second in five events, including Wnukowski's 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley.

Courtesy of Sports Information.

Upcoming Home Sporting Events

**Tuesday,
Dec. 8, 7pm-**

Women's BB v. F&M
Swimming v. Elizabethtown

**Friday,
Dec. 11, 7pm-**
Wrestling v. Delaware Valley

**Saturday,
Dec. 12, 2pm-**
Women's BB v. Susquehanna

The GREEN TERROR



Scoreboard

Individual results as of 12-6-98

MEN'S BASKETBALL (2-3)

Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Asssts.

Brian Billman-16.2-7.8-1.0

Ariel Cabiri-1.3-0.3-0.3

Karl Friedheim-0.0-4.5-0.0

Mike Furey-11.2-6.8-0.2

Jim Hegmann-6.8-4.2-0.2

Erik Larson-3.8-2.2-0.6

Jeff Myers-3.8-2.4-6.0

Sean Pond-11.0-1.2-1.2

Paddy Taylor-1.8-1.2-0.4

Brian Tombs-14.8-5.2-1.4

Lamont Wilson-2.3-0.7-0.3

Kash Wright-1.0-0.0-0.5

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (4-1)

Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Asssts.

Brianne Bray-1.4-2.2-0.5

Brooke Brenneman-3.5-0.5

Camey Brian-3.4-1.4-0.2

Katie Campitelli-0.0-1.0-0.0

Jill Ibex-15.2-6.6-2.0

Michele Jarman-6.4-7.0-3.1

Megan Lynch-2.0-1.2-0.6

Kristy Lutz-0.0-2.0-0.0

Kristin Miller-9.2-3.0-1.4

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Terror football loses playoffs 30-20

BY MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Terror ended another successful season with another first quarter loss. The Terror didn't go down without a fight, however. For those who don't already know, the Terrors traveled to Texas to face Trinity. The game was an air attack all the way.

The first few series were back and forth, and was a battle of field position. In the first quarter, Trinity scored first with a field goal. This score was the first time all season that the Terror trailed in a game, but the players didn't drop their heads. They came back strong and scored on a Joe Kendorski touchdown. The drive was assisted by several connections from quarterback Ron Sermarini and wideout Mike Starke. The score at the half held the Terror on top at 7-3.

The half-final field-position war was won by the Terror. Key members to this domination were sopho-

more punter Steve Wilcox and freshman returner Jason Allaire, who was given several opportunities to return due to the fact that Trinity was kicking away from junior kick/punt returner Marvin Deal.

Although the Terror came out in the second half with emotion and high energy, the tide quickly turned in favor of Trinity, which scored on several long scores. Tried as they might, the Terrors couldn't answer Trinity's unstoppable quarterback and wide receiver combination. The final score ended up 30-20.

There were some bright spots for the Terror in their heart-breaking loss. In his last game for WMC, senior wideout Tim Herb had a career game. He scored on two fifty-plus-yard touchdown passes from Sermarini. His blocking was also effective down field. His sideline presence being helpful as well. Herb kept heads and spirits up throughout the toughest moments

of the season. Although he was disappointed with the end result of the game, Herb can feel comfortable knowing that he gave his all in his final game.

Where do the Terror go from here? Home. Is the team already thinking about next year? Coach Tim Keating and strength and conditioning coach Brad Fordyce have already implemented the team's off-season weight lifting program. The team has also had several meetings looking toward next year. Those affiliated closely with the team know that next year will be another successful year, if the team works hard this off-season.

Finally, the younger players wanted to use a public forum to thank the senior football players. Although some played more on the field than others, all worked hard for the Terror. The work of each and every one of them was noticed, and will be missed next year.

Wrestlers hold onto winning season

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

The Terror continued its winning ways this past weekend by placing 6 out of 10 wrestlers at the Petros Invitational, held at Lebanon Valley College. The team placed sixth with one wrestler in the finals.

Sophomore Andrey Brenner, a defending Conference champion, lost in the finals to Messiah's Chris Roggie by a score of 4-3. Brenner is currently ranked seventh in the nation, while Roggie is ranked first.

The Terror also had high finishes out of junior 184-pound Charlie Conaway (third), freshman 125-pound Vinny Pedalino

(sixth), sophomore-133 pounder Rodney Stine (seventh), freshman 141-pound Mike Macey (seventh), and sophomore heavyweight Brian Jones (seventh).

In the dual meet opener for both teams, the terror blasted Gallaudet 37-15. All winning their first NCAA victories were Erik Hott, Bobby Biden, Mike Macey, Kane Staley, Brian Vettori, Chris McNally, and Chris Engelbrake.

Hott and Macey both scored pins for the team in 2:47 and 1:45, respectively. Biden won a 13-0 major decision, while Staley also shut out his opponent 7-0. Vettori, McNally, and Engelbrake all won by forfeit.

**Join Julie and the Mikes—
write for Phoenix Sports!**

Women earn Spartan championship

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The Lady Terrors (4-1) saw defeat at the hands of Mary Washington (6-0) by a score of 76-56. The two undefeated teams faced each other to see who would remain on top. Junior forward Jill Ibe made her contribution to the team with 14 points.

In past women's basketball action, using a 28-8 run in the final ten minutes, the ladies beat Bridgewater 63-56 in the first round of the 12th Annual Spartan Classic at York College. Senior forward Kathi Snyder scored 18 points, 14 of them coming in the second half. Ibe netted 11, along with Megan Tracey, who also contributed 11 points for the Terror.

With a score of 67-53, the ladies then defeated York, clinching their second straight Spartan championship, their fifth in the tournament's twelve years of action.

Ibe led the team with 20 points while Snyder brought in 13 and nine rebounds, earning her tournament MVP. Sophomore Patty Russo earned All-Tournament accolades with her 12-point, five-assist game.

Snyder became the eighth woman in Green Terror basketball history to reach 1,000 points for her



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Kathi Snyder scored over 1,000 career points.

career on Tuesday, December 1. The Terror recorded an easy victory over The College Of Notre Dame (0-3).

Snyder scored 13 points, bringing her total to 1,008 for her career. She also pulled down 11 boards and made five steals. Russo led all scorers with a career-high 15 points, and Ibe had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Ibe and Snyder are rising the Conference charts at seventh and ninth, respectively, while the team is second in the western division.

Men's basketball taken to limit against Ursinus

In a valiant attempt on December 5, the Green Terror men's basketball team (2-3) lost to Ursinus, which barely won 83-80. With 11:30 remaining, the men overcame an 18-point deficit, then wiping out a ten-point spread in the remaining 2:40 of regulation. Ursinus, however, came back in overtime to win the game.

Sophomore center Mike Furey scored 15 of the team's last 19 points, bringing his personal total to a career high of 22 and 12 boards.

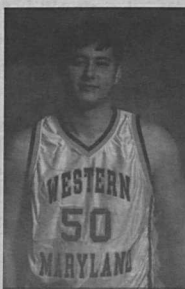
On December 3, senior guard Brian Trimbs scored a career-high 22 points Thursday night to lead the Terror in an 80-70 non-league win over visiting Valley Forge Christian (4-5).

Furey tossed in 15 points for the Terror and took down nine rebounds. Junior forward Jon Mack led Valley Forge with 26 points.

Tombs and Furey combined for nine points in a 13-0 run that gave the Terror a 45-25 lead with a minute left in the first half.

In the second half, Tombs scored the last four points in a 13-2 run as the Terror opened up its biggest lead, 76-52, with 4:54 left in the game.

Tombs went 8 for 13 from the field and 4 for 7 from three-point



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Mike Furey attained career highs in scoring and rebounds.

range, running his three-point percentage to 50 percent this year (10 for 20).

On November 20, with 607 in attendance, junior forward Brian Billman led all scorers with 33 points to lead the Green Terror 89-83 over Daniel Webster (0-1) in the first round of the Western Maryland College/Converse Tiff Tournament.

As 607 people attended the November 20 event, the score was knotted at half, but Western Maryland forced 14 second half turn-

overs to help build the lead. The Terrors didn't trail in the second half and was up by as many as 17 points with 12 minutes to play.

Terror junior Jim Hegmann grabbed 10 rebounds, while Alex Morrison netted 19 for Daniel Webster, a school located in Nashua, New Hampshire.

The Terrors had 4 players in double digits, as sophomore Sean Pond scored 14 in his first career start.

Randolph Macon (2-0), ranked thirteenth nationally, slipped by North Carolina Wesleyan 65-57 in the first round, only to overtake the Terrors 60-53 in the championship the next day.

The score was knotted at 26 at the half, but Randolph Macon took the lead for good at the 15:48 mark when Tournament MVP Matt Meehan converted a three-point play to put the Yellow Jackets up by a score of 33-33.

Meehan scored 15 points on the afternoon. The Terrors were led by sophomore Sean Pond, who went 9 for 10 from the floor in scoring 19 points. He was named to the All-Tournament team along with teammate Billman, who added 17 on the day.

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ERIN HOWARD

Although few students study abroad during the regular semester, students still manage to travel abroad during Jan-term. Junior Jason Valentine and others traveled to England during break, while others ventured to Hawaii.

Only 1% of WMC students study abroad

BY ERIN HOWARD
News Editor

"Why study here?" reads a poster hanging in the basement of Baker Memorial Chapel, with an arrow pointing randomly to some where in the middle of a map of the United States, "when you can study here," the poster continues, now with hundreds of arrows pointing to exotic locations on a map of the world.

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This poster is one of many hanging in around the WMC campus which displays the numerous possibilities available to students desiring to study abroad.

However, much to the dismay

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Valentine's Day Memorial Service to honor WMC's "Dr. Dan"

WMC will honor the late Daniel Welliver at a 3 pm memorial service on Sunday, February 14, in Baker Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Welliver '50, who passed away on Christmas Day, 1998, served as the physician for WMC athletic teams for more than 40 years and as campus doctor since the early '60s before retiring in April 1998.

Known simply as Dr. Dan, he opened his practice in Westminster in 1957. It had become his adopted hometown in 1943 when his father, a Methodist minister, accepted the presidency of the Westminster Theological Seminary, located at

that time next door to WMC. The Welliver family lived in Forlines House, which now houses offices

The memorial service is being held on Valentine's Day, the anniversary of the date Dr. Welliver proposed to his wife.

of the WMC administration and finance division.

WMC presented Dr. Welliver with an honorary degree last March

Jonathan Slade will present the 1998-99 Western Maryland College Honors Program Lecture at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 9, in McDaniel Lounge. But he won't be standing behind a podium discussing his achievements. He'll let his first full-length feature film do all the talking.

Sure, Slade, a 1988 WMC graduate who earned Phi Beta Kappa honors, will chat about his award-winning career as a children's show writer and producer for Maryland Public Television, but the main event is a free showing of his 1998 independent film, "Forest for the Trees."

Called "sincere" and an "insightful exploration of love, friendship and infidelity," by Baltimore's

charges of marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. In addition, Kramer is charged with maintaining a common nuisance and theft of equipment valued at more than \$300.

Since the students reside off campus, the honor and conduct board can only impose sanctions if police find that the students intended to distribute the drugs on campus. It is also alleged that the stolen equipment was two scales from the WMC science department.

In an article published in the *Baltimore Sun*, college spokeswoman Joyce Muller commented that "the decision to have a hear-

ing [before the honor and conduct board] will depend on whether police have evidence that indicates drugs were sold to students on campus or that the equipment was stolen from campus.

"If the honor and conduct board finds students have violated rules and an appeals board determines that the hearing was fairly conducted, students who are not expelled or suspended remain eligible for extracurricular activities," Muller added.

Shumaker reiterated this statement, but added that the final decision of sports eligibility is left up to the coach.

City Paper, the 100-minute color film follows a group of friends and their troubles on a five-day bicycle trip along Western Maryland's rustic C&O Canal. The film locations included Brunswick, Cumberland, Monkton and Westminster.

"Forest for the Trees" debuted at Baltimore's Senator Theater last July and had an encore showing there in September. The film, also shown last year at the Allen Theatre in Annapolis, Penn., was a dream-come-true for Slade, who financed the \$26,000 project on two now well-worn credit cards. And even though the crew and cast were volunteers, the cagars were "fine performances," and it was "skillfully crafted," according to the *Harrisburg Patriot-News*, which

also called it "an engaging drama about young romantics attempting to be realistic about the next chapter in their lives."

Although it is his first feature film, Slade has produced numerous shorter segments, including MPT's "Outdoors Maryland: That's Sporting of You," which won a Capital Region Emmy for public affairs programming in 1994. He also has written, produced and directed MPT's Vid Kid, which also earned him a Regional Emmy for outstanding children's special. In 1994, he produced, co-wrote and edited "Gone But Not Forgotten," a look at Maryland's streetcars, old amusement parks, movie theaters and other places of fun from the 1930s through the '60s. It was one of the highest-rated regional productions ever and earned a Cine Golden Eagle Award.

He joined MPT in 1992 after returning from the West Coast where he earned a master's degree in cinema-television production from University of Southern California. He also worked with Twentieth Century Fox as production assistant on "Doogie Howser, M.D." and with Paramount Studios as a writing trainee on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."

Slade also currently teaches film and video production at WMC.

The lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the WMC Honors Program, a four-year program featuring specially designed courses for academically outstanding students.

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Study abroad

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of the Director of Study Abroad, Dr. Martine Motard-Noar of the foreign language department, most WMC students choose to study here.

According to Motard-Noar, a mere 1 percent of WMC students study abroad, compared to 30 to 40 percent at Loyola College or 40 to 50 percent at Gettysburg College.

Of course, the 14 students who studied at the WMC campus Budapest during the fall '98 semester have helped to boost these numbers. However, only eight students chose to study through independent programs during the fall semester, and only three students studied abroad during the spring of '98.

So, why do so few WMC students study abroad? And what drives the few who do study abroad to do so?

Motard-Noar believes, based on her personal experiences, that many students who choose WMC do so because it is a small college, it is often not far from home, and it has offered them a better financial aid package than any other school. She feels these students are not always the type of students who are inclined to study abroad.

Motard-Noar also suspects that study abroad is not promoted enough outside of the foreign language department, which requires majors to spend a minimum of one semester abroad or one year living in foreign language affinity housing.

Motard-Noar attempts to reach students outside of the foreign language department by holding a study abroad fair each fall and sometimes holding a study abroad information night. Twice a year she sends out "Transitions," a study abroad magazine, to all students.

However, in spite of these efforts, the number of students who study abroad remains low, and it is difficult to pinpoint precisely why.

"One thing that almost prevented me [from going abroad] is the college's financial aid policy," said WMC alumni Christian Wilwohl, who studied in Geneva, Switzerland in the spring of 1997.

Wilwohl is referring to the college's policy which prevents students who are studying abroad from transferring their academic scholarships which were awarded to them by the college.

"We're a very tuition driven college," said Director of Financial Aid Patty Williams. "We can't afford to do that."

Most students who choose to study abroad are forced to take out loans.

The WMC Budapest program, however, will allow students to transfer their full fi-

nancial aid package because it is a WMC campus abroad. Motard-Noar expects that the number of students who study abroad will double because of this, which of course makes her very pleased.

"Any experience is a good one," says Dr. Thomas Deveny, the foreign language department chair. "And the Budapest program will give more students the opportunity to have the study abroad experience."

Motard-Noar and Deveny agree that the benefits of study abroad far outweigh any disadvantages, which is why it is disheartening to see so few students do it.

All three professors agreed that besides providing students with stronger foreign-language skills, and teaching them about the customs of another culture, study abroad forces students to value things differently and provides an excellent opportunity for personal growth.

Rice Gallery features artists with ties to WMC professor

WMC's first exhibit of 1999 features the work of two Baltimore area artists.

The sculpture of Patrick McGuire and paintings of Henry Schneiderman will be on display through February 26 at the Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall.

Although the work of the two artists is very different, they do have a strong connection to the College. Both artists are friends of Wasyli Palijczuk, an art professor who has taught at WMC since 1967.

"He (Wasyli) went to Westminster to teach the same year that I started teaching art at Morgan State University, and we knew each other at Rinehart (Maryland Institute of Art school of sculpture) before that. Henry and I have met briefly through Wasyli, and he just felt we could put a show together that would work well in the gallery," said McGuire, who will display 12 large wood carvings on one theme of the Celtic cross, including one piece

standing nearly 11 feet high.

Schneiderman, who teaches art for Baltimore City Public Schools, is bringing 38 pieces, including acrylic and watercolors on paper and canvas. The linear abstract paintings feature compositions of lines, on top of lines, on top of lines, Schneiderman said.

Both Schneiderman and McGuire earned their master's degree at Maryland Institute of Art. McGuire earned a bachelor's degree from Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

His interest in Irish history and sculpture comes via his heritage. The McGuire family emigrated to the US in the 1800s, escaping one of the potato famines in Ireland. After arriving in Boston and living in a nearby small town for several years, the family moved to Minnesota to start farming.

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News In Brief

Steppin' Into the New Millennium

WMC student groups are hosting the third annual step show competition on Saturday, February 13 at 7 pm, in Alumni Hall.

"Steppin' Into the New Millennium" features top notch step teams from African American fraternities and sororities. Stepping is a traditional art and dance form at the nation's Historically Black Colleges and other institutions with African American chapters.

The WMC show is sponsored by the College Activities Planning Board, Black Student Union, and Multicultural Student Association.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For more information call College Activities.

Music: Paris in the '20s and '30s

The Monday Night Music series at WMC opens the spring 1999 semester with a twist with "Monday Night on Saturday: Paris in the '20s and '30s" at 7 pm on Saturday, February 13, in McDaniel Lounge.

The concert, free and open to the public, will feature Robin Armstrong and Company. Dr. Armstrong is assistant professor of music.

Monday Night Music is a series featuring the college's music department faculty in a concert/lecture setting exploring topics that might not be covered in the usual classroom discussion.

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Letters to the Editor

Come into the light

In looking at the Western Maryland College coat of arms, I could not help but notice the Latin phrase beneath it. Roughly translated, the words mean "I call you out of the darkness into the light." I am touched by this call to enlightenment.

Western Maryland College has a motto which, like a signpost, points towards the millennium with the ennobling ideal of bringing light into the minds and hearts of all those who come to school here.

Certainly, there is no room in the twenty-first century for the darkness caused by prejudiced and discrimination. It is the hope of many concerned members of the college community that we can turn our campus into a "safe zone" for all, regardless of the extent of our differences.

There is no room in our future for discrimination toward anyone, whether he or she is ethnically or racially different, or whether the differences are due to religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

In 1998, two events occurred which moved me enough to take a stand as well as to write this article to the college community.

One event was the torture and murder of a college student in

Wyoming, killed for the simple reason that he was gay.

As I reflect on that event, I am struck by the fact that Matthew Shepard could have been one of my students killed by the darkness of ignorance and hate.

I was glad to see how the nation responded to this boy's death with a call for legislation to deal with hate crimes.

The second event that touched me was witnessing the response of the Western Maryland College community as they attended a candlelight vigil to foster a spirit of college wide unity at a time when racism reared its ugly head on the campus.

As a result of these events, I chose to become faculty advisor to the College's Allies organization—a group of heterosexual, homosexual, and bisexual students dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation.

What I found was a defunct organization. The few members I was able to contact were quick to tell me that they were not gay or bisexual, and that they were not advertising their meetings; in fact, they were not meeting at all.

There were no members participating in activities aimed at ending discrimination on campus or involved in educating the college

community about sexual diversity. It appeared that those Allies members were hiding in the closet much the same as if they were frightened of being pointed out, ridiculed, and possibly "gay bused."

I guess Allies members were experiencing first hand what people of diverse sexual orientations have always experienced.

The goal of this article is to sensitize the college community to the fact that it is our challenge to call ourselves, as well as other members of our community, out of darkness and into light by our support of diversity and our commitment to education, acceptance, and understanding of human difference.

If you are interested in supporting or helping the Allies organization in any way, please contact me. Dr. Michael Barretti, Faculty Advisor to Allies, at extension 479. Perhaps you might become an Ally and even attend a meeting.

Dr. Michael Barretti

Editor's Note: The first meeting of the Allies organization was February 3, 1999. Watch for future meeting announcements.

In appreciation...

Dear Phoenix,

It is with much gratitude that I

wrote to commend the campus service group S.E.R.V.E. and the noble cause it represents.

On Saturday, November 21, [1998] several members of S.E.R.V.E. came to *The Shepherd's Staff* office and volunteered their services for an entire day.

Due to the nature of our mission, the tasks involved were varied and included such jobs as raking leaves, scrubbing our kitchen, and organizing our clothing room.

This time of year is especially busy and the help is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank Kristen Merchant, Meagan Drucker, Nichole Christman, and Erin Owen for giving of themselves last weekend. In addition, Jeremiah Kelly did an excellent job in coordinating this effort.

It is our pleasure to know such a group of young people who are willing to make a difference! We wish for them and for you a very blessed holiday season!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Brown

The Shepherd's Staff

Editor's Note: An article about S.E.R.V.E. appeared in the December 10, 1998, issue of the Phoenix.

Political Musings: Perjury and the President

I would like to take a moment of your time to vent some steam about the lack of concern for one of the biggest moments in American history. I got the chance to see history in the making last week at the Senate Hearing in the Capitol Building. The House Managers had me convinced.

You hear everywhere that America is fed up with the impeachment. Nobody cares about Clinton's "private life," and they don't see anything impeachable about simply lying about sex. The message from the polls is that the American people don't care about political scandals in the Clinton administration. They feel that since all our leaders have had inappropriate relationships and abused their power, it's fine for Clinton to do it too. They say that anyone would lie about sex. But one point that really convinced me was the effect that this lackadaisical attitude towards perjury could have on our sexual harassment laws.

First of all, nobody seems to realize that Bill Clinton is a bad man. Why is it people cannot see this? He holds the highest office of political power in our country, arguably the world. Yet few seem to care about the corruption, lies, and abuses that he's trying to get away with.

The Founding Fathers may have had affairs, but they would have scoffed at the apathy of US citizens towards a philandering, immoral leader who covers up his tracks with lies and murder.

And I am not talking here

Ben Decker comments on the American reaction to the Clinton administration.

about the millions of babies slaughtered in gruesome partial-birth abortions that he has allowed, and is fully responsible for, by vetoing a bill passed by both houses, twice, that would have put an end to their cries for justice.

Rather, I am referring to the mysterious death of Vincent Foster, who was rumored to have been the First Lady's lover. I am also referring to the professionally done, back of the head, execution-style murder of a young former White House intern at a Starbucks coffee

Clinton perjured himself by denying a relationship with Monica Lewinsky, he not only made a mockery of our court system, but he discredited and denied a woman her legitimate claim to justice.

What message does this consensus concerning lying about sex send to the millions of women in the work-place and in college who may also have a boss, teacher, or co-worker like Clinton who would take advantage of them? If it's not a big deal for a woman's boss to lie about his sexual conduct in court, then how can anyone ever really prove the abuses that happen to them. It's not like this type of thing is done out in the open where it is seen.

raise and lower the interest rates. State and local government projects and tax reliefs from the Reagan Era must have all been orchestrated by Clinton as well. He was behind the scenes all along running our economy. If all of this were really true, I guess we would all owe Bill Clinton a major apology. If our economic prosperity was really all due to him, then surely we could overlook the lies, immorality, and injustices for which his leadership has stood.

People say they are sick of hearing about Clinton. They should be sick of hearing that perjury is not a big deal or that coincidences like the deaths of many former Clinton associates are simply being drummed up by right-wing conspirators. Time and time again, the coincidences prove to have merit.

It would also be nice to see a more vocal feminist community. They should be the ones standing up for the seriousness of sexual harassment charges and making the consequences that our president should face for lying under oath in such a case known to the frightened, silenced women out there in the work-place.

The Senate trial is almost over. We can only hope that the rule of law will be upheld and that Clinton will be convicted and removed from office.

Then, perhaps, women will feel certain that their cases will be taken seriously, and the integrity of a man's oath will be restored to our justice system.

The real tragedy here is the lack of respect for the rule of law.

shop in Georgetown. This murder, in which the assailants took no money and were never caught, was handled by the DC Metro police and never even investigated by the FBI.

But the real tragedy here is the lack of respect for the rule of law. There is a general consensus out there that perjury is okay if it is a lie concerning sex. Many people really believe Clinton's lying under oath about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case is not that bad and not worthy of impeachment.

What people don't realize is that sexual harassment is a crime strictly dealing with issues of sex. So, when

Will sexual harassment laws have any real meaning if the president of the United States can shrug his shoulders at our court system and simply lie to throw out a woman's claims? Presently, more than 100 people are in jail in our country for perjury. Perjury is a crime in the United States, and President Clinton is a criminal who belongs in jail with the rest of them.

Many insist that all this doesn't matter because Clinton has done so much for the economy. So it was really President Clinton who was sitting in Congress passing the bills and allocating the spending all along? It must have also been good old Bill on the Federal Reserve Board telling Alan Greenspan to

New Year, New Editors

Megan Martin and Emily Stamathis are the new editors-in-chief of the *Phoenix*.

The beginning of the Spring '99 semester brought with it changes to the staff of the *Phoenix*.

You will notice that the Commentary section has a new editor, Kristen Fraser, and a new assistant editor, Lisa Dale-VanAken.

In the News section, Erin Howard and Jennifer Sirkis have been made co-editors.

Mike Yestramski is the new Sports editor.

Laura Kelley has been promoted from advertising manager to managing editor.

Perhaps most notable of the staff changes is the absence of former Editor-in-Chief Kate Hampson, who fulfilled her two-semester term and is now studying abroad in France.

As the new Editors-in-Chief, we would like to take an opportunity to share our goals for the coming year.

First of all, we would like to maintain and improve the quality and standard of excellence you have come to expect of the award-winning *Phoenix*.

We aim for timeliness, accuracy, and efficiency. Sometimes, due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot always achieve these three qualities. However, we will keep these as our ultimate goals and as a measuring stick to see how we are doing.

All of the goals mentioned above can be summed up with one word: professionalism. Everyone involved in the production of the *Phoenix*, from ourselves as burgeoning editors to staff writers reporting for the very first time, is working toward a final product that is the very best possible.

Our first issue this semester is hopefully a prime example of professionalism under pressure. We hoped to make ourselves a presence on campus as soon as possible, and if we meet our expectations, accuracy and pertinence will not be lost for the sake of an early deadline.

The *Phoenix's* long term goals include the addition of an AP news wire for national and international stories, as well as an on-line edition of the *Phoenix*. As with any medium, the *Phoenix* will no doubt change and evolve as its new staff learn and grow into their positions.

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Something Smells in Rouzer

Ron Mojica presents a resident's view about the new Rouzer trash removal policies.

For most Western Maryland College students, the coming of the new semester ushers in the familiarity which we grow accustomed to and call home for about nine months of the year. We settle back into our individual rooms, catch up with some friends on the month lost over January, venture into new classes, and wake the Pub from its dormancy over the break with the activity of collegiate life. All is well and college continues unchanged for all... all except Rouzer residents that is.

Upon the first week of the residents' return into the spring half of the academic year, each floor in Rouzer Hall conducted a meeting concerning the new residence policies for the upcoming semester. Little did they know that the residence assistants would reveal to them an aspect which would present some inconvenience - trash rooms in place of the ever-faithful trash cans.

The floor meeting was an attempt to explain the necessity for this new circumstance. The Residence Life staff justifies the change as a means of correcting problems. Trash, apparently, was being set aside near trash cans when it was too large to fit in the can or when the can was overfilled. Residents were assessed for common area damages due to this situation.

These fines, coupled with those added for other problems, increased the overall charges and prompted the Residence Life staff to find a solution. They decided to get to the root of the problem. They not only have rid the halls of Rouzer of overflowing trash cans but removed garbage cans altogether, replacing them with trash rooms conveniently located near the center of each floor for the residents to walk to and dispense their trash.

Many complain about the new policy's

troublesome effects. Now students must take their bags of refuse and walk it to the nearest trash room, which for those living at the ends of the hall, pose a minor hassle to the once simple task of finding the nearest garbage can. This attitude could be mistaken as sheer laziness on the residents' part in that walking a few feet to throw away trash isn't the most laborious of duties nor the most time consuming.

However, what disturbs the residents more is that the trash rooms came as a solution to a problem about which seemingly few were complaining. Some residents were surprised upon learning that the school issued extra charges for trash placed near overfilled garbage cans.

Students argue that setting trash near proper receptacles was not an act of apathy, carelessness, or blatant idiocy, but rather, that placing trash beside the cans was the only option if the garbage cans were filled. Also, almost all disposable items set aside where boxes which were just too large to fit.

What also perplexes Rouzer residents is the fact that in their college institution, they cannot have the convenience of a simple garbage can. For the cost of room and board fees which the school charges, the perk of at least having access to this peripheral would be expected.

If the problem is that of overflowing trash cans, a simple solution would be to empty them for a second or third time or maybe just place extra ones on each floor. You could always propose that students limit the amount of trash they throw away, but that would never happen.

The new policy is not a change which totally alters Rouzer residents' lives, and the inconvenience will hopefully fade away into ritual. What needs to be asked, however, is if it is all necessary and if that course of action was the best possible solution.

Quirks: Direction

Anne Butler questions undertones implied by Groundhog Day.

Well, it's February, and I've decided to focus on an important holiday coming up. This holiday symbolizes the ultimate feeling and achievement of humanity. It is a time when we can all come together as one; it's symbolized by countless songs, jokes, and a film starring Bill Murray. I mean, of course, Groundhog's Day.

In case you're an exchange student or were sleeping last year on February 2nd, Groundhog's Day is when groundhogs emerge from hibernation. Legend says that if the groundhog sees his shadow and runs

would be better suited to having a holiday. Perhaps the most deserving, however, is the noblest of all rodents, the proud squirrel.

Think of it! Squirrels are much better than groundhogs. They're smarter, cleaner, cuter, and control half our nation's resources (due to the Giant Squirrel Conspiracy). Also squirrels live in trees and eat nuts, where groundhogs live in holes and eat roots and bugs or something. What would you rather eat? A bug or a nut?

One must not overlook the name issue as well. The very term "groundhog" leads one to think of pigs and therefore Ms. Piggy, one of the most detestable Muppets. The term "squirrel" leads one to think of the adjective

The very term groundhog leads one to think of pigs...

back in his hole, we'll have six more weeks of winter. If the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, we have an early spring.

So every year at this time, thousands of people converge on a small town in Pennsylvania with a name that sounds like it would better suit a hick stripper. And so, Puxetawny Phil (as the groundhog is named) is dragged out of his home and held up before the throng. Then he "whispers" his prediction to an official and is invariably thrown back in his cage.

My question is, why do we have to use the groundhog at all? There are much nobler mammals and rodents to use. One would think that a cat, armadillo, or rat

"squirrelly," which can mean crazy, like Gonzo, the best Muppet ever to grace the stage. Who would you rather listen to, a groundhog or a squirrel?

I guess this is kind of silly. I guess there are better things in life to let guide you than a squirrel or a rodent, eh? I mean, there's astrology, self-help gurus, and Richard Simmons, all eager to tell you what to do. You could also center your life around TV, sports, or alcohol.

Then again, that sounds kind strange too... I mean, why let some distant ball of gas, appliance, groundhog, or squirrel control you? The only one who should run your life, is you.

Students and Soaps

Lisa Dale-VanAuken notices a television trend among friends

It is evening. The solid thuds of dorm doors are diminishing from their usual, constant clatter. A strange silence creeps down the hallways to your ears.

"What is it?" you wonder. "Armageddon?" No. It's eight o'clock on a Wednesday; it's *Dawson's Creek*.

The phenomenon of evening soap operas has been bringing college students together across the country. With popcorn, herbal tea, and flannel pajamas, the men and women of WMC dorms congregate in circles of six or seven before their television sets in anticipation of the answer to that immortal question: "Will they get together this week?"

Shushing each other during the most tender moments (the quietly whispered lines "I think we should talk," the longing looks across the crowded room) and filling the commercial space with animated chatter about the monumental events of the last fifteen minutes, evening soaps have created a new form of bonding.

While watching the struggles of the technicolorized pixel people, soaps can live vicariously through the images they see. And more, they can share their opinions about their television alter-egos with their friends.

Evening television makes for interesting topics among circles. Listen, and you'll hear them bashing Ben, dreaming over Dawson, fawning over Felicity, agonizing over Angel and Buffy.

Some even call up a few names from less accepted shows, like *Seventh Heaven*, or the latest vulgar mis-spelling of quality TV, *The Craft*. Even the prehistoric 90210 is being newly uncovered in conversation.

Still, while there are only a few new plots, and only a few instances of good acting to talk about, evening dramas continue to retain a long list of viewers.

The secret is in... the secrets: the tensions and mysteries that will not be put to rest until next time. It is the variations from show to show that lead us on.

It is the ever-changing situations which leave soaps feeling unsatisfied, forcing themselves to prop their heads up on some pillows every week like clock-work to find the answers.

So maybe, if we are perceptive, there is one thing that we can learn from the soaps: nothing is permanent except change.

But don't expect to hear that from Brenda or Kelly. They need to keep their ratings up.

Besides the enticing possibility of participating in an exciting, melodramatic world, there is a more lusty allure which draws WMC college kids to their television sets with friends: *Sometimes there's just nothing better to do.*

And while the new addition of cable television to WMC dorms is a step up from the thirteen channels of days past, it is a sure bet that the soap circles which revolve around the WB, Fox, and UPN will not lose any members.

As long as the writers keep making subtle changes in those trite love triangles, soap seekers will keep coming back for more.

How do I know? Simple. I am one.



60 Seconds



What do you think the Green Terror is or should be?



"I think the Green Terror isn't a person or thing but an attitude."
Kim Bloch '99
Communication

"Anything we want it to be because right now we really don't know what the hell it is. It should be some fierce creature...like a hippo!"
Karen Lovecchio '01
Biology



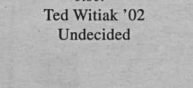
"A combination of all the strengths of each member of the sports team."
Cynthia Cullen '00
Business Administration

"A big dinosaur like Barney or Dino... only green."
Chuck Vassar '99
History



"A green dragon, because that's the name of my car, and I want to lead the next school parade."
Jon Reynolds '99
Communication

"Something that symbolizes courage, leadership, teamwork, and everything else."
Ted Witiak '02
Undecided



Ani DiFranco looks "Up Up Up Up Up Up" on latest album

RICH SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Ani DiFranco, along her career path of fifteen years, has recorded 12 studio albums, cut a live double album, issued countless remixes and edits, become a successful producer, been considered one of the most important figures in recent feminist activism, run her own highly successful recording company, and found time to get married.

DiFranco is a completely self-made artist, with a unique sound and an even more unique success. She inspires the most intense loyalty an artist can hope for among her fans, who call themselves "Ani's Army" (and sell out virtually every show she plays).

She regularly tours Europe and Australia to rave reviews as she applies her Midas touch of wit and

identity and sound than have existed in past DiFranco recordings. "Virtue" and "Hat Shaped Hat" are two songs typical of the new sounds DiFranco and her band have molded.

The first is a typical DiFranco composition that showcases how well the latest incarnation of her band can gel around her rhythmic guitar leads.

The latter is an interesting segment of a three hour jam session near the end of the recording sessions and is purely improvised with some later overdubbing.

Generally sunny outlook and positive review aside, no matter how successful Ani DiFranco is at conveying her general musical message on "Up Up Up Up Up Up," there are still a few songs that feel like they shouldn't have quite made the final cut. DiFranco tends to be a bit heavy-handed at times.



COURTESY OF ALBERT SANCHEZ

Ani DiFranco looks upward rather than inward on her latest CD, "Up Up Up Up Up Up."

as "Everest" and the title track, which borders on annoying (note the excessive use of the word "up").

But, as you can guess by most of this article, "Up..." is a definite step in the right direction. Many of her fans may breathe a sigh of relief that Ani has not "sold out," but rather taken the time to explore new territory, to use the old cliché. "Up x6" is definitely a worthwhile addition to your collection, even if you're hearing about her for the first time.

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catchy grooves to audiences. Never heard of her, have you? Well, that part of the equation may be soon to change.

The Buffalo, New York based singer/songwriter has just released "Up Up Up Up Up Up" on her own Righteous Babe record label, only six months after her most successful studio album to date, "Little Plastic Castle," to reviews that are already hailing it (much to the chagrin of her loyal regime of fans) as her commercial breakthrough.

Debuting in the eighth position in the CMJ college radio charts on the 19th of last month, the album displays Ani DiFranco at her scathingly insightful best with her characteristic vocals thrown over brutal, rhythmic attacks upon her acoustic guitar.

DiFranco has unerringly continued to produce relatively complex songs mingled with elements of funk and blazing guitar chops that are a style all her own. She has developed a band with an idea. And it's a good one.

The first single released to radio stations from "Up Up Up Up Up Up" is the banjo-droning tune "Angry Anymore," a song dedicated to her parents. The irony inherent in the song's title (the singer/songwriter has often been pigeonholed behind the stereotype of the angry feminist) should amuse many of her fans and critics alike, as well as place them on notice for change.

The new album is driven by similar compositions that are a result of an obviously conscious effort to develop a stronger band

Quite frankly, songs like "Come Away From It," a gospel-like progression about a friend's drug use, fail miserably, especially after overusing a chord structure for eight minutes. A few songs also drag along in their execution, such

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WMC graduate Jonathon Shacat shares his Peace Corps experiences from Gabon, Central Africa

"The toughest job you'll ever love." As a kid growing up in the mid '80s, I heard that slogan on a Peace Corps commercial depicting a Volunteer plant rice in a flooded field.

I said to my mother, "I want to do that." But I don't think I really knew what it was all about; it just seemed adventurous or something.

It wasn't until I went to college that I gave it serious thought and decided to apply to join the organization. I was up for a challenge and the Peace Corps experience seemed like it would offer me one.

So when the invitation came to join the freshwater fisheries program based in Gabon, Central Africa, I quickly accepted the opportunity.

Now I am here today writing from the Peace Corps training center in Oyem, the fourth largest city in Gabon, where ten of us trainees are learning on the weekends how to be fish culture extension agents.

We spend the weekdays in our villages - mine is called Abam Eba and is located 32 km from Oyem - where we live with host families and take French language classes with facilitators.

At the training center, Peace Corps has constructed a dormitory equipped with mosquito-net-covered beds and some classrooms in which we study how to construct a pond and to raise Tilapia - a native fish.

We practice the stocking and harvesting methods in small groups and observe the fish ponds of different farmers in the area. To



JONATHAN SHACAT
Former WMC student Jonathon Shacat enjoys his Peace Corps experience in Africa.

wards the end of training, we will build a pond as a training exercise.

Our training lasts for a total of eleven weeks and then we are all sworn in as Peace Corps Volunteers.

We will then be posted at different villages throughout the country and our job for the next two years will be to work with the Gabonese who are interested in using our method of farming.

The living conditions here are simple. The Peace Corps training center doesn't have running water, but I think that's so we can learn to live without it.

We shower with a bucket of rain water and a cup. Our bathrooms - called latrines - consist of a hole in the ground surrounded by a shed-like building.

Getting used to squatting takes time and practice, and I'm still not fully acclimated to it yet.

The rooms at the training center have electricity. The houses in the villages are lit with kerosene lanterns as we get our water there from a centrally located pump.

It is only about 100 meters down the dirt road from our place but carrying a three gallon bucket of water makes the distance seem much longer.

The villagers are able to balance the buckets on their heads and walk back without spilling a drop of the contents.

I have a battery powered alarm clock, but it's not really needed since I wake up to the sounds of drumming and roosters.

The people in the villages are very resourceful. From what I have observed, many of them are able to get almost everything they need to survive from their plantation or by hunting meat in the forest.

Some sell items at the market in Oyem. And that's a sight.

Vendors lay canvas on the ground and set hot peppers or bananas or smoked fish on them. The people make their way down the long aisle bartering for what they want to buy.

I can now appreciate what a grocery store like Super Fresh or Giant has to offer in the States. We don't have anything like

that here.

Most of the meals here include some type of fish, rice, and manioc (a local starch that has the consistency of a glue stick).

For transportation, I mostly use my 21 speed mountain bike to get around. The villagers admire my bike as if it were a '57 Chevy in pristine condition. It's not that my bicycle is that great, it is just that nobody here has one.

To get from the training farm to the village, we ride bush taxis. They are basically pick-up trucks crammed with passengers and their cargo (bananas, animals, or, in my case, a backpack) that go between the city and the outlying areas.

The rains here are like none I have ever witnessed. Right now we are in the rainy season, and that means it rains almost daily. It comes down in steady flowing sheets of water, and if you are caught outside in a storm, you will most definitely get soaked.

I don't mind it so much as long as I'm not on my bicycle going somewhere when it starts.

Peace Corps is everything I expected and more. I like the work we will do, and I am looking forward to my assignment. I'll keep you posted.

Jonathon Shacat graduated from Western Maryland College in May 1998. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Journalism. To find out more about the Peace Corps, go to www.peacecorps.gov



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Ariel Cabiri-39-13-6

Karl Friedheim-25-42-3

Mike Furey-195-124-22

Jim Hegmann-68-58-6

Jack Kowalik-8-2-0

Erik Larson-74-34-5

Curtis Miller-12-6-1

Jeff Myers-74-39-71

Sean Pond-166-35-15

Paddy Taylor-28-23-4

Brian Tombs-229-77-32

Lamont Wilson-17-8-1

Kash Wright-3-2-1

Camey Brian-37-24-3

Katie Campitelli-2-3-0

Sommer Chorman-10-5-1

Jill Ibex-253-132-34

Michele Jarman-124-122-49

Megan Linch-35-23-9

Kristy Lutz-0-1-1

Kristin Miller-129-49-16

Patty Russo-174-37-31

Kathi Snyder-277-154-46

Meghan Tracey-33-16-10

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Green Terror women's basketball slams opponents

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The Green Terror women's basketball team fell short of breaking a 73-year-old record for most wins in a row on Thursday against Gallaudet (13-3).

The Terror (14-3, 9-1) tied the mark of ten straight wins (set back in 1925-26) with a convincing 63-50 win over No. 3 ranked, and four-time defending division champ, Johns Hopkins on January 26.

They also broke a Gill Center record with their ninth straight victory at home.

Leading the way for the Terror offense was sophomore forward Jill Ibe, who netted 16 points and had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Senior forward Kathi Snyder contributed 16 points and ten rebounds for the team, the ladies never trailing in the contest.

Defensively, the team held

Johns Hopkins to a mere 26.8 shooting percentage from the field as a team. Guards Patty Russo and Kristin Miller held Hopkins star Leslie Ritter (the league's second

*Losing is
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Kathi Snyder

leading scorer) to just three points, well below her average.

The win will most likely improve Western Maryland's ranking of No. 6 in the NCAA Midwest Region coach's poll.

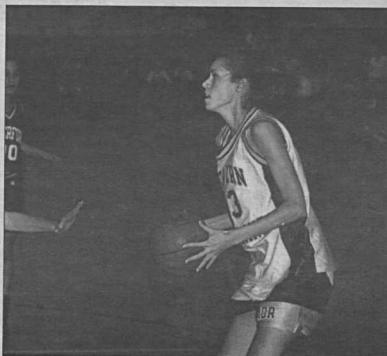
"It's a good way to go out, with lots of memories," said Snyder.

"Our objective is to have fun and win. Losing is frustrating; winning is enjoyable. Having fun is one of the keys to winning."

In other women's basketball news, Snyder, a 5-10 player, was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week for the second straight week. Snyder ranks fourth in the league in scoring (16.1 points per game) and fifth in rebounding (9.1).

"Getting Player of the Week is great, but I try not to pay attention to the individual aspect. It's so great because we are doing so well," said Snyder. "It's nice to get recognized, but if I could, I'd put all my team members with me. All 13 girls are enthusiastic. Whether they get a lot of playing time or not, they all contribute."

The Terror suffered only its third setback this season by dropping a close game, 62-57, to Muhlenberg on January 30.



Senior Kathi Snyder leads team through outstanding season.

C. KURT HOLTER

Basketball endures season

BY ERIN JERNIGAN
Staff Writer

The Green Terror men's basketball team lost 62-47 on January 27 to Johns Hopkins, ranked fifth in the NCAA Midwest Region.

Terror senior guard Brian Tombs and sophomore forward Sean Pond helped to slightly close the Hopkins 19-point half-time lead by scoring ten points each. Pond was flawless in his three attempts from three-point land.

The Centennial Conference game brought Hopkins record to 14-3, while the Terrors were left at 14-14 overall and only 1-6 in the conference.

Winter break did have some highlights for the men's basketball team, however, including a win over Swarthmore on January 23. The conference game ended the Terror's ten game losing streak while pushing Swarthmore's to six.

Junior forward Brian Billman helped lead the Terrors to the 71-52 final score with 22 points and 16 rebounds. Billman scored 15 points in the second half, sporting new stitches after being cut above the eye earlier in the game.

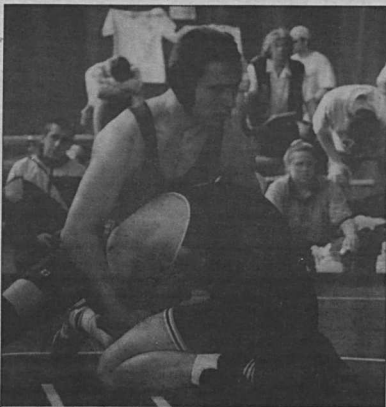
Tombs was also a force, holding Tim Schofield, the league's fourth leading scorer, to 14 points and scoring 13 himself, going three for five from the point range. Point guard Jeff Meyers had five assists,

lifting his league leading average to 4.3.

Prior to the streak ending win, the Green Terror lost a home-run nail-biter against Dickinson. After being down 48-32 with 15:31 left

in the game, the Red Devils came back within two about five minutes later. Senior guard Shawn Ellis scored at the buzzer to carry Dickinson into an 82-74 victorious overtime win.

Wrestlers pin second straight league title



LAUREN LOWE

Andy Brenner scores another victory for the Terror.

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The wrestling team continued its reign of Terror on the Centennial Conference this past Saturday by defeating Ursinus, Swarthmore, and Washington and Lee in a quad meet.

The wins extended the Terror's conference winning streak to twelve but, more importantly, clinched their second straight Centennial Conference Dual Meet Title.

The meet opened with the Terror defeating Ursinus by a narrow margin, 18-16. The charge against the Bears was led by sophomore Andy Brenner, the top-ranked Division III 165 lb. wrestler in the nation, who disposed of his opponent in just 62 seconds.

Juniors Charlie Conway, 184 lb., and Scott Taylor, 197 lb., and sophomore Brian Jones, heavyweight, scored for the Terror also.

Head coach John Lowe then

Runners set records

Records were falling all over the place during break, as freshmen Jayne Karalow and Jill Krebs, along with junior Brendan Henderson, all set new school

records in indoor track. Karalow set the new 1000-meter time at 3:22.83. Henderson also set a 1000-meter time, his being 2:47.76. Krebs ran an indoor mile in 5:28.7.

sprinkled his lineup with reserves on the way to a 31-18 rout of Swarthmore and a complete dismantling of Washington and Lee, 41-7.

Earlier in the week, the Terror crushed non-conference adversary York College by a score of 37-6. Sophomore Rodney Stine, a defending 125 lb. Centennial Conference Champion, flattened his opponent in just 2:03 in the 133 lb. weight class. Not to be outdone, Conway stuck his opposition in just 1:56.

Senior captain Josh Ellin mounted an amazing comeback to defeat the Monarch Invitational Champ, Doug Maritato, by a score of 7-5.

Jones scored a one-point escape at the end of regulation to send his match into overtime, where he scored a take-down and a 3-1 victory.

Freshman Mike Macey racked up a major decision at 141, and sophomore Cody Brenneman earned a decision victory as well.



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Gamma Sigma Sigma new to the hill First Thursday brings campus together

The first in a series of monthly gatherings

BY JENIFER SIRKIS
New Editor

Gamma Sigma Sigma, a national service sorority focusing on community service, has recently become a colony at WMC. The sorority, which was started by a group of students last semester, is the first of its kind to be established on campus.

"A group of us started the sorority because we wanted to be part of a Greek organization that stressed community service projects but also focused on the ideals of sisterhood and strong academics," said Carrie Newman, the president of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Unlike the other social sororities on campus, Gamma Sigma Sigma is nonselective and stresses community service as the main goal. Any student meeting WMC's academic requirements to become a member of a Greek sorority and having the desire to participate in community service projects may join. Currently, there are 13 members. Additionally, students involved in the social sororities may join Gamma Sigma Sigma and members of Gamma Sigma Sigma are also eligible to join social sororities.

"We hope to be able to work together with the other social Greek organizations on campus in doing service projects," said Newman.

Meghan Humbert, vice president of community service, said



COURTESY OF GAMMA SIGMA SIGMA
From front to back, Megan Drost, Meghan Humbert, Megan Martin, Amanda Cline, Carole Rickitz, Michelle Spry, Jenny Bell, Mary Anne Tyler, Michelle Voight, Carrie Newman, Erin Owen, Kristen Fraser.

that Gamma Sigma Sigma is appealing because students coming into college are more community service minded, since many were required to complete service projects as a high school graduation requirement. By becoming a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, students can continue doing community service projects while forming strong relationships with other members, which is not necessarily a goal of other campus organizations like S.E.R.V.E and Circle K, she said. Additionally, the current members have decided that the sorority will not be dry. Therefore, alcohol will not be a part of any Gamma

Sigma Sigma function.

"Gamma Sigma Sigma is about girls that have the same goal, which is doing community service," said sophomore Gamma Sigma Sigma member Erin Owen. "The idea of joining a sorority was never appealing to me until now because of the focus on service."

"We [the members of Gamma Sigma Sigma] just want to get out in the community and help people.... It is a good feeling to brighten someone's day and turn our energy into something very positive," Owen added.

Sophomore Gamma Sigma
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BY AMANDA CLINE
Staff Writer

Thursdays are no longer mere workdays at WMC. At least that's what President Chambers wants. As he announced over the campus voice mail, "This is the start of what we hope will become a new WMC tradition." He was speaking of First Thursday, which was described by Chambers in the same message as "an experiment in communication and community." Held in Ensor Lounge on February 4, the event allowed the college community to voice their concerns and share ideas about WMC.

First Thursday is an attempt to "bring students, staff, administration, and faculty together... to find out how we're feeling," said Aaron Corbett, SGA president and speaker at the event.

To bring the different groups together, limited space was occupied in Ensor Lounge to accommodate over 100 people. Ensor did provide enough room, however, for food to be served and a stage for the listed speakers to deliver their messages.

The speakers, all of whom were male, ranged from the administration to the student body. Chambers, Corbett, BSU President Kash Wright, Dean Henry Reiff, and gospel choir director Eric Byrd pro-

vided the organized speeches which focused on the theme of Black History Month and inspiring unity on campus. The speakers also addressed the honor code, student surveys, and the need for organizational support on campus.

The open-mic session which followed allowed different issues to be expressed. Members of the campus community such as students Kim Bloch, Eric Brin D'amor, Jeremiah Kelley, Brian Hornbecker, and Sarah Radice, as well as Mary Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services, and Tom Deveny, professor of Spanish, all spoke to promote various campus events. Only three students spoke to address other issues such as noise policies and drunk driving on campus.

Most of those in attendance enjoyed the results of that gathering. "I thought it was a wonderful turnout," said Dean Sayre. "I think that there is a yearning for a time for everyone to come together."

Senior Kim Bloch enjoyed the diverse setting. "It's especially nice to see the maintenance people here.... I've never seen them come to any events."

Although the majority of people felt that the event was positive, not everyone agreed that it was productive.

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Addition to Lewis Hall of Science near completion

Renovations to Levine Hall of Music are underway, plans are made for Old Lewis

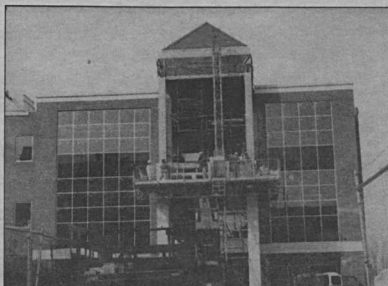
BY ANDREW RYAN
Staff Writer

Soon it will all be over. Construction on the new addition to Lewis Hall is scheduled to be completed on May 31, with the Biol-

ogy and Chemistry departments moving their offices and labs over in the summer. If everything goes according to plan the new addition should be in use for the Fall 1999 semester.

The new wing cost \$13.5 million to build. \$3.5 million of this came from a grant given to the college by the state of Maryland. Another \$6 million has come from donations by alumni, foundations such as the Kresge Foundation who recently contributed \$600,000, and corporate contributors such as Lockheed Martin, Baltimore Gas and Electric, and First National Bank of Maryland. "If they can help improve the students' scientific abilities, then the whole state will ultimately benefit," Richard Kief, vice-president of Institutional Advancement, said of the corporate donors.

There is still about \$4 million



Construction on the addition to Lewis Hall of Science continues to progress. It is expected to be finished by May 1999.

left to be raised. "It's going to be a challenge," said Kief. The college plans to get more alumni contributions and foundation grants to make up the difference.

Both the Chemistry and Biology departments are happy with the move. The old lab space doesn't provide adequate ventilation. The new labs will be equipped with

enough hood space for ventilation, and student experiments involving dangerous chemicals will now be safer. But the biggest need for the new space is the general old age of Lewis. The old lab rooms do not have enough outlets; they do not have enough storage space; and the internet access to them is poor. One interesting addition is the Student Research Areas, personal work space for those students who are conducting or working with professors on research.

Renovations of Levine, the music building, are also recently underway. It will include facilities that will be available to all the campus music groups. No date for completion has been set yet, but it will definitely be open by Spring '99. A renovation of the old rooms in Lewis for the Physics and Math departments is being planned.

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News in brief

Music Program gets a TOTH auditions for Handel on Bach summer season

Of course, the classical music industry would never come to a unanimous consensus on the greatest composer of the 18th century. But two at the top of the nominations list would certainly be Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frederic Handel.

Chamber Music on the Hill will promote the "best of the century" showcase for both composers in its opening concert of 1999, "Getting a Handel on Bach," at 3 pm on Sunday, February 21, in Little Baker Chapel.

"In true 18th century style, we will use harpsichord for the keyboard portions of the program," said WMC senior lecturer David Kreider and one of the featured WMC faculty performers. "We are also excited to have this program in Baker Chapel because its intimate decor provides an ideal acoustic and visual setting for this style of music."

The concert, part of a professional series in residence at the college, also features area musicians, including three members of the Baltimore Symphony. Bassoonist Julie Gregorian, cellist Esther Mellon-Thompson and violinist Melissa Zayara will join Evan Walker, music department chairman at Carroll Community College. Other WMC faculty performers are Garth Baxter and Linda Kirkpatrick.

Tickets will be available at the door one hour before the concert and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors. Students are admitted free with a valid ID.

Courtesy of Public Information

Theatre on the Hill, WMC's professional company in residence, is holding auditions by appointment only for its upcoming 18th summer season.

Roles are available for adults and some children. All adult company members are paid and housing is available.

Auditions for adults will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 13, at National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in Washington, DC, and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Sunday, March 14, in the Alumni Hall Mainstage. Callbacks will be held from 4-6 p.m., on March 14, at the college.

Auditions for children (girls ages 12-17 only and boys ages 7-17 only) will be held from noon-5 pm on Saturday, March 20, at WMC's Alumni Hall.

Adults are asked to prepare a one-minute contemporary monologue (dramatic or comedic), one song (bring sheet music in correct key), and be dressed for movement and dance.

An accompanist will be provided for all participants.

This year's shows are "Peter Pan," "Sleuth," "No Way to Treat a Lady," and "Rumpelstiltskin." The company also will present a late night post-show after several of its Saturday performances. The season opens June 18 and runs weekends and some Thursdays through August 14.

To schedule an audition call the WMC Arts Management Office.

Courtesy of Public Information

Gamma Sigma Sigma

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Sigma member Jenny Bell agrees. "I hope to help the community and WMC and set an example for other WMC students who want to be Greek," she said.

Newman said that the main goals for the sorority this semester are for the founding sisters to form strong relationships with each other while completing service projects. In the long term, she would like to see any girl on campus who wants to be Greek have the opportunity to do so. Newman added that it is still unsure if the sorority will try to obtain housing together.

Most of all, I hope that we make some sort of impact on the college and on the community at large," said Humbert.

"I think that the sorority's commitment [to service] is great," said sociology professor Lauren Dundes, who is one of the sorority's advisors along with Dr. Coleen Galambos. "It is wonderful to see the camaraderie among the girls, and it is heartening to see young women make community service a priority."

Off-campus community service projects being considered for the near future include

volunteering for a pledge-a-thon at Maryland Public Television, volunteering at the Baltimore Zoo and at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and setting up a library resource center at Carroll County Hospital, according to Humbert.

Here at WMC, the members of Gamma Sigma Sigma are planning to volunteer for a wrestling tournament held at PELC and are looking into a program to paint the curbs and fire hydrants, Humbert said.

WMC students wishing to join the sorority will be eligible to become members next fall. According to the sorority bylaws, pledges must complete a minimum of ten community service hours during the pledging process to become a member.

WMC's chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma will be eligible to receive their charter in February 2000.

The other founding members of WMC's chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma include sophomores Amanda Cline, Megan Drost, Dana Fraser, Megan Martin, Carole Ricklis, Michelle Spry, Mary Anne Tyler, Michelle Voight, and junior Kristen Fraser.

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PAUL HIMES

SGPA President Aaron Corbett addresses the students and faculty who attended the first ever First Thursday gathering. The event's coordinators, including President Chambers, hope the event will become a monthly tradition on the Hill. Although the turnout was limited on Thursday, February 4, participants are hopeful that future gatherings will be more successful.

WMC puts modern spin on Antigone

Western Maryland College theatre students are rehearsing for this month's production of "Antigone," but this is no Greek classic replay.

The production, which opens at 8 p.m., on February 26 in Alumni Hall, uses the same original character names but adds a dash of contemporary to Sophocles' great tragedy of a girl who challenges her uncle's decision not to give a proper burial to her murdered brother.

Instead of ancient times, the play is set in a civil war-torn area like Bosnia, according to director and WMC theatre professor Ron Miller. So soldiers carry rifles and wear modern military gear, not hoisting swords and shields. However, true to Greek theatre, all violence is off stage.

"We have chosen to emphasize the modern dimensions of the play by focusing on the action as something that emerges from any civil war, ethnic conflict or inter-family feud," Dr. Miller said. "I decided to use Bosnia as a conscious model for the kinds of choices people make in extreme circumstances."

There also are new character interpretations. The prophet Teiresias is not blind but instead is played by deaf student actress Kim Bucha of Westminster. Like the traditional role of the blind man, she will have a companion who will interpret her signed dialogue. Also, Dr. Miller has replaced Sophocles' chorus of old men with a chorus of young women.

The student actors are enrolled in WMC's Performance Lab which

First Thursday

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tive. As Mohammed Esa, professor of German noted, "I think that this is nice to have, but I doubt anything will come out of it... there's no communication between the students and faculty here. Students are with students [and] administration are standing with the administration."

Junior Raphael Taylor addressed the lack of student interest as counterproductive. "I think that more of the students need to be out. There was a lot of faculty and administration [here] but not students."

"The people who were here were either concerned about the issues or free food," said Ryan Ewing, a sophomore who addressed the campus noise policy.

Some feel that First Thursday will be more effective over time. "This will never happen on the first brush. When you meet someone for the first time, you don't tell them all your secrets," said Mark Lancaster, the campus chaplain.

"The results won't be seen right away," said Bloch. "This will turn into something much better."

There have been some rough spots on the primary attempt, but Chambers is still optimistic that First Thursday will become a positive campus tradition. "This [will] bring us closer, even closer together."

features the department's advanced acting majors. The leading roles of Kreon and Antigone are played by Nick Gough, a senior from Catonsville, and Erika Roskowskii, a junior from Thurmont, respectively.

Also in the cast are: Laura Conner of Hampstead; Colin Forman of Haddonfield, NJ; Aimee Gibbs of Westminster; Sara Gruber of Media, PA; Faye Ingram of Union Bridge; Elton Keith of Baltimore; Ryan Keough of Waldorf; Mollie Land of Richmond, VA; Alison Smith of Trappe; Krysta Stacy of Swanton; Joy Thomas of Westminster; and Megan Townsend of Hagerstown.

Courtesy of Public Information

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 1/25 at 8:04 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption on the 3rd floor of Rouzer Hall.

- On 1/26 at 11:42 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Smith House.

- On 1/26 at 12:04 p.m. DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities on the 2nd floor of Whiteford Hall.

- On 1/28 at 8:28 a.m. DoCS documented a hit and run vehicle accident at the Elderside Parking Lot.

- On 1/28 at 9:37 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Whiteford Hall.

- On 1/29 at 9:48 a.m. DoCS documented the possession of a controlled dangerous substance on the patio of the Pub Bar and Grille.

- On 1/29 at 7:15 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Whiteford Hall.

- On 1/29 at 11:16 p.m. DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

- On 1/30 at 12:54 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

- On 1/30 at 1:30 a.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

- On 1/30 at 10:01 p.m. DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance in Blanche Ward Hall.

- On 1/30 at 11:35 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at Rouzer Hall.

- On 1/31 at 12:20 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in the Green Room of Alumni Hall.

- On 1/31 at 12:24 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Alumni Hall.

- On 1/31 at 12:40 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol report for possession of alcohol in public areas on the 4th floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

- On 1/31 at 3:33 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Rouzer Hall.

- On 1/31 at 10:17 a.m. DoCS documented a property crime on the ground floor of Whiteford Hall.

- On 1/31 at 2:50 p.m. DoCS documented a theft at Lewis Hall of Science.

- On 1/31 at 3:50 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

- On 2/3 at 12:45 p.m. DoCS documented a theft in the Windows Lab of Lewis Hall of Science.

- On 2/3 at 2:56 p.m. DoCS documented sexual harassment in the computer lab of Hoover Library.

- On 2/3 at 3:57 p.m. DoCS documented a property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

- On 2/3 at 10:47 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and transported to Carroll County General Hospital.

- On 2/5 at 10:05 p.m. DoCS towed a vehicle for excessive parking violations on the Blanche Parking Lot.

- On 2/6 at 2:03 a.m. DoCS documented a rule/policy violation at the Garden Apartments Building 2.

- On 2/6 at 2:30 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

- On 2/6 at 2:30 a.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Rouzer Hall.

- On 2/6 at 2:41 a.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Rouzer Hall.

- On 2/6 at 10:30 p.m. DoCS documented the possession of a controlled dangerous substance at the Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot, upper level.

- On 2/6 at 11:30 p.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation on the 3rd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

- On 2/6 at 11:57 p.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation on the 3rd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

- On 2/7 at 12:16 a.m. DoCS documented racial harassment at Albert Norman Ward Hall.

- On 2/7 at 1:19 a.m. DoCS towed a vehicle in a reserved parking space at the Blanche Parking Lot.

- On 2/7 at 1:20 a.m. DoCS towed a vehicle in a reserved parking space at the Blanche Parking Lot.

- On 2/7 at 3:32 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for the possession of "kegs" on Winslow Lane facing PELC, next to the Elderside parking lot.

- On 2/7 at 8:08 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at Whiteford Hall.

- On 2/9 at 8:20 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Gill Gymnasium.

- On 2/9 at 8:14 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at the DoCS office.

- On 2/10 at 2:18 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

- On 2/10 at 2:28 a.m. DoCS documented a theft in the basement of Whiteford Hall.



Honor and Conduct Board

The following are academic cases heard by the Honor and Conduct Board during Fall 1998:

In October, 1998, two students were charged by the professor of a biology class with cheating in an exam. Each student accepted responsibility for the Honor Code violation and was given a "0."

In December, three students were charged with plagiarism and providing unauthorized as-

sistance in a music appreciation class. The students accepted responsibility for the Honor Code violation and were denied credit for the assignment.

In December, two students were charged with cheating on an exam in calculus. One student admitted responsibility and the other denied responsibility. The case was heard by the Honor and Conduct Board which determined that both students had violated the Honor Code. For one student, for whom this was a first Honor Code infraction, the

penalty was set at "0" for the examination. For the second student, for whom this was a second Honor Code violation, the penalty was set at suspension from the College and an "F" grade in the course.

In December, a student was charged with copying from another student's work in a statistics final examination. The student accepted responsibility for the violation and was given an "F" for the course.

What to do in
February:

Black History Month Events

Western Maryland College will host activities throughout February in recognition of Black History Month, including a gospel jubilee and a soul food dinner.

The events are open to the public and are sponsored by the Black Student Union, the College Activities Programming Board, and the Office of Multicultural Student Services. All of the activities are free, unless otherwise indicated.

The remaining dates for Black History Month celebrations at WMC:

Thursday, February 18
Dramafest featuring skits by WMC students
8 p.m., The Forum, Decker Center. Free.

Sunday, February 21
Soul food dinner (please call for reservations)
6 p.m., The Forum, Decker Center
Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Wednesday, February 24
"School Daze"
9 p.m., The Pub, Decker Center. Free.

Thursday, February 25
Brown bag luncheon discussion of "School Daze"
11:45 a.m., BSU Clubroom

Saturday, February 27
Gospel Jubilee with choirs from Westminster and Baltimore
7 p.m., Baker Memorial Chapel. Free.

Courtesy of Public Information

Glendening State of the State address targets education

BY VINCE CHESNEY
Graduate Assistant

Maryland colleges and universities may see an 11% increase in aid from the state.

In his fifth State of the State address, Gov. Parris Glendening announced an education package proposal that was highlighted by a \$15 million increase in new scholarship money. The catch: public, not private, colleges would receive the proposed funding.

The package will be written into a bill and sent to Maryland's House and Senate. After crossing back and forth between the two legislative bodies, both the House and Senate would vote on the potentially revised draft. "In late March or April, if the bill isn't defeated, a law may go into effect," said Don Vandrey, the Governor's assistant press secretary.

"It's hard to say how much money we'll end up with," said WMC Treasurer Art Wisner. He explained that determining an actual amount is difficult because in the past schools have seen decreases.

"When bills come out of the House, they can be completely different animals," said Wisner.

Estimates are unclear because of a 15-year-old formula the state uses to fund private schools. The Joseph A. Selenger formula pays private schools 16% of the amount per student that public schools receive.

If Glendening's proposed increase becomes law, the amount of aid per student that public schools receive will increase. That means that private school's aid will increase on a smaller scale.

"Since WMC receives compensation per student," said Dr. Robert Boner, WMC Chair

of Mathematics, "a direct increase in state school [funding] would indirectly assist our college."

Although the proposal would only affect private schools indirectly, "individual students may be eligible for new scholarship money," said Vandrey.

The HOPE scholarship, which Glendening wants to expand, aids students who pledge to teach in Maryland after graduation.

Currently HOPE covers science and technology students. "I dream of a day when every child in Maryland enters high school knowing that the doors of college will be open if they work hard, get good grades, and are willing to work in Maryland," Glendening said.

Renovations Proposed

A \$1 billion four-year plan to renovate schools at all levels was also announced.

"About two private schools per year get grants," said Wisner.

WMC is part of the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA). MICUA acts as a self-regulating organization. Together the member schools file for grants. Without MICUA regulating grant proposals and offering support, private schools would have to apply for grants individually.

"Our voice is stronger with MICUA," said Wisner. "We were able to get \$3.5 million for the construction of the new science building."

Glendening's education package could allow for more money to be available for renovation and construction at WMC and other schools.

Candy Hearts introduce new sayings for Valentine's 1999

(NAPS) - Giving candy to a loved one for Valentine's Day is a centuries-old tradition. In fact, delectable treats can be a delicious way to find a "sweet spot" in the heart of one's true love.

One tasty tradition even helps the tongue-tied pass along sweet sentiments, with heart. Sweethearts® Conversation Hearts, the small candy hearts with sayings printed on them, have been a Valentine favorite since 1902.

Now some of those heart-shaped "sweet nothings" have a modern spin, as you may have noticed this past Valentine's Day. New

sayings, such as "You Rock," "As If," and "Let's Do Lunch" have been added for 1999.

These candy heart phrases are the responsibility of Walter Marshall, the "King of Hearts" for the New England Confectionery Company (NECCO), which produces the Conversation Hearts.

"People have a genuine interest in the heart sayings and look forward to each year's new introductions," said Marshall. "Some old school romantics have been slow to embrace the new high-tech sayings like 'Fax Me,' but on the whole, our fans welcome the updates."

For Valentine's Day each year, NECCO produces more than eight billion Conversation Hearts. In order to meet the annual demand, the company begins producing the candies in late February and continues through January.

Conversation Hearts now have more than 100 "sweet" sayings. New additions include, "I Wonder," "1-800-CUPID," "Love Me Tender," "My Way," "I Got U Babe," "Let It Be," and "Walk On By."

"The sayings were not changed for many years," said Marshall, "but we started updating them early in the 1990s, and we've had a tremendous response from customers to some of the new ones we've added."

The company's rich traditions, including a recipe that has not changed since the candy heart's inception, have led to continued success. In addition, Sweethearts are fat-free and sodium free, and the small hearts contain just three calories. The large hearts are only six calories.

Daewoo markets new economical car toward students

(NAPS) - There's encouraging news for motorists who may find car buying a bumpy road. One new automaker believes this process should be worry-free and is targeting college students in their marketing strategy.

Daewoo, a Korean automaker, has arrived on these shores with three new automobiles and a unique marketing program called consumer direct selling - a one-price "no-haggle" car buying experience.

The three 1999 models making their U.S. debuts are:

- The Leganza, a powerful, elegant top of the line luxury, midsize sedan that sells from \$14,540 to \$18,660.

- Nubira, a roomy compact that retails from \$12,250 to \$14,960.

- Lanos, a sporty subcompact that is valued at \$8,749 to \$12,519.

The cars have been created by an international design team from Daewoo, Porsche, ItalDesign, Lotus, and Daewoo's Worthing Technical Center in the United Kingdom.

The automaker's entrance in what is regarded as the roughest automobile market in the world comes with an unconventional strategy aimed at challenging the rules and putting the customer first by providing high value at an affordable price.

Daewoo, in fact, created a unique marketing strategy, targeting students and using direct selling, college recruitment, and exceptional customer benefits.

Customer Benefits: Among the customer benefits are that every Daewoo automobile is covered by a 3-year/36,000 mile, 24-hour emergency roadside assistance, and a 3-year/36,000 mile full schedule maintenance, including such items as wiper blades, oil filters, and break pads.

Consumer-Direct Selling: In contrast with most automobile manufacturers, Daewoo is now selling directly to the consumer.

The company's 15 company-owned stores in nine states are staffed by Daewoo customer consultants, with additional stores expected nationwide.

For the customer, this translates into a no pressure, positive purchasing experience. A one-price "no hassle" sales philosophy is a part of the company's unique retail shopping process where customers can concentrate on selecting their best transportation choice without worrying about negotiating the best deal.

To complement the showroom staff, Daewoo has recruited thousands of college students nationwide to generate community awareness and store traffic. College students earn an average of \$400 for each vehicle they help market.

Niche Marketing: Daewoo has targeted the college market for its entry into the U.S. automotive industry. Their reasoning for this innovative approach is that college students and young adults are just beginning to develop brand loyalties and that they exert a tremendous amount of influence on the purchasing decisions of their family and friends.

Daewoo Motor America, Inc., is the U.S. subsidiary of Daewoo Group, which has grown to become a global company with 1997 sales of \$71.5 billion. Daewoo, in Korean, means "Great Universe."

For more information, visit the Daewoo web site at www.daewoo.us.com/

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Letters to the Editor

Who's to blame?

I am writing in response to another article on president Clinton which I disagree with. Mr. Decker complains about the general apathy in the American people for the impeachment trial.

Personally, I don't blame them. The Republican Party, although starting out with good intent, has resorted to the whining, name-calling, and giggling they felt Bill Clinton had so egregiously done.

Bill Clinton is not worthy of the respect of an elected office, but neither are many of his critics. Why should we listen to Republicans denounce Clinton for his immorality when many of them are guilty of the same?

This country does not believe Clinton should be removed, not because they are ignorant of his wrongs, but because they view his accusers as immoral as he is. Not until Republicans clean up their own acts will they see more public support for them and their causes.

Clinton has done many things which I find downright dishonest, but when there are radical Republicans drumming up charges about Clinton raping women, ordering murders, and killing little babies, it places the Republicans on the same level, in the public's eye, as the Democrats. In fact, it's even lower because Republicans appear to be hypocritical.

And by the way, although there have been millions of abortions, very few come about by partial-birth, perhaps only 1 or 2%, and Clinton is no more at fault for those deaths than the authors of the Second Amendment are at fault for any death

by gunfire.

Anyone you ask will say that all politicians are corrupt, and there's nothing you can do about it. But there is. There's something called an election which is held on the first Thursday of every November.

America needs to start voting for people who can trust, for people who have the integrity to lead, not for people who promise government handouts to special interests and go around pretending they're great because they have a nice smile and a firm handshake.

This country is in a political mess right now, but as far as I'm concerned it's not Bill Clinton, nor the House Managers, who have caused this. It's our own damn fault.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Keil

This letter is in response to Ben Decker's commentary, "Political Musings: Perjury and the President," in the February 4, 1999, issue of the Phoenix.

Hurricane Relief Dance

Dear Phoenix,

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members of the campus community—students, faculty, and staff—who supported the recent benefit dance for the victims of Hurricane Mitch.

The Spanish Club, the Hispano-Latino Alliance, and the Dept. of Foreign Languages co-sponsored the event, which was held in the forum on Feb. 5th.

The generosity of those who gave do-

nations and of students who volunteered their time to make posters, buy food, and spin records all helped to make this a successful event: we raised \$611, which will really be worth twice that much under a matching campaign by Heifer Project International (HPI).

HPI is an organization that donates small animals to needy families throughout the world in order to provide them with food to feed themselves and become self-reliant.

The devastation wrought by Hurricane Mitch was of biblical proportions. With up to six feet of rain and winds of 180 m.p.h., the deluge caused massive flooding and mud slides throughout Central America.

The latest figures are that 9,000 were killed, 9,000 are still missing, more than one million people were displaced, and damage estimates range from \$6-8 billion.

Although Hurricane Mitch has disappeared from the headlines, the human need in countries like Honduras and Nicaragua is on-going.

Our donation to HPI will go toward replenishing herds of animals that were lost in the destruction and help families get back on their feet.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Thomas Deveny,
Chair, Dept. of Foreign Languages

For more information, contact Dr. Deveny at extension x465.

Score One for Residence Life

It's 11:02 p.m. on a Tuesday night, and you just came back to your room exhausted after an arduous study session. It's time to relax, so you pop in your favorite CD, sit back, and lull away into musical ecstacy. Then comes the knock.

After a few movements of pen on paper, you find yourself being told to turn your music down, although it didn't seem loud at all. The next day, you discover you were written up for a noise violation at the Residence Life Office.

Although hypothetical, situations such as this were not out of the ordinary for the first two weeks of the new semester. However, this will soon change.

Along with some of the other changes

Ron Mojica encourages Residence Life in their effort to resolve noise policy problems.

from several of the residence halls, the Residence Life Department was quick to formulate a solution.

Under the revamped guidelines, the two established times are enforced more strictly than in the past, making the policy a write-up *tour de force* in pursuit of any noise in any residence hall. There would be no warnings and the first infringement would mean an automatic write up.

This is where the problems began. Accounts of what students consider

policy also caused some distress among the college's inhabitants. Its total disregard for flexibility implied that students could not be reasoned with, which consequently caused some residents to question their rights, or lack thereof, when living on campus.

On Wednesday, February 8, however, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Scott Kane issued an apologetic memo about the flaws of this effort to try to solve the noise problem.

Apparently, those who are responsible for enforcing these new policies had trouble differentiating between a noise violation and normal, typical noise which resulted in the problems many

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that Residence Life imposed on Western Maryland College residents for the Spring term, a stricter noise policy was one of the more unpopular, netting objections from the residents and resident assistants alike.

Originally, the noise policy functioned under two guidelines. One was a 24-hour period of "courtesy hours," and another was "quiet hours" that began at 9 p.m. and ended at 10 a.m. the next day, Sundays through Thursdays. On the weekends, quiet hours were from 1 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Due to some complaints about noise

unfair noise citations ran rampant around campus. Some residents were apparently written up for merely having the radio or television on or for just having some boisterous conversations.

The RAs were supposed to write up violators if noise from a certain room could be heard two doors down.

With the change, however, students felt that the RAs went to extremes because write-ups were administered, without warning mind you, for noise which could be heard right outside their doors.

Complaints about the no-warning

residents were complaining about.

Although the current policy will undergo some examination, don't blame those stereotypes past 9 p.m. quite yet. The rules are still in effect, with RAs continuing to exercise the no-warning code for noise violations.

To some, the response from the Residence Life Department to appease the concerns of the students might not be a monumental event. To others, however, it's just gratifying to be heard.

Kudos to Assistant Dean Kane and company.

Pulling your own weight

Emily Stamathis compares the reliability of computers to the reliability of humans, with less-than-encouraging results

1. as a student of the 90s, a Generation X'er - choose your label - am a slave to technology. And proud of it.

Our elders sling the term around like some sort of scarlet letter. In the age of the internet, computers have gone from the whiz kid's toy to nothing more than a glorified telephone in the eyes of our parents, but ask most of my friends, and there's nothing hipper than being computer literate.

Who wouldn't want to have all the latest information first, the world at their fingertips? Shopping around the globe with a few simple keystrokes. A whole circle of friends you can turn off like a lightswitch when they get annoying.

Which brings us to the issue of reliability, which seems to me to be the only definite question mark in the manifesto of the internet-dependent. Sure, www.yahoo.com seems to have all the answers and takes far less time than looking up a book in the library like the cave-men used to do, but God forbid the seaver should go down, or even worse, there is a power outage.

Reading a book with a flashlight is one thing, but it's quite a bit harder to boot your computer up by rubbing two sticks together. At the rate technology is advancing now, this problem could be solved in a year or it may never be. Only time will tell.

Our reliance on computers may be an issue unique to the late 20th century, but the ability to rely on other members of our very own human race has been a basic need since the beginning of time. Unfortunately, we haven't worked out all the kinks in this respect either.

Being in a position of power has as much to do with your own reliance on others as it has to do with delegating and giving orders. This is a lesson I learned, and fast, the moment I took on the position of Editor-In-Chief of *The Phoenix*.

Some might think that the staff of a publication, or any group for that matter, is nothing but a slave to the orders of the person in charge, but in fact it is quite the opposite.

The goal of any staff is to become an efficient team. This of course takes practice, but if each member doesn't pull his or her own weight, the final product as a whole will no doubt suffer. One person not doing their part is basically pulling the plug on the entire production, meaning that in order to avoid a blackout, the rest of the team has to work until their batteries are dead.

Hopefully by the end of our terms as Editors of *The Phoenix*, Megan and I will have found a way to get around a reliability problem that has been plaguing tired students in the computer labs for years, and the rest of the human race a lot longer.

There's nothing more respectable than dependability. Just something to think about the next time you're waiting in line to check your email.

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Tolerating Sexism

*Lisa Dale-VanAuken and
Danielle Loiacono question
equality on campus.*

"Hors." Don't recognize the word? Well don't take it to heart. It's how a graffiti artist betrayed his or her intelligence (or lack thereof) on a wall of Whiteford.

A group of students were disgusted to read a plethora of sexist words scrawled in blue ink across the wall on the ground floor.

And while at first, some students were inclined to smirk at the vulgar display of grammatical ignorance, they stopped laughing as soon as the gravity of the incident set in.

Similar to the racist graffiti found on a few doors of Rouzer last semester, the graffiti was a direct attack on a specific portion of the population, namely the female residents of Whiteford.

By not publicly denouncing the act of the vandals, it is almost as if we are accepting it.

While most of the residents were upset to discover the belittling graffiti, a second blow to the face came when the incident was hardly recognized.

This lack of attention seems to trivialize the hurt that some members of Whiteford are feeling and makes it seem that sexism will be disregarded, if not tolerated, by the WMC community.

Last semester, when racist terms were being discussed, the community was openly united against racism, as it should have been, yet no one has openly called out for action against the act of sexism that could be read in Whiteford. It makes one wonder, "Where are the feminists?"

Feminism has been mocked by some, dis-

regarded by others, and unfortunately, it has become relatively unimportant to most of us in our everyday lives. We have become complaisant with the current status of women in our society. Yet incidents such as this one continue to remind us of the need for feminist action.

If you don't think there is a need for feminism, just look at the language of today. The slang that was written on the wall is an example of the sexist modern words that some of us use in our casual conversations. Almost every word was female specific.

Think about it. There are more discriminating words to use against females than males.

While this article will not name them, think of how many of those terms you know, and chances are, you will discover that you know more words used to label females than to la-

bel males.

Since the '60s, feminism has made incredible strides for women's equality, but the fact that this incident was unrecognized is proof that there is still quite a way to go before women are truly considered by the overall population as equals.

By not publicly denouncing the act of the vandals, it is almost as if we are accepting it.

So in response, we have taken it upon ourselves to send out two messages to the vandals.

First, we think you should know that women stopped being dragged around by the hair centuries ago. We suggest you step out of the cave and into the 21st century.

Second, look into *Hooked on Phonics*. It might work for you.

Pinball Peril in Game Room

*Andrew Ryan battles pinball
machines for the right to play a
full game and loses.*

Something is rotten in WMC's game room.

After a long Friday class schedule, I ate lunch and decided to kill some time in the game room. I was happy to see that there were two new pinball tables, pinball being my game of choice.

I got some quarters and dropped fifty cents into the Flintstones pinball table. I had never played that particular table before, and I thought I would give it a try.

Aside from the ball going right down the center of the table, where neither flipper can hit it, the first two balls played fine. Then it all started...

Sometime during my third ball, it failed to make the return trip from the top of the table. I hadn't hit the ball anywhere it should've gotten stuck, and after a few seconds, I began to wonder exactly where my ball had gone.

I stepped away from the flippers and walked out to the side of the table, so I could look around for my ball, but it was nowhere to be found. So then I did what any reasonable person would do.

I shook the machine in the hopes that my ball would get jarred loose, and, as any reasonable person would suspect, my ball didn't come loose, and I tilted the machine.

Normally when a machine is tilted, you lose your ball, and your next one begins. My next turn never began. I sat at the machine for a few minutes hoping something would happen.

Nothing did.

I lost fifty cents at that machine, but the poor fellow next to me was playing a two player game at the Space Jam table by himself. When his game went bad, he lost a dollar.

I walked away from my table in disgust, and played a game of STUN Runner, which lasted about ten minutes. After I came back, my machine was still blinking "TILT."

The Space Jam table that had been abandoned long ago was now miraculously back to normal, and both players had a couple of balls left. I did what any reasonable person would do, and I started to play.

This time I had better luck. I was about four balls into the games before a ball got stuck.

Again I did what any reasonable person would do. I shook the hell out of the machine hoping my ball (or the kid who had abandoned the table's ball) would come loose.

Again, as any reasonable person might suspect, I tilted the machine.

So then I did what any reasonable person would do.

I left the game room, and as any reasonable person might suspect, I won't be going back anytime soon.

Gamma Sigma Sigma

We at the Phoenix applaud Gamma Sigma Sigma for breaking the trend of social drinking by establishing a dry sorority.

While newspapers across the nation are plagued with horror-stories of college drinking, we feel proud to be able to present our readers with a story about a group of people who care more about service than spirits.

Gamma Sigma Sigma has presented us with the refreshing concept of a social organization focused on the overall good of the community rather than the exclusive pleasure of the group itself.

Good luck with everything!

Glendening

Although the intentions of First Thursday are in the right place, the Phoenix questions whether or not the event will live up to its ideals. As students, it's nice to be able to stand up before faculty and administration at an open-mic and discuss campus problems. Students may actually feel that their message is getting across.

But will it? Will First Thursday be an event where students, faculty, and staff can come together, kick around ideas, and actually get something done or set something into motion? Or will it just be an opportunity for those students with set agendas to get up on a soapbox and have their words fall on deaf ears? We would like to see the former occur.

At any rate, the students seem to appreciate the attempt. Or are they just after the free food?

Anticipating an End

The end is near!

The impatiently awaited completion of the new science building is finally in sight, and we are all holding our breath for the last brick to be laid.

The science department is waiting as well. With the old labs becoming more and more obsolete as the new building grows, science and math majors are counting on a quick finish.

Although we tend to agree with Matthew Thomas' conception of the new Lewis Hall looking out of place, (see page 7) we'll just be glad to the construction end.

First Thursday

At the Phoenix, we too often complain about the things that don't work on campus. It seems that just about every student feels they have the right to complain when things are broken. After all, resident students are paying almost \$24,000 a year to be here, and commuters are spending \$17,000, shouldn't everything be in working order?

The point is, as Rich Suchoski reminds us, that most of us aren't paying the full amount of either figure. WMC students' actual tuition payments barely pay the salaries of WMC employees. Think about it; while it sounds odd, it is true.

The next time we start to complain about something not working, we should keep in mind that what we pay to go here doesn't cover the costs of maintenance, computers, food service, etc. We have to learn to deal with problems and stop complaining about them. Complaining about the way it should be isn't going to do us any good. If Glendening's proposal becomes law (see page 4), things may be a little better around campus, but until then,

WMC's Magical Mystery Internship Policy

A lot of attention has been focused lately on the new noise restrictions for residence halls, with the resulting student uproar causing them to be repealed, a marvel of student mobilization.

I think that one largely unknown policy that deserves some attention and examination is the one regarding internships.

I say this because apparently the policy is something of a mystery, and one that needs to be cleared up. My interest in internships sprouted just two months ago. During the winter break, I decided to get rid of the internship requirement for the gerontology minor by working at Asbury Methodist Village.

Note the location of the internship: not Western Maryland College, but 50 miles away in my hometown of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

I had spoken briefly with my teacher before the break about whether I could get credit for doing it over January, and she told me that all I would have to do is fill out the internship form and get a letter from my on-site supervisor.

Easy enough. But when I called WMC in January, after starting the internship, I found out something unpleasant.

In order to get credit for an internship during January, you have to pay the school \$120** per credit. Thus, my two credit internship would set me back \$240—not exactly cheap change.

If my professor would let me

claim the credit on the upcoming spring semester, I would not have to pay anything.

But there was a hitch: I was seriously considering taking 20 credits, and adding the internship credit would give me an overload, for which I would pay overload prices: \$340** per credit. In order to add the credit to the previous fall semester, when I had taken only 16 credits, and not overload my schedule, I would have to get the Dean's signature.

In the end it all worked out; I took 17.5 credits this semester and

Sarah Radice questions student internship policies.

is \$120/credit. Over the summer, it is \$270/credit. During the regular school year, it is \$340/credit for an overload.

Even though I am going to a private college, I am by no means rich. Financial aid is what enables me to go to WMC.

I would definitely have a problem paying a few hundred dollars above and beyond normal costs for something which takes place entirely off school property, which

sometimes had to be paid to supervise internships; and also because that is simply the nature of colleges, to sell their academic credit.

"We charge money for an education, for the credit we give... I would be surprised if any college did not charge for credit," she told me.

Then she suggested I talk to Ethan Seidel, VP of Finance and Administration, to find out more about how costs were determined.

We traded phone messages, and, basically, Seidel told me that he did not know why the policy

This is just not kosher because internships do not utilize WMC property or resources in any way (unless you count the paper the transcripts are printed on).

Professors are already paid to profess. Overseeing internships for their students should be a part of their job duties anyway.

None of this messiness would be necessary if internships were counted as hours fulfilled, instead of credits earned, on our transcripts.

It would cost nothing, and would allow masochists like myself to take twenty credits until the cows came home without having to worry about cutting out a class or two in order to get internship credit without paying extra.

Dean Coley thought that students might not like this idea, as it would necessitate them taking one extra class to meet the full 128 hours needed for graduation.

I think that this sounds much better; but my point is that my opinion doesn't matter, it's what the rest of the students think.

I think there should be an open forum or discussion of this issue to judge student opinion, discuss possible changes, and above all raise the visibility of this particular topic.

In any event, there should definitely be a written explanation of internship policy and charges in our student course books.

***These figures are approximations.*

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added the internship without paying anything for it.

Those who don't have an internship requirement for their major don't need to be concerned. Some students, however, are working on a large major or combination of majors and minors that would necessitate taking 5 classes a semester, perhaps for multiple semesters.

They would have to pay the school extra, or at least be forced to crunch their classes, to satisfy a requirement the school itself mandates.

Why? That does not seem quite fair to me.

Internship credit over January

does not involve use of school facilities, and which is essentially paying for marks on paper.

These prices seem awfully high for secretarial work.

In an effort to find out more about the rationale behind this internship policy, I spoke to Registrar Elizabeth Pival.

She was extremely helpful but ultimately could not tell me why the internship program was run that way. She said it was because academic credits must be paid for and suggested I talk to Dean Coley.

Dean Coley, too, was extremely helpful and concerned. She said that internships cost money in different situations because professors

Throwing Bricks at Tradition

"O beautiful for spacious skies / for amber waves of grain," has there ever been another place on earth where so many people of wealth and power have paid for and put up with so much architecture they detested as within thy blessed borders today."

"There's one that I lifted," as William Burroughs wrote. I "lifted" the beginning quote from Tom Wolfe. He wrote it a while ago; he was referring to the United States in general. He might as well have written it yesterday about our new science building.

Take a look around you the next time you walk to the pub, rush from class to class, or reel from dorm to dorm trying to fit in a game of beer pong at every residence hall, plus Bob Chambers' house. What do you see everywhere? Even if your vision is blurry from the drinking games, you will see brick - lots of brick.

I love that brick. It reminds me of Jack Kerouac and small towns and big dreams and everything good and tragic about the USA. This campus is a brick campus, through and through. One thing it is not, and this is what makes the new science building a monstrosity, is a glass campus.

Decker Center is the only

Matthew Thomas says science building clashes with campus motif.

pointed example of a lapse in a general architectural unity on the Western Maryland campus. It has the good sense to crouch low and blend in with the bushes and the older buildings, though. No such luck with the science building - it's an egocentric nightmare.

My question, is this - Why glass on our new building when our campus is a brick campus?

Since it is a science building, I

Give the science people what they need, and wrap it in something horridly ugly.

thought that science professors and majors would have more to say about any possible merits of our hunk of glass. The response I got from them, though, was decidedly mixed. While most were excited about the new building, with its new and improved labs and general high-tech wow factor; there were notable exceptions to

all of the "Gee, golly" responses.

One professor had this to say about the addition to Lewis, "You can't open the windows. Science building. Stinky experiments. Recycled air. Sheesh."

Jon Bearn, Environmental Biology major, '01, said, "It looks like an Orwellian view of the future."

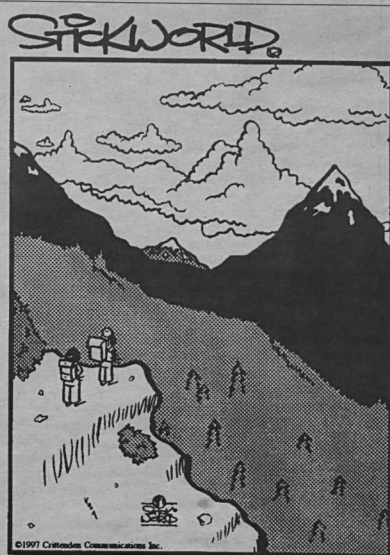
Bio-chem major Julie Kirchner summed up the most common response, "I don't like the fact that the building doesn't fit with the rest of the campus, but that's just too bad because we need it."

Fine. Give the science people what they need, and wrap it in something horridly ugly. I have to look at it every day, but at least I never have to set foot in it.

Unfortunately, the opinion I just put forth hints at increased tension between those of us who are science people and those of us who are not. Freda Karos, not a science major, '01, had this to say, "It's a science building. Scientists are cold and hard and sterile."

I challenge the administration, or anybody, to tell me what the purpose of investing a whole caboodle in such a piece of work is.

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Quirks: The Hot-Pink President

Anne Butler points out similarities between the president and a toy.

It's one of the most god-awful ugly toys I've ever seen.

The Star King toy is literally a pearlized, hot-pink colored plastic Millennium Falcon with a Klingon Bird of Prey (also hot-pink) stuck on as a rear spoiler.

It has green, blue, and mauve clear plastic covering lights at various points around the toy.

Once you give it two AA batteries, it will roll around on the floor, light up, and make "space" sounds.

Yes, the is one weird-ass toy, so, of course, it reminds me of our randy president, Bill Clinton.

Now hear me out. I'm not crazy (not in this case anyway). This toy doesn't really have a very good image, does it?

I mean, it's ugly as sin, and to top it all off, it's a bootleg, a fake toy made by someone who doesn't have the rights to make toys of that show, movie, etc. (in this case, it's a *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* bootleg).

Thanks to the recent Congressional proceedings, the President's image is shot to hell, just like this toy's image.

Clinton's being portrayed badly by the Senate, House, pundits, and

most of all, by the media.

And now, the press is showing him as kind of a fake, or unreal, President. Just like the bootleg hot-pink Falcon, Clinton is now seen by many as a "bootleg President."

While no obvious, other similarities present themselves.

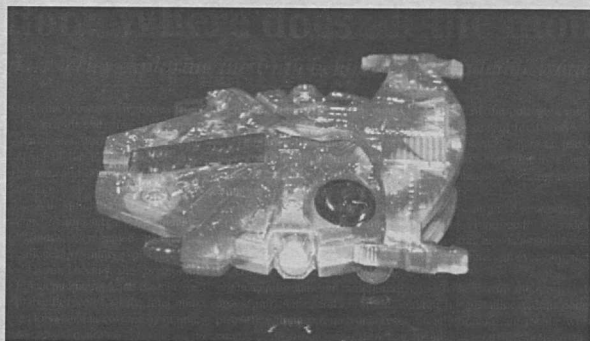
The hot-pink Falcon's battery case is a bit small, so it might be necessary to leave the cover off and have one of the batteries "hanging in the wind," so to speak, while it is running around.

Similarly, Clinton has been known to, ahem, have something open and "hanging in the wind," as well.

Yes, the is one weird toy, so, of course, it reminds me of our randy president, Bill Clinton.

Once the batteries are in, and the toy turned on, the Falcon starts running around in an almost complex dance, going this way and that, dodging and avoiding things and recovering quickly if it does hit something.

Anyone who has seen Clinton's performance on the Paula Jones tapes, which have his testimony on



The hot-pink bootleg toy: does it mirror the life of our President? You decide.

PAUL HINES

them, will be able to see the connection there.

Did I mention just how loud the sounds from this toy are? Once set off, the toy could probably wake the dead (or at least a hibernating squirrel).

Also, Clinton can be quite loud at times and vocal about certain subjects, and some of his opponents would accuse him of waking "dead" issues.

Finally, the hot-pink Millennium Falcon is advertised as having "Bump and Go Action."

Mr. Clinton has shown that he too has "Bump and Go Action."

However, despite the things I've written about it, and it's image, the hot-pink Falcon is still a pretty good toy.

It lights up, makes science-fictionesque (if loud) sounds, and will keep going for a long time on only two batteries.

Also, if it encounters an obstacle, a wheel in the front of the toy will pivot and allow the Falcon to go off in a different direction instead of getting stuck like some other toys would.

Any child would love to receive this as a gift, and they would get a lot of play out of it.

Akin to the Falcon, despite the coverage he's received, the things that have been written about him, and the image he has, Clinton is still a good President.

He's achieved a number of things during his two terms, and he's held the country together for

another eight years, filling an increasingly difficult role that not many Americans would wish to have.

For these reasons, I have a fair amount of respect for both the President and the hot-pink Falcon.

They both survive the bad images that they project or have projected on to them.

Also, they are both unique in their respective worlds. The Falcon is an unusual toy, and Clinton is the first President to face impeachment since Andrew Johnson.

Perhaps it's time we look beyond the hot-pink facade of these two, and try to notice what's underneath.

Only then can we truly understand them.

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Investigation: Where does all the money go?

The first in a multi-part series exploring the truth behind WMC's administration and finances

BY RICH SUCHOSKI
Distribution Manager

Students always complain: "I pay 23 thousand dollars a year to go here, why doesn't anything ever work?"

Other common complaints include: "the food sucks, the computers in Hoover Lab are incredibly slow, the departments don't spend any money."

This seemingly one-sided negative attitude toward how the college spends its money, begging for justification, calls for a look at the budget from a different perspective: the administration's point of view.

A large amount of students do not pay full price to attend Western Maryland College; some don't pay anything at all. The money supplementing this has to be coming from somewhere.

Patricia Williams, the director of the Financial Aid department, is able to account for much of the college's spending by looking at the specific statistics of the incoming freshman class.

The Financial Aid office tracks down nearly everything credited towards a student's tuition, including but not limited to Stafford and other student loans, state awards, Federal Pell grants, work study, and ROTC awards.

Last year WMC gave about \$12.3 million in academic and need-based scholarships to the incoming first-year students.

"This is actually recorded as lost revenue," Williams explained.

Twenty-one first-year students don't receive any financial aid through our Financial Aid office.

"The average aid of the average freshman (not counting the 21 who don't receive aid) is \$16,202," Williams said.

This may look like quite a hefty sum, considering tuition is only \$17,730 this year. However, Williams warns that "it is misleading to say the average student receives

this much because it ranges from the \$1,500 Carroll County residency grant [provided by a group effort of the College, local businesses, and corporations] to full tuition."

Who suffers from the "lost revenue"? Ultimately it is the students. "There's less money to operate the college," Williams explained.

Ruth Thomas, the director of Financial Planning and Budget, explained that 58% of the total budget this year was covered by tuition, room, and board.

Where does the rest of the money come from?

The list is dizzying, but the main contributors include the Annual Fund, which receives gifts to

Students always complain: "I pay 23 thousand dollars a year to go here, why doesn't anything ever work?"

the College from alumni, parents, friends, businesses, corporations, and foundations in the form of "unrestricted annual gifts" to help the budget where student tuition, room, and board fail.

The Annual Fund was responsible for "4% of our revenues or \$1.3 million this year which represents the income on some \$24 million of endowment that the College does not have," as stated from the 1998-99 Phone Center Manual.

This certainly helps, considering 24% of WMC's budget is devoted to financial aid, such as grants, scholarships, and work study, for students.

The above mentioned endowment is the main concern of budgeters. It's a pool of money to which contributors give with the understanding that their money will not be touched by the College di-

rectly. Instead, this money is invested.

The larger the endowment, the more resources are open to the College and the easier demands can be supported on campus.

WMC has a smaller endowment than most comparable schools, which means there are fewer resources available.

Other revenues include the graduate program, summer conferences, golf course, and a few rental properties along Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Many of these have been converted to student housing over the past two years," Thomas explained.

Currently, there are only six rented to the outside world while the rest are used for new faculty and students.

There are a few things which "actually lose money, such as the Pub," Thomas says. "It breaks close to even, but it's budgeted to take a hit."

So where does it all go?

The projected budget is around \$30 million for this year.

The College is labor intensive with 60% of the budget going towards salaries and fringe benefits, such as taxes on paychecks.

Labor includes every person in every office, maintenance, custodial, and student workers, for example. Essentially, students' tuition, room, and board almost pays the salaries here.

There are also debt services, which is like a mortgage and pays off renovations over the life of the building.

Included in this are the renovated Hall rooms, the dining hall renovations, the projection screen TV side of the pub, and an addition to Levine in the future.

The new science lab building is going to take \$13 million total with \$3.5 million in help from the state and major help from the Defining Moment campaign which is still collecting money.

A lot of the college's money also goes toward food service. \$1 million a year is spent on just the food. This does not include the plates, utensils, operating costs, or uniforms.

The computer network is requesting \$1 million for upgrades in networking between buildings and new computers all over campus for the labs.

To help with this project, the state has just allocated the college an additional grant for the wiring of ethernet and fiber optics to modernize and generally improve internet access in some of the

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dorms. Utilities account for over \$1.3 million a year, something for students to remember the next time they see a faucet running in the bathroom or a toilet that won't stop.

There's also insurance, sports teams need uniforms, the propaganda papers from the Admissions office, computer labs, and the cable system and telephone bills. Student programming from SGA and CAP-Board, media board allocations, lecture funds, faculty development and travel, the Budapest exchange program, and upkeep of the buildings in general, such as lightbulbs, also cost the college money.

Also, WMC has had a strategic plan in effect since 1992 where

there would be no more than an annual 4% increase in tuition, room, and board.

This is still upheld for next year when the tuition is increased from \$23,080 to an even \$24,000, a 3.986% increase.

But this 4% increase does not directly translate to a 4% increase in the budget. Some of this extra money is given to the Financial Aid office in order to give more scholarships.

A conclusion that could be drawn from this fact is that, in effect, students could possibly be paying for their own scholarships.

"Basically, the college operates like a household," Thomas relates. "Money comes in from different sources and then we pay our bills."

No matter how much departments, student organizations, renovations, or salaries demand, Thomas puts it bluntly, "We have to live within the budget."

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New faces increase staff visibility at Hoover

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

If you ask reference librarian James Feagin or evening reference librarian Clement Ho to help you locate an obscure speech or some such material, you have a significantly better chance of finding it than you would on your own.

While these two men may be better than Lycos, there is quite a bit more to them than functioning as living search engines.

Clement Ho was born in Hong Kong and grew up in Western Canada. He attended the University of Alberta.

In addition to developing rapport, Ho does collection development and serves as liaison to the department.

He is currently working on sub-



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ject guides for the WMC web site. The guides will contain library and internet resources conveniently linked together.

When he is not busy with library tasks, Clement spends much of his time planning a garden.

In addition to being responsible for many of Ho's tasks, James Feagin is currently reassessing the government document collection at Hoover.

A Middlebury graduate, Feagin came to WMC because he wanted to move northward and because he felt that his old job was over.

Feagin has managed to find

some good trout fishing in the area, so he will probably stay a while longer.

He is also an avid string musician with a studio in his house.



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WMC's Channel 26 suffers from lack of student interest, viewers

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Do you know what your school TV station can do for you? Chances are you don't.

Most students probably haven't even watched the campus station, either because they don't care about the school or because they have just never located the channel on their remote control.

Those who have never watched Channel 26 cannot appreciate the long, hard hours that the staff put into their work just for the viewing pleasure of the campus community and the trouble they have finding manpower and student interest to help them out.

Channel 26 shows feature school events for CAPBoard, McDaniel speakers, football games, and area events such as the George Washington Birthday

Ball at George Washington College last February.

There are even amusing creations like "Wrestler's Delight," "The Eric Barry Show," and "The Coach's Corner" to spark interest.

Rich Suchoski, president of the TV station, agrees that student interest is a problem. "[We're] trying to get more student interest, but it just doesn't work," he says. They have a steady following of about ten.

Suchoski and his crew have tried to build interest in the TV station in many ways. For example, "We tried to make commercials for local businesses in the area, but that quickly lost interest. I'm trying to think that up again."

Channel 26 does pay people for taping things, but they have to be working on their own personal projects at the same time.

Suchoski is even trying to come up with new shows to film. Two he has in mind are a live radio show

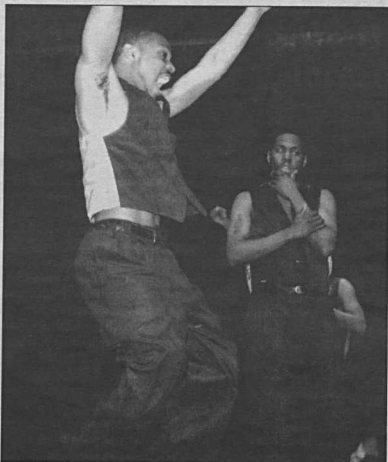
and a web page review show, but they can't find the technology and equipment for the web page yet.

The TV station gets a lot of outside programming. Suchoski says he "wants to go on to bigger and better things," but that may take some time.

After just being revived in the fall of '96, the TV station still needs some work. One major change is that the station is now operating on channel 26, not the previous 17.

Getting involved in helping to create new and intriguing shows for WMC is a great experience for those at all interested in TV broadcasting or taping.

Suchoski urges anyone "who want[s] to learn about video production, and the technical side of video production" to join, adding that, although it might seem like a lot of work, "it's very fulfilling."



Steppin' into the New Millennium stomped through Western Maryland College on Saturday, February 13. Above: One stepper is very enthusiastic about his routine. Below: Four female steppers fire up the stage. Photos by Trang Dam

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Aquarius (1/21 — 2/19)

Aqua means water. That's no excuse for wetting the bed! Is there hope for you, Aquarius? Hmm... depends....

Pisces (2/20 — 3/20)

This week, if you're happy (and you know it), stomp your feet. Ha! I fooled you, Pisces! Fish don't have feet! Then again, they probably can't read, either....

Aries (3/21 — 4/19)

It'll take just a few more lines of crank to make you really feel like a Leo. It is a great feeling. Out of cash, though? Go ahead and tap into that trust fund, Aries.

Taurus (4/20 — 5/20)

It's only a matter of time before emu farming rivals the beef industry.



Gemini (5/21 — 6/20)

Don't fret, Gemini. Sir Mix-A-Lot isn't the only one who likes big butts.

Cancer (6/21 — 7/23)

Monkeys with car keys. What else can I say, Cancer?

Leo (7/24 — 8/23)

I know, I know, Leo. What you really want to do is direct porn. But you're doomed to a life of public service or corporate figureheaddom. There's still time for hobbies!

Virgo (8/24 — 9/23)

What now? What else? Gas-X!

Libra (9/24 — 10/23)

Hard drugs, commercials, Seattle rappers.... What's this all about, Libra? Think of it as a Media and Culture tarot deck. Whatever that means. And, by the way, you have tuberculosis.

Scorpio (10/24 — 11/22)

I won't even bother, Scorpio.

Sagittarius (11/23 — 12/21)

"Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't." Remember to take your medication regularly, Sagittarius.

Capricorn (12/22 — 1/20)

So you think these horoscopes are mean-spirited, Capricorn? You sure do get awful touchy when you're liquored up....

Horoscopes

60 Seconds

What was your most memorable Valentine's Day?

by Trang Dam

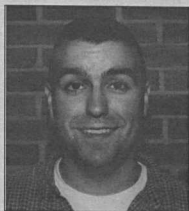


"My boyfriend, Patrick, made breakfast for me. He had two-dozen roses and a card waiting for me and we spent the weekend together."

Bethany Young
Undecided '01

"Ask me Monday morning...."

Chad Reiley
Sociology '00



"I stayed up late with my mom watching *The Love Connection*."
Tricia Chin Quee
Social Work '01



"My high school girlfriend and I had just started dating, and for Valentine's Day I bought her candy and flowers. We went out to dinner... the whole day was wonderful."

Evan Desatnick
Communications '01



"When I was a little kid I attempted to slide down the stairs in my house. I fell and hit my head on the steps and had to go to the hospital for stitches.... For some reason, I haven't liked Valentine's Day since then."

Aaron Heisler
Studio Art '99



"It was when I wasn't dating anyone, and one of my really good guy-friends came to my house to surprise me with a dozen roses."

Susan Werley
Undecided '02

Cheap Thrills: Stickin' It to Da Man at Bargain Basement Prices

MATTHEW THOMAS
Features Writer

Hello, and welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy for your joybang.

A lot of people have asked me recently, "Mr. Cheap Thrills Guy, is sticking it to the man by getting hired for a job and then getting all strung out on smack and then beating the drug test somehow a valid Cheap Thrills topic?"

I'm glad they've been asking, because it provides a perfect introduction for Stick It to Da Man Week here at Cheap Thrills.

Yes, indeed, Cheap Thrills aplenty can be had by hiding your drug habit(s) from potential employers. (For future reference, we'll be focusing on marijuana test-beating instead of, say, smack, because adherence to true Cheap Thrills values means you're only shelling out cash for brick weed or growing it yourself. Smack's expensive!)

Now, some of you readers may be asking, "Is it ethical?" Is that question really relevant when your (potential) employer is breaking the edicts of the Bill of Rights (it would be helpful to know something patriotic right now, like Frank Zappa's "Titties and Beer") by snooping around in your urine?

OK. I'm glad we're on the same wavelength now.

So, anyway, you're higher than Willie Nelson. So what? Does that mean you're not qualified to work at Lowe's? Does that mean you're a hazard to customers and fellow McWorkers?

Good questions. Highly debatable. But not the point of Cheap Thrills and Stick It to Da Man Week.

The point is, you took more than a glaucoma patient takes. Maybe you are a glaucoma patient. That's no reason for you to resign yourself to a life of crashing on friends' couches.

All you need to move from unemployment to degrading, dehu-

manizing menial labor is a clip-on tie and the Cheap Thrills' How Cheap? Damn Cheap!™ Drug Testing kit.

All right, I know you're mumbling to yourself, "I've bought into this here bargain talk before. And now I've got twelve bread machines and a lot of hair removal products. I'm on the crapper half the time and admiring my bikini line the other half."

But Cheap Thrills How Cheap? Damn Cheap!™ Drug Testing kit will change all that! You won't have time to watch infomercials anymore. You'll be too busy Stickin' It to Da Man!

OK, Mr. Cheap Thrills Guy.

What do I check? Where do I send my check or money order? Cause I don't have a job. They took my credit card away — too much phone sex and not enough pay checks."

Haven't you been paying attention, stupid? That's the whole point of this column. Don't send me any money. Just gather the following from the medicine cabinet of the apartment where you've been crashing:

- Some aspirin
- Some B vitamins
- Anything that says "Controlled Dangerous Substance" (Hey, why not?)
- A bottle of Nair
- An enema kit
- A pot leaf
- A box of Lucky Charms

Now, what do you do with this.... Get yourself a job interview. Put on the clip-on tie I mentioned earlier, slick your hair back; don't belch too often. Refrain from hitting the crack pipe entirely, at least until the interview is over.

In the course of the interview, the boss man (or a representative) will ask you, "Are you a dope fiend?" Stifle a chuckle and say, "Hell, no, sir or ma'am!"

Boss man (or representative) will say, "OK. You're hired. But, we drug test here. You'll have to take one before you can come to work."

Stifle another chuckle and say, "Is tomorrow good?"

Go home, or wherever you're craving, and drink some water. Don't make yourself sick. Take some B vitamins. Get a good night's rest. After all, you're getting ready to Stick It to Da Man!

The morning of the drug test, drink like a gallon of water. Make sure you pee like three times before you leave for the test. Eat a well-balanced meal of Lucky Charms.

Take more B vitamins, and four aspirin. The vitamins are a good supplement to a Lucky Charms breakfast, and the aspirin is good for headaches.

Use the Nair, because, let's face it, your back is hairy. (You'd think with all of those hair removal products you would've taken care of that particular nastiness.) And the enema... well, everyone's colon could use a cleaning.

When it's time to pee (and you'd better pray it's a urine test instead of a hair test, or you're screwed), let only the midstream go into the cup. Why? I dunno. But that's how you're supposed to do it, anyway.

Wave the pot leaf over the cup for luck, if you're superstitious. Pray to the porcelain god, if you're religious. Both get about the same results, only with the pot leaf, you're not kissing a crusty toilet....

Unless you've got the metabolism of an 800-lbs. sumo wrestler, you should be all right. Congratulate yourself by lighting up a spliff and realizing you've successfully stuck it to da Man!

Then realize you've got a crappy job and you've gotta start wearing that clip-on tie all the time now and.... Well, maybe you'll luck out and fail the drug test.

Please note that the views expressed in this article are not those of the staff of *The Phoenix*. Any comments may be directed to phoenix@wmcd.edu.ATTN: commentary.

--Creative Voices--

Why do you want to go to school? It is getting up early and listening to teachers talk on and on. It is homework due the next day and papers due in a week. It is worrying about quizzes, about tests, and about whether your final grade will be enough to pass. It is learning things you already know all over again, and still not knowing what you need to. It is pain, torture, an early death. And I wouldn't trade it for anything less than my own custom-made world.

---Teresa Needer

The Rat's Web

ANNE BUTLER
Features Writer

So you heard about this Internet thing and want to give it a try, eh? What do you need? Well, a computer and modem are good, and if you're on campus you need an analog or digital phone. Or you could skip all this stuff and go to a lab. If you live on campus, you can connect to the Internet throughout the school by using a digital or analog phone available from the Telecommunications Department. Check with them for information on how to do this. When you're at home you can call into the school, but it will be long distance if you're more than a half-hour or so away. If you're off-campus, or are interested in getting web access at home, the following section is for you:

Erol's Internet: <http://www.erols.com>

Fast and reliable Internet providers for the Mid Atlantic area. Direct connection, not as many features as AOL, but a lot more reliable. This is what I've used for three years now.

America Online - <http://www.aol.com>

Not so fast, not real reliable, but one of the easiest ways to get online if you can connect in the first place. Has some features Erol's doesn't.

Tritium's Free ISP - <http://www.tritium.com/>

What can I say? It's free, so don't expect much. It's supported by advertising that constantly runs on your computer.

Juno - <http://www.juno.com>

The free part of Juno is only e-mail (no attachments), but it's reliable, and fast even if you have to put up with some ads. If you're willing to pay, you can buy the ability to send attachments or to surf the web.

What to do When You Get There

(never can have too many e-mail addresses!)

Hotmail - <http://www.hotmail.com>

Free mostly reliable e-mail, used by millions of people. However, it's sponsored by Microsoft, so you'd be supporting the man who's likely Nostradamus' third predicted Anti-Christ.

Rocketmail - <http://www.rocketmail.com>

More free e-mail not run by the devil Gates.

Dejanews - <http://www.dejanews.com>

A free Usenet provider. Usenet (or newsgroups) are forums where people can discuss anything from anime to gardening to the radio stations of Philadelphia. There's a newsgroup for everyone here. I'd stay off alt.sex.robots though.

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PC Software is good. Free PC software is very good. Free PC software that doesn't bug you to register it is VERY, VERY good...

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Weird-Ass Site of the Issue: Furby Autopsy - <http://www.phobe.com/furby/>

See what makes these little buggers tick. Just try not to get any Furby blood on you. It's a real hard stain to get out.

Double Feature

Sarah Radice and Kristen Fraser review two new movies

Shakespeare in Love is a delightful jewel of a film that is guaranteed to enchant even those who tend to groan and fall asleep at the mere mention of the word "Shakespeare." It is a witty, intelligent, fast-paced love story that provokes the viewer to outrageous laughter as well as to tears.

Shakespeare follows the imagined romance of William Shakespeare and upper class Viola. Played with grace and passion by Gwyneth Paltrow, Viola is a woman ahead of her time: smart, sexy and strong. She is enraptured with the theater, particularly with Shakespeare's plays.

Ignoring the conventional gender restrictions banning women from the stage, Viola disguises herself as a young man in order to audition for a part in her idol's latest play, a very rough version of "Romeo and

Juliet."

Shakespeare at this point is a randy, rakish, young playwright, brought to vibrant life by the comely Joseph Fiennes. He is astonished by the depth of passion and understanding he find in the mysterious young man and promptly awards "him" the male lead in the play.

The two are drawn closer together, Viola falling deeper in love with the unknowing Shakespeare. When he discovers her secret, both of their passions ignite and a rapacious romance begins. Tragedy looms large, though, when Viola's father betrays her to an arrogant planter who plans to take her to his plantation in Virginia.

The story of "Romeo and Juliet" is brilliantly interwoven with the story of Viola and Shakespeare's romance. As their relationship evolves and hurdles to its inevitable conclusion, so the original pirate comedy evolves into the classic tale

of doomed romance, with events in the play echoing those happening in Shakespeare's life. The climax occurs in an extraordinarily beautiful and powerful reenactment of Romeo and Juliet's death scene.

The supporting cast is uniformly excellent as well. Geoffrey Rush plays the Globe Theater's shift owner, and Ben Affleck gives a marvelous comic performance as a swaggering, self-important young actor. Dame Judi Dench is the imposing, razor-tongued Queen Elizabeth.

Comedy, tragedy, beauty, and pain all combine with a healthy dose of action into one lush pearl of a movie. It is accessible to those who know nothing about Shakespeare, and will make those who do remember just why Shakespeare is immortal. ---Sarah Radice

It was a typical boring Saturday afternoon, so I let my friend drag me off to the movie theater. Since the rising price of movies has cost me a significant amount of cash, I carefully choose movies.

I had the unfortunate opportunity to see the movie *Varsity Blues*. This movie perfectly illustrated to me everything that is wrong with the American football obsession.

This movie had enough clichés and bad stereotypes to drive any competent, creative screenwriter insane.

From the racist football coach to the overbearing father trying to "force his life" upon his son, the characters in this movie were dry, predictable, and spoke with terribly fake Southern accents.

Because it is a movie aimed at our younger generation, *Varsity Blues* appealed to our highly developed sexuality by including a scene in which the most popular cheerleader in school

tries to seduce the "good boy" character by using a whipped cream bikini.

Yeah, draw your own mental picture as to what that looked like.

At least the prepubescent boys in the theater would enjoy that. Any self-respecting female would say otherwise.

Back to the "plot," James Van Der Beek, who is gorgeous on *Dawson's Creek*, really should not try this Southern accent of his. He spends the movie fighting against the big bad institution of high school football.

The small town of West Canaan has no life outside of its football team. They all leave town to see away games and give football players free alcohol.

They allow one of the football players to steal a police car, load it with drunken girls, and drive around the town with all of the passengers completely naked.

If you'd like to get really deep and philosophical, I suppose you could say that this film is a sad commentary of our times, where

football allows students with no brain cells into higher institutions for the sole purpose of wearing spandex and playing with a leather ball.

Or, you could comment on the state of American public schools, where they discuss "hard-ons" in class with terms like "purple-headed yogurt flingers."

Their teacher sidelines as an exotic dancer in the movie, and continues to dance even after seeing many students in her strip joint.

Or, you could discuss the pressure that coaches put on students, forcing or encouraging students to play injured or take undue measures to win.

But, mostly, the movie just sucked. Don't waste your money. Don't sit through 100-odd minutes of small town tragedy. Your time would be better spent at the dentist, pulling an all-nighter, or scrubbing your hallway with a toothbrush.

---Kristen Fraser

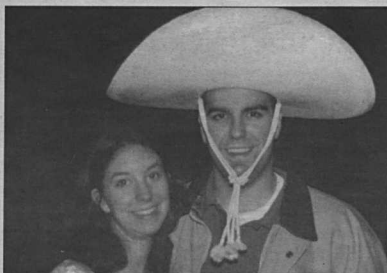
Scenes from the Campus



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The Hispano-Latino Alliance's benefit dance for the victims of Hurricane Mitch on February 5.

Above: A group of students dancing the night away.
Right: Two spirited students and one very large hat.



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Environmental comedian Dave Street, left, performed in the Pub on February 10.





Well-known sporting goods manufacturer Nike paid a design student \$35 in 1972 for the symbol that now appears on its products. Student Carolyn Davidson came up with its boomerang symbol.

WWF Pay Per View

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

Since the college can't get pay-per-view, here are the results of the most recent WWF "In Your House," the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

The event started pretty weakly. There was a short match between Goldust and ECW reject, the Blue Meanie.

A lot of bad wrestling, a few missed moves, a curtain call, and the match was over. Goldust won, and now maybe

a double count out. ECW rejects at their best.

In the final match of the night, Austin beat McMahon. Austin was stomping McMahon all over the ring when the Giant appeared and came in the cage.

Corporate Giant was beating Austin around pretty well and then slammed him into the cage wall. The cage wall fell through, which made Austin the winner.

A lot of bad wrestling, a few missed moves, a curtain call, and the match was over.

we'll get back to some decent matches.

Due to injury, Road Dog didn't defend his hardcore title. The belt was up for grabs when Bob Holly and Al Snow went at it. Al Snow, another ECW reject, lost.

That Match was followed by a Mideon vs. Big Boss Man match. Boss Man won, but was then attacked by, and converted to, the ministry.

X-Pac and TripleH lost to Kane and Chyna, and Ken Shamrock lost to Val Venis, thanks to special guest referee Billy Gunn.

D-Lo and Mark Henry lost to Jeff Jarrett and Owen Hart, thanks to some weapons, namely Double J's guitar.

Mankind and the Rock fought for what seemed like forever, then ended the match with

Mens basketball ends season

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Terror men's basketball team ran into a few difficulties down the stretch of their season.

With recent losses to Gettysburg, Franklin and Marshall, and Dickinson, the Terror ended the season with a 4-18 record.

The Terror closed out the season with a 81-60 loss to Gettysburg, though senior guard Brian Tombs did manage to score 12 points in the contest.

Prior to that, the Terror lost to Dickinson 68-56.

Tombs led all scorers in the game with 19 points, while Freshman Erik Larson had a career high of eight rebounds.



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Last Saturday, the Terror were defeated by Franklin and Marshall at home 73-61.

Tombs had 14 points in the game, while sophomore forward Mike Furey had 15 points

and pulled down ten rebounds.

Junior guard Jeff Myers had four assists in the contest, which maintained his league-leading average of 4.1 assists a game.

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Blue-chip player Snyder contributes to lady Terror basketball's success

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland women's basketball team has enjoyed much success this season, currently holding a record of 17 wins and 5 losses.

Senior Kathi Snyder has played a considerable role in contributing to this success, this season and in the past three seasons of her Green Terror basketball career.

Kathi grew up in a small town of about 200 people 2 miles outside Ickesburg, in Perry County, Pennsylvania.

"The town is very small, and there is only one spotlight in the whole county," Snyder shares with a smile. She is a graduate of West Perry High School in Elliottsburg, Pa. a place where she enjoyed much success in basketball as well, winning districts her senior year, and making the elite eight state playoffs her junior year, among other achievements.

Before basketball, Kathi was a dancer; that is she took ballet, tap, and jazz lessons, plus baton lessons for five years. She then became interested in athletics, and especially the game of basketball.

Basketball is quite popular in the Snyder family. Kathi's father played for the Marine Corps on Paris Island, her sister Heidi also played at Western Maryland, and twin sister Krisi played as well.

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years old. Her best friend got her started because "we needed something to do at recess."

She and Krisi told their dad they had been playing, and he gave them his old suede basketball that he used in high school. "We went down to where my dad worked, and we played on an outside court at a barn," she said. "It picked up from there and went to friends farms, where there were 'deluxe' indoor courts."

These "deluxe" courts were really inside a barn where the hay was stored, and Kathi and her friends would sweep the hay off the floor to play on their indoor basketball court. Thus the beginning of a great basketball career was underway.

When it came time to choose a college, Western Maryland was not high on Kathi's list. "Actually, my sister is the reason that I didn't want to come here. I wanted to find my own place, other than being known as Heidi's little sister," she said. "Not that that is a bad thing, but I wanted to find my own place."

In the end, there were many factors that helped Kathi make the decision to go to Western Maryland.

"I knew I'd be comfortable, get a good education, and also be my own person," she said. "I could also play basketball my first year instead of sitting on the bench. I knew I could offer something to the team."

A double major in business and economics with accounting and art history minors, Kathi is a member of Phi Mu Sorority and Gamma Sigma Alpha, a Greek honor society. She also is involved in work study here

on campus. "Basketball is a long season, and there's not much time for anything else in my schedule," she claims.

To say that Kathi's basketball career at Western Maryland has been successful is an understatement. She currently holds numerous school and Centennial Conference records.

Among them at WMC, she presently is fifth in scoring behind head coach Becky Martin, and fourth in rebounding behind former teammate Katie Haley. Not to mention second in blocked shots, behind her sister Heidi. In the Centennial Conference, she is eighth in scoring and ninth in rebounding.

A 5'11" forward, Kathi's style of play is natural and fluid. She looks like she belongs on a basketball court, pulling down rebounds, scoring, and blocking shots with ease. She seems familiar with the game, having started every one since she's been at WMC. A thousand point scorer, Kathi has meant a lot to the team over the years.

"Kathi is what we call a blue-chip player in coaching," said head coach Becky Martin. "She's the type of player you build programs around, and a leader on and off the court."

She has matured into a leader of our team and will be receiving more recognition in the Centennial Conference because of her ability. She strives for perfection, and is committed to excellence," Martin said.

Kathi describes her biggest influences as her parents. "My dad gave me my work ethic, always telling me not to complain and take

life for what it's worth; you only get one shot."

"He worked long, eighteen hour days, and from that I got to see where hard work took you," she said. "My mother has also given me much support over the years."

Kathi sees a bright future for Division III women's basketball and women's athletics in general. "I think the [women's] basketball team here will be given a lot more respect in the future."

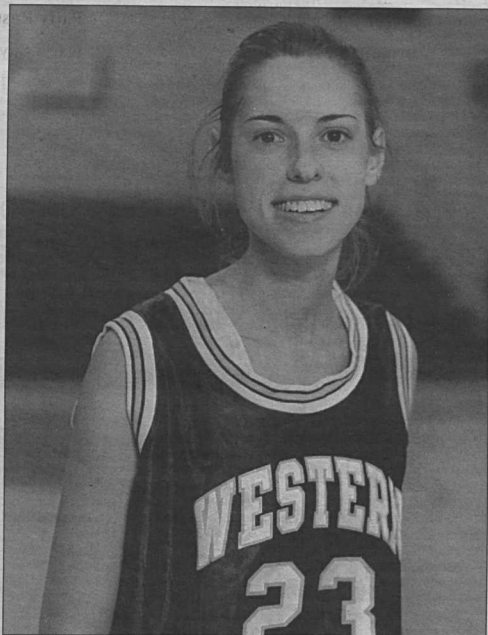
In the last four years, the competition has gotten harder, and many athletes who are

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serious about academics and athletics are starting to go to schools like Western Maryland," she said.

After graduation in May, Kathi plans to move back home and use her education to become a financial consultant. "We'll see what happens, those are my aspirations at this point," she says comically.

Regardless of where the future takes her, one thing is for certain. Kathi Snyder will go down in history as one of the best athletes ever to wear a Western Maryland uniform.



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Snyder may be a play a pivotal role on the basketball team, but she also gives her time to Phi Mu sorority and honor society Gamma Sigma Alpha.

Swimmers capture first victory over York College

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

This past week saw the first team victories for both the men's and the women's swim team as they rolled over York College in a non-league contest.

The men defeated York by a score of 99-82, which was culminated by wins from junior Martin Wisor, sophomore Chris Clemmens, and seniors Aaron Corbett and Scott Hoover.

Wisor turned in a brilliant performance by winning both the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly.

Clemmens also turned in a double win, taking the 200-yard race in both freestyle and backstroke. Corbett won the 500-yard freestyle and Hoover won the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Lady Terror struck by York with a 110-91 victory.

Sophomore Kara Wnukowski and seniors Michelle Garvey and Meghan Joyce all tallied double victories on the afternoon, while freshman Christine Joyce also won a race for the Terror.

Wnukowski won both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle races, while Garvey won the 500 and 1000-yard freestyles. Meghan Joyce won the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley, and her sister Christine won the 200-yard butterfly.

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Scoreboard

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MEN'S BASKETBALL (4-18)

Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Asssts.

Brian Billman-275-159-22

Ariel Cabiri-45-14-8

Karl Friedheim-34-49-5

Mike Furey-220-145-27

Jim Hegmann-70-65-8

Jack Kowalik-17-2-1

Erik Larson-90-49-8

Curtis Miller-33-21-1

Jeff Myers-91-45-82

Sean Pond-189-39-19

Paddy Taylor-30-23-4

Brian Tombs-274-86-36

Lamont Wilson-19-10-1

Kash Wright-3-2-1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (17-6)

Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Asssts.

Brianne Bray-31-29-4

Brooke Brenneman-35-21-2

Camey Brian-37-24-3

Katie Campitelli-2-3-0

Sommer Chorman-12-7-2

Jill Ibex-343-173-48

Michele Jarman-161-167-72

Megan Linch-40-25-14

Kristy Lutz-2-1-2

Kristin Miller-175-69-31

Patty Russo-223-60-54

Kathi Snyder-383-197-51

Meghan Tracey-38-20-14

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Wrestler's end dual meet season

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Terror lost a close match by a score of 19-18 to non-league rival Messiah this past Saturday. The Terror defeated Messiah last season by a one point margin.

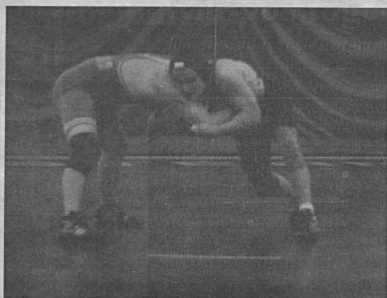
Freshman 125 pounder Vinny Pedalino and junior 184 pounder Charlie Conway both scored pins for the team, while freshman heavy-weight Josh Galemore settled for a regular decision instead of the much needed pin.

In one of the most anticipated match-ups of the contest, sophomore 165-pounder Andy Brener won a 7-4 decision over Chris Roggie. Roggie, the third ranked in Division III at 165 pounds, was the only Division III wrestler to defeat Brener this season, doing so by one point back in November.

Brener also secured a previous victory over Roggie this season, defeating him by one point in December and taking away Roggie's first place ranking.

A flu-ridden Terror team suffered another non-conference defeat at the hands of Elizabethtown by a score of 34-15. Freshman 197 pounder Chris Englebrake won by a score of 8-6.

The only Terror starters involved in this match, senior Josh



Andy Brener works for a takedown and another win

Ellin and Brener, both won by forfeit.

These past two weeks did see the Terror claim their second straight Centennial Conference title, as well as their second straight season without a conference loss. The Terror blanked Johns Hopkins University by a score of 48-0.

Junior Josh Kurjan came back from a 6-1 deficit to pin his 157 pound opponent and help keep Hopkins off of the scoreboard. Moving up to 174 pounds, Brener pinned his opponent early in the match.

In the 141 pound match, fresh-

man Mike Macey pulled out a 7-4 decision despite bleeding profusely from the nose throughout the match.

Ellin, also moving up a weight class, won an 18-2 technical fall. Also winning by technical fall was sophomore Russell Drake, winning 15-0 in his 149 pound match.

Pedalino won a 7-6 decision at 125, while Englebrake managed a 15-2 major decision at 197. Freshman Chris McNally scored a major decision, 15-3, at 184, while freshman Bobby Biden, at 133, joined Galemore in accepting forfeit wins.

Records continue to break under Terror track

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

Records have been falling all season for the Terror indoor track team. After breaking a whole plethora of records during January, the team broke some more in their past two meets.

At the Iannacelli Classic at Franklin and Marshall, the men's

Freshman Teron Powell won the triple jump with a distance of 43 feet and 6 1/2 inches. Junior Jarrod Gillam claimed the school record in the 1000-meter race in a time of 2:43.89, breaking the week old mark set by teammate Brendan Henderson.

The Haverford College Last Chance Meet this past weekend saw yet another record fall for the

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and women's teams each set a record.

Sophomore Jamie Falcone won the 55-meter dash in a time of 7.74 seconds, then joined her teammates Thea Bayly, Aleya Horn, and All-American Kerry Wilson to win the 4 x 200 meter relay and did so in a school record time of 1:51.02.

Terror. This meet is the last one before the Centennial Conference Championship.

Powell took second in the triple jump, jumping a distance of 44 feet 8 inches. Freshman runner Jill Krebs added to her list of records, breaking the school record for 3000 meters in a time of 10 min-

Linch recovering

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

Junior basketball player Megan Linch was flown by helicopter to the University of Maryland Medical Center shock trauma unit after suffering a broken nose and a concussion in a win over Dickinson on February 9.

According to teammate Sommer Chorman, who was on the court when Linch was injured, everything happened quickly. "From what I saw, Megan was going for the ball, and she caught an elbow in the face from a Dickinson player," said Chorman.

Trainers, Campus Safety, and Paramedics were quickly on the scene, and Linch, a 5' 6" guard, was taken to the hospital.

Linch was released from the hospital and recuperated at her home in Spring Grove, PA. It is questionable if she will be able to see any further action this season.

Women's basketball heads for playoffs

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team fell to Gettysburg (12-10, 8-5) in a Centennial Conference matchup on Saturday.

Senior Kathi Snyder was 8-11 shooting with a game high 18 points, while Sophomore forward Jill Ibeix had 17 points for the Terror (17-6, 11-2). Senior Michele Jarman pulled down 11 boards in the 66-57 loss.

The Terror traveled to Elizabethtown on Thursday, February 11 to face the Blue Jays (19-2), who are ranked Number 2 in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region. They fell in a hard fought battle 68-49, suffering their fifth loss of the season.

Snyder had a game high 20 points, as she became the third leading scorer in school history with 1,317 points. She also had 12 rebounds.

In a Centennial Conference match-up on Tuesday, February 9, the Terror clinched a playoff spot with a convincing 75-49 win over Dickinson (5-15, 2-8) at Gill Center.

Ibeix had 18 points and 8 rebounds for the Terror, ranked number six in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region coaches poll.

Senior guard Kristin Miller went 3 for 6 from the three point arc, raising her league-leading percentage to 43.9.

Sophomore guard Patty Russo matched her career high with seven

assists for the Terror.

Seniors Jarman, Miller, and Snyder broke a school record with their 65th career victory at home. The record applies to both male and female sports.

The team took on Franklin and Marshall on Saturday, February 6, and pulled out a close 67-65 victory to remain on top of the West Division of the Centennial Conference thanks to a 25-foot buzzer-beating jump shot by Russo.

F&M (10-11, 4-7) had closed in on a twelve point deficit in the final minutes and had taken a 65-64 lead with four seconds to go.

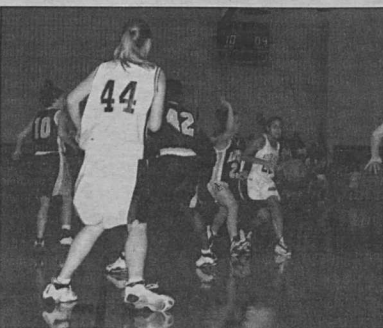
Leading the way for the Terror was Ibeix, who netted 17 points, Miller, who had 14, and Russo who scored 13 and also went 5-7 shooting.

Western Maryland topped Alvernia on February 3 in a non-league match-up.

Snyder had a season high 25 and came one point short of her career high as the Terror won 57-52. Ibeix was the key to the win in the end of the game, with two clutch baskets.

On Monday, February 1, the Terror fell to Catholic (5-12) 64-57, despite an incredible four straight three pointers by Miller in the last 31 seconds.

The outcome of Tuesday's game at Johns Hopkins will decide where the Terror go next. The winner will host a league semi-final game February 24, the loser will travel to East-champ Muhlenburg.



Patty Russo drives the lane against Alvernia

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Second annual Circle K/S.E.R.V.E. auction proves a success once again

The two organizations joined together to raise money for community service projects

Two WMC student groups dedicated to community service recently hosted "Reach Out WMC," a benefit auction of goods and services.

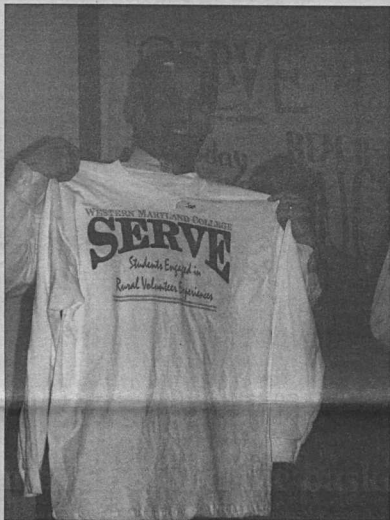
Over \$2400 was raised to further the service efforts of both Circle K and SERVE.

"The auction was very successful. WMC students, faculty, and staff members all came together and helped us achieve our goal, which was to raise money to perform service," said Sonia Pant, secretary of Circle K.

Auction items were donated by WMC faculty, staff, and students and local merchants.

The most popular item was a weekend trip to Dean Sayre's vacation home, near St. Michaels, MD, which was auctioned off for over \$400. Other auction items included a full semester of textbooks for next fall from the campus bookstore and tax return preparation by accounting professor and CPA Susan Milstein.

Faculty and staff members also contributed by putting up for auction goods and services of their own. Susan Cullison, in the President's Office, provided a basket of Scottish desserts, and a full body massage and Reiki energy balancing session were offered by registrar and nationally board-certified massage-therapist Elizabeth Pival. Piano lessons were offered with music faculty member David Kreider.



ERIN OWEN

SERVE adviser, Scott Kane, displays the t-shirt given to him at the "Reach Out WMC" auction by the members of SERVE to thank him for all the help he has lent the organization and to honor him for his commitment as an advisor. The auction was sponsored by SERVE and Circle K.

Associate Dean Barb Horneff and music faculty member Don Horneff offered a candlelight pasta dinner, and dinner at the President's House with WMC president Robert Chambers and academic dean and provost Joan Develin Coley went on the auction block as well. Members of SERVE put to-

gether a dog house during the auction that was auctioned off at the end.

The WMC chapter of Circle K, the world's largest intercollegiate service group, recently provided help for the American Heart Association's "Heart Ball" fund raiser, adopted a family for the holidays, and volunteered at the local

humane society. SERVE is a student-run group similar to Habitat for Humanity. Each year about 15 students eagerly give up their Spring Break to rebuild homes in Virginia's Appalachia region for residents who are unable to afford professional repairs.

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-Sonia Pant, Circle K secretary

Eight students arrested on drug charges in one week

BY JULIE DEVKIN
Staff Writer

A total of eight Western Maryland College students were arrested on drug charges when police raided Rouzer Hall in two separate, unrelated incidents on Thursday, February 18, and early Friday, February 19.

Arrested in the first incident were sophomore William Convery, 21, and freshmen Brian Maxfield, 18, and Thomas Brown, 18. Each student was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. In addition, Convery was charged with the distribution of marijuana.

According to the *Carroll County Times*, police raided the room after they had been told that drugs were being used and sold from there. When police entered they found eight bags of marijuana, along with various types of drug paraphernalia.

In the second incident on February 19, five students were ar-

rested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Arrested were Michael Blumberg, 20, Jonathan Bussard, 19, Patrick Muscarella, 19, Kevin Cooke, 21, and John Griffith, 18.

The *Carroll County Times* reported that police received a call about a party going on, and when they went inside the room they found marijuana and drug paraphernalia including bongs and pipes.

The five men arrested were taken before a District Court Commissioner and released.

According to Donald Schumaker, associate director of Public Information, the college has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to drugs as outlined in the *Student Guide and Datebook*.

From here, the students arrested will go through a discipline hearing procedure and will be taken in front of the Honor and Conduct Board.

Hate group attempts to spread message at WMC

BY ERIN HOWARD
News Editor

The Western Maryland College community was shocked when members of a national hate group attempted to spread their message on campus early last week.

The college was made aware that the hate group might appear on campus when Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Philip Sayre issued a memorandum on Monday, February 22, encouraging students and faculty to report the group should it be seen on campus. The memorandum expressed that it was highly unlikely that WMC would be made a target for the group's message. However, on the evening of Tuesday, February 23, a WMC student informed campus safety that members of the World Church of the Creator, an "anti-Christian" organization which has declared a war against nonwhites and Jews, were distributing racist fliers on the windshields of cars on campus.

The three perpetrators, two high school age males and one adult, were made to remove the fliers and were then escorted off of WMC property. The Westminster City Police were not called, however, information was passed on to both the City Police and the Maryland State Police.

According to *The Carroll County Times*, one of the offenders was a student at Westminster High School. Members of the same organization successfully, without interference, placed fliers on cars parked at Westminster High School on the same evening, however, they have not been identified.

Officials at Westminster High School have been dealing with this problem since September when members of this same organization were involved in racially motivated fights at the high school, while, more recently, a few students have been found passing out literature and wearing stickers which promote the World Church of the Creator.

Presently, the Maryland State Police's Criminal Investigation Division is looking into both incidents.

The World Church of the Creator, headed by Illinois-based leader Matt Hale, is known for targeting a younger, middle-class membership. Its more recent campaigns have been aimed directly at students.

Tuesday night's events were part of a nationwide effort to spread propaganda on George Washington's birthday.

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What to do in March

March 11: Books Sandwiched In. Community leader and retired educator Marge Lippy M.Ed. '77 will discuss "Something to Declare" by Julia Alvarez. Participants can bring a bag lunch. Drinks are provided. Noon, McDaniel Lounge. Free.

March 19: United States Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble. 7:30 pm, Big Baker Memorial Chapel. Call to reserve free tickets.

March 8: The Jon Seligman Trio will bring out standards and original compositions as part of the Monday Night Music series. 7 pm, McDaniel Lounge, free.

March 9: Poet Jean Valentine will present the 13th annual B. Christopher Bothe Memorial Lecture, which will feature a reading of her work, including her most recent book of poetry, "Growing Darkness, Growing Light." 8 pm, McDaniel Lounge, free.

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 2/12 at 1:53 a.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 2/12 at 1:55 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 2/12 at 3:00 a.m. DoCS documented telephone misuse off campus.

•On 2/12 at 2:50 p.m. DoCS documented a property crime on the Elderdice Parking Lot.

•On 2/13 at 1:00 a.m. DoCS documented harassment in Elderdice Hall in the west side entrance way.

•On 2/13 at 4:28 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/14 at 2:32 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for possession of alcohol in public areas on the 2nd floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/14 at 3:03 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in the Basement of Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/14 at 3:13 a.m. DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/15 at 9:00 p.m. DoCS towed a vehicle for excessive parking violations on the Blanche Parking Lot.

•On 2/16 at 2:40 a.m. DoCS documented a property crime at the computer lab in Hoover Library.

•On 2/16 at 9:56 a.m. DoCS documented the possession of a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/17 at 1:19 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment and transported only at the DoCS office.

•On 2/17 at 10:30 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment and transported only at the DoCS office.

•On 2/17 at 11:18 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment and transported only at the DoCS office.

•On 2/18 at 3:02 p.m. DoCS documented a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/18 at 8:20 p.m. DoCS towed a vehicle for excessive parking violations in the Rouzer Parking Lot.

•On 2/18 at 1:55 p.m. DoCS documented the distribution of a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/19 at 1:20 a.m. DoCS documented a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.

•On 2/19 at 3:05 p.m. DoCS documented harassment and the intimidation of an individual in Whiteford Hall.

•On 2/19 at 4:01 p.m. DoCS documented a smoke detector fire alarm report in the mechanical room of PELC.

•On 2/19 at 11:00 p.m. DoCS documented criminal mischief.

•On 2/20 at 8:50 p.m. towed a vehicle for excessive parking violations in the Rouzer Parking Lot.

•On 2/20 at 10:23 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 10:39 p.m. DoCS documented physical abuse (threatening or dangerous conduct) in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 10:59 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:06 p.m. DoCS documented a misdemeanor theft in the Rouzer Parking Lot.

•On 2/20 at 11:11 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:20 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:26 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:27 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:50 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/20 at 11:52 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/21 at 12:15 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/21 at 12:34 a.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 2/22 at 12:06 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at the DoCS office.

•On 2/22 at 1:50 p.m. DoCS documented a theft in Hill Hall.

•On 2/22 at 9:50 p.m. DoCS documented a distribution because of malicious behavior campus wide.

•On 2/22 at 11:25 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Whiteford Hall.

•On 2/23 at 9:20 a.m. DoCS documented a felony theft in Peterson Hall.

•On 2/23 at 11:35 p.m. DoCS documented the unauthorized use of college facilities in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 2/23 at 11:58 p.m. DoCS documented harassment in Elderdice Hall.

Pre-law society hosts panel of three women attorneys



JENNY HESS

The all women panel of speakers at the Phi Alpha Delta dinner hosted on February 25, offered advice and suggestions to students looking to pursue a career in law.

BY AMANDA CLINE
Staff Writer

The Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity, an international pre-law honor society, hosted a panel of lawyers at a formal dinner in the President's dining room on Thursday to learn about the woes and rewards of practicing law from the selected speakers.

The panel was composed of all women who each practiced different facets of law. The speakers included Rene McCrawllie, a 1986 WMC graduate, who practices in the

attorney general's office; Jeanette Vaughan, a former practicing attorney turned homemaker; and Susan Souder, a Georgetown graduate who has an independent practice. The ladies offered anecdotes and advice, made book suggestions, and stressed the challenges of pursuing a career in law.

Among the suggestions made, the panelists unanimously agreed that a strong background in writing, typing, analytic and reading skills was needed to survive in an increasingly competitive field. The speakers also noted that prospective lawyers should pre-

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pare for the discrimination they will face professionally. Vaughn remarked that they must "be twice as smart to get half as far as men [as a lawyer]."

The student reaction to the evening was a favorable one. There was a chance before and after the speeches "to build connections with the panel and learn more about the profession," said Miesha Queen, a senior English major interested in becoming a lawyer. "The idea of this is just to get people together... which is very beneficial."

Phi Alpha Delta will soon be selecting its new members for the spring induction. Those interested may contact Janet Kemesian, president.

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Alpha Psi Omega promotes the arts among high school students with "A day at the Theater"



Members of Alpha Psi Omega pose for a photograph with the 20 local high school students who participated in the "A day at the Theater" program held on Saturday, February 6. The all-day program, which was co-sponsored by the Carroll County Arts Development Grant Program, included theater workshops taught by WMC students. Workshop topics encompassed everything from fencing to musical auditions.

BY LISA DALE-VAN AUKEN
Assistant Commentary Editor

Clanking swords, bleeding ripped skin, soaring songs and spotlighted smiles might have been confusing to an outsider, but it's nothing to worry about. It was just another day at the theater at Western Maryland College.

Organized by WMC's theatrical honor society, Alpha Psi Omega, "A Day at the Theater" enabled area high school students to experience collegiate-level theatre. The first-time, full-day program also aims to encourage stu-

dents' art appreciation and their own imagination, said Jimmy Reddan, chair of the honorary society's Project Youth Committee.

"The arts are continually under budgeted and often cut. And that's very sad," Reddan continued. "It takes away a student's chance to be creative, imaginative, and free thinking, which I would say is as important as being able to balance a checkbook or to write your name on a piece of paper."

On Saturday, February 6, twenty students from high schools in Baltimore, Carroll, and Frederick counties, participated in the full day

of theater workshops, also co-sponsored by a Carroll County Arts Development Grant Program.

Led by the 19 members of Alpha Psi Omega, which won last year's Griswold-Zepp Award, WMC's scholarship for group community service, workshops included introductions to auditioning, costuming, comedia del l'arte, dance, improvisation, make-up and other aspects of stage work. The workshops were designed by Alpha Psi Omega students, as well as society advisors Ron Miller, a WMC theatre arts professor, and Jean Burgess, a local actress.

According to Reddan, most of the students already had an interest in theater, but participated in the workshops to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the art.

"I am a dancer, but I do very little acting so the musical audition workshop was very helpful," said Arundel High School freshman Katherine Cardwell.

Kristal Tighe, a sophomore at Westminster High School, also learned from the program. "I am always acting, which is why I tried to take some behind-the-scenes classes. It really helped me realize all that goes on while I'm on stage," she said.

Likewise, presenters were able to learn from the event while they were enjoying it. "I think it was a blast," said Erin Owen, a musical theatre major at WMC. "Everyone — us as well as the high school students — looked like they were having fun the whole time."

Judging from its first-year success, Reddan anticipates an expanded program next year. For now, the Project for Youth Committee is putting the finishing touches on its traveling play for local elementary schools.

Alpha Psi Omega members will present an interactive production involving each school's students and teachers. Using acting to encourage art appreciation, the members of Alpha Psi Omega hope to get elementary students as excited about theatre arts as the high school students who recently spent "A Day at the Theatre."

Florida foundation awards \$150,000 for science building

Western Maryland College has received a \$150,000 grant toward construction of its new science laboratory building from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations of Jacksonville, Fla.

The organization announced nine grants, totalling more than \$1.2 million, at its February board meeting to support undergraduate education at private colleges and universities including WMC, Duke, Hampden-Sydney, Smith, Stanford, and St. John's College in Maryland. This is the second grant received by WMC from the national organization; the first of \$100,000 was granted in support of Hoover Library renovations in 1990.

The new grant will be used to support the construction, now underway, of the \$13.4 million science center, the primary capital project of WMC's \$40 million comprehensive fundraising campaign.

"This most significant gift to Western Maryland recognizes us for our outstanding record of teaching and affirms the Foundation's continued confidence in the College's academic programs," said WMC President Robert Chambers, who visited the Foundation in January. "This new state-of-the-art science facility will strengthen even further our undergraduate science programs which have afforded so many alumni to succeed in the areas of medicine and science."

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation was organized in 1952 by Davis, who was president and later board chairman of Aluminum Company of America. While Davis' business activities centered in Pittsburgh and New York, he moved his residence to Florida in 1949 where he invested substantially in land and in varied enterprises such as banks, airlines, shipping companies, and hotels. When he died in 1962, at the age of 95, Davis was one of the best known and respected businessmen in the southeastern U.S.

Two additional Foundations, known as No. 2 and No. 3, commenced operations in 1965, as a result of Davis' will. The three Foundations function today as a single philanthropic institution strongly committed to strengthening the nation's future through annual grants to private higher education, secondary education, graduate theological education, health care, and public television.

Courtesy of Public Information

WMC students look forward to Spring Break

BY KATE ESPOSITO
Staff Writer

Just when you thought the daily grind of class, eat, sleep would never end, there is relief on the horizon. Yes, it's almost time for Spring Break! Unfortunately, this week is usually to all others in one way, it usually requires doing some work. That is, you need to plan your trip. (Unless you're going to hop in the car and just drive until you run out of gas — but that, too, is a plan). Some WMC students have been preparing for months, while many procrastinators still have no idea what they will be doing. For this second set, here are some ideas.

First of all, there is always the oh-so-common destination of Florida, where students are headed to cities, such as Daytona, Panama City Beach, and Orlando. This is the cliché spring break of going to tacky tourist sites, partying at the beach, and reading about what you did afterward in the police report the next day. Don't forget that you will be among thousands of other college students, so anything you do may be witnessed by someone you knew back in elementary

school.

For more adventurous types, there are places such as Aspen, Las Vegas, or New York City, where you can enjoy skiing, gambling, or celebrity stalking. A word of caution about these areas: be careful with your money or you may find yourself spending the last three days of break drinking tap water

some far away places are actually inexpensive once you find a way to get there. For example, daily expenses in many areas of Mexico, such as Acapulco, are cheap by American standards. This is also the case for most Caribbean islands.

Another way to save money is to stay with relatives or visit friends at other colleges instead of putting

New Jersey with such things to offer as... um, well, there must be something. Actually, there are some decent places to go locally such as the Eastern Shore, and you can avoid the drunken mob trying to get noticed by MTV. A group of students involved in SERVE is also venturing to Virginia in order to build houses and help out the community.

If for some reason no amount of traveling interests you, or you blew your last paycheck on a new stereo, there is always the ultimate in low-budget spring breaks, sitting around your friend's house sipping margaritas and watching tacky beach movies. It doesn't really matter where you go, and believe it or not, anywhere can become boring. The best way to ensure a good spring break is spending it with the right people.

For more Spring Break ideas go to www.studentadvantage.com. According to this site, the top ten destinations are: 1) Cancun 2) Panama City 3) South Padre 4) Daytona 5) Orlando 6) Bahamas 7) Myrtle Beach 8) New York City 9) Jamaica 10) London.

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and playing cards in your hotel room, and as one NYC veteran admonishes, "Watch out for those crazy people!"

Those of you who are independently wealthy or have rich and generous friends can jet off to Paris or London and, of course, Hawaii. The best aspect of these trips is sending postcards to people at home bragging about what a great time you're having. However, if your friends are less generous,

up for a hotel. These people probably miss you and will be willing to give you free lodging and food. Also, you avoid getting stuck at The Ocean Paradise Motel with the sink that doesn't work and the strange smell emanating from underneath the bed.

But before getting caught up in dreaming of these far off places, don't forget about the exotic intrigue of nearby paradises: Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and

Students squirm over women's studies minor

BY LISA DALE-VAN AUKEN
Assistant Commentary Editor

Send out a call to the Western Maryland College community for students interested in feminism, and few will come running.

WMC's women's studies minor, which is a primary focal point for aspects of feminism, gets little notice on campus. Whether feminists are not interested or simply non-existent, the courses have only a small number of students who plan to pursue the minor.

Currently, about five female students are expected to graduate with a minor in women's studies within the next two years. Although those students have the program offers them "a lot of choices," according to Donna Evergates, the coordinator of the program and professor of interdisciplinary studies.

Evergates said that the minor was created out of interdisciplinary studies, or IDS. There are two required IDS courses, Women in Western Culture I and II, but the rest of the courses are selected by the student according to his or her specific interest. Students can study women's history from a variety of perspectives, such as literature, science, or theater.

Because the minor allows students to choose their curriculum, and totals only 20 credits, one might expect the enrollment to be higher. Despite the low number of students, Evergates highly recommends the program because of the growing necessity for women's studies.

"In many fields, the study of women's experience or contributions is becoming more and more important since the women's revolution of the '70s," she said.

Students in IDS seem to agree with Evergates. Danielle Loacono, a first-year English major involved in the second part of IDS, said, "The course is something our school needs to have." Others, such as Aleya Horn, a sophomore sociology major, don't even know WMC had a women's studies minor.

Attempting to explain the minimal amount of interest in the minor at WMC, Martine Motard-Noar, a professor who taught a gender-related course two years ago, believes that the lack of interest is due to the stigma which follows feminism.

"The word *feminist* has undergone such a backlash at this point that students as women's studies have not been as popular as they used to be," she said. While it is true that feminism has one negative widespread reputation, some people maintain that there are various definitions of feminism.

This issue is one of the key focal points of the course. "Feminism has many faces, from strongly activist to deeply scholarly and academic," Evergates said, "and we should have a wide range of that in our program. That's what we're aiming for."

According to Lisa Telmanowski, a junior social work major, this wide perspective is just what IDS offers. "I had a different idea of what feminism was. I guess

I thought it was more extreme. [IDS] showed the different levels of feminism."

Like Telmanowski before her IDS involvement, some students think the course's feminist perspective is too exorbitant. "I know people who call IDS 'chick courses.' People come in thinking that they are going to be men-bashing," Evergates said.

But the IDS courses are taught by men as well as women, and were first taught by Tim Weinfeld. Asked if anyone was concerned that Weinfeld was the originator of IDS, Evergates responded, "Not that I know of. I remember his personality, and I can't imagine that anyone who knew him would have an objection."

Even though IDS courses were taught by a man, students still seem to shy away from courses with a feminist perspective. Another reason that enrollment is so low could be the size of the program. While the minor does have a number of teachers involved, and the courses cover a wide range of topics, none of the professors are employed full time to focus on solely women's studies.

"This is not a university and we can't afford to have many teachers specific to women's studies," Motard-Noar explained.

Both Motard-Noar and Evergates advocate increased financial support, and there are plans to expand the minor. Approval pending, there is a possibility that two new courses will be added for students to choose from next semester, Evergates said.

Conceivably, the additions will attract more students interested in feminism to the minor, but, in the meantime, Evergates believes that WMC feminists are "just sort of quiet right now."

Wizards bring basketball magic back to WMC

Benefit game set for March 13

The Tourism Council of Carroll County and the Harlem Wizards are getting back together in Westminster in 1999, and that means another round of basketball fun for the entire family.

Last year's game was a blast for more than 1,800 fans and this year's program on Saturday, March 13, at 7 pm at WMC will deliver more of the same full-court fireworks.

The game, benefiting the Tourism Council, pits the Wizards, including former NBA and college stars, against a gang of local personalities. Of course, the outcome is never in doubt, but no one is ever quite sure exactly what the Wizards are going to do. Except that it will be hilarious and magical.

"We are excited to bring them back," Harry Colson, Tourism Council president, said. "Besides providing a great night out for families, the game was a huge success for the Council and has allowed us to continue working hard to promote Carroll County."

For more than 35 years, the Wizards have entertained audiences around the world with their rim-rocking, hoop-spoofing brand of ball. Former Wizards include NBA greats Nate "Tiny" Archibald, Connie Hawkins, Hawthorne Wingo, Randy Smith, Ray Felix, and recent Houston Rockets long-range bomber Mario Elie.

Coming back to provide many of the on-court laughs again this year is crowd favorite James "Speedy" Williams, a featured performer in the movie "Above the Rim." The Wizards court jester, "Speedy," keeps the game moving and the opponents on their toes with his never-ending chatter and slapstick. He will be joined by a host of great players and entertainers, but don't forget the referees. Although the Wizards don't bring their own opponent, they do bring zany officials that make every call, especially fouls, a hilarious experience.

Also, the whole team will be available to sign autographs after the game and Wizards souvenirs will be available.

The team was founded in 1962 by the late Howie Davis, a New York-based sports promoter, manager, and entrepreneur. The Wizards, now managed by Davis' son Todd, have not lost since 1991 when they were narrowly defeated by a Lithuanian national championship team which produced current NBA stars Arvydas Sabonis and Sarunas Marciulionis. But rarely does the team play basketball just for the sake of winning a ball game. The Wizards have helped thousands of organizations, schools, and clubs raise funds for various worthwhile projects, including last year's game here which raised funds to support the area's tourism efforts.

The Wizards will make a pre-game appearance at 3 pm, on March 13, at Cranberry Mall.

Tickets for this year's benefit shoot-out will be on sale beginning in February at outlets throughout Carroll County, including Boston Inn, Days Inn, and Mills Communications in Westminster, Mount Airy Town Hall, Rohrbaugh's Tours and Charters in Manchester, Jubilee Foods in Taneytown, and Sylvan Learning Center in Eldersburg and Westminster. The show date for the game is Sunday, March 14. All advance tickets are \$6. Adult tickets at the gate will be \$8. Children under four are free.

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Palijczuk's personal collection displayed at WMC

Western Maryland College art professor and sculptor Wasyli Palijczuk not only creates art, he collects it. But his collection, started when he came to this country from his native Ukraine more than 48 years ago, isn't filled with famous artists with household or museum names.

However, the more than 400 pieces are just as precious and special to him. Most of them were created by friends, fellow professors, former students, and even his former instructors.

"Blue Skies Again," featuring 53 of those artists, opens March 1 in the College's Esther Prangle Rice Gallery. An opening reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 7.

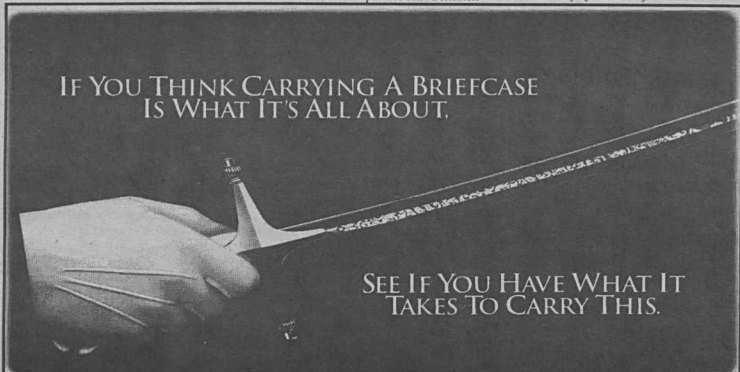
"This show represents the creative imaginations and talents of many of the people from whom I find continual inspiration," Palijczuk said. "I think everyone will appreciate the diversity in this show."

That diversity ranges from the 1850s creation of German painter H.J. Schullen

to the work of his daughters Ksenia and Natalka. The show, which runs through April 2, also features the Egyptian collage of one of his first students, Linda Van Hart, who is now an art instructor at Western Maryland. It also includes the work of French painter Honore Daumier, Japanese scenery designer Hiroshige, and Serbian primitive painter Bogdan Micevic. The collection even features a World War II vintage caricature by former Baltimore Sun staffer Yardley.

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Letters to the Editor: New Sorority and Student Rights

In Response...

Dear Phoenix,

I am writing this letter in response to the two articles written about Gamma Sigma Sigma.

First, I want to say that this letter is not meant to degrade Gamma Sigma Sigma in any way, but I object to the tone of this article.

As a member of a "social" organization on this campus, I can tell you that all Greek organizations on this campus, and nationwide, have attempted for numerous years to rise above the stereotypes that are assigned to Greeks.

These stereotypes are made clear in movies such as *Animal House* and *Revenge of the Nerds* where a bunch of kids get together to drink 24 hours a day with no regard to their schoolwork or the community. The article on Gamma Sigma Sigma encouraged this stereotype about social Greek organizations.

The article stresses the point that the women starting this organization want to be involved in community service projects while bonding as sisters and striving for high academic ideals. I am going to take the liberty to say that all four of the "social" sororities on this campus strive to do this.

These ideals are outlined in every organization's creed. It is a main focus of our existence. I can speak for my own organization better than the others, so I will say that Phi Mu has an entire committee focused on community service. It is an important part of what we do, and we work for our philanthropy while establishing strong bonds as sisters.

I would drop anything at any time for any of my sisters, and if you asked any Greek woman on this campus if they would, they would agree without batting an eyelash.

Also, just because someone is Greek does not mean that they do

not care about academics. I can personally say that the sisters of Phi Mu are members of fifteen honor societies on this campus, and members of the other organizations are equally involved.

I believe that what Gamma Sigma Sigma is doing is positive, but the four "social" organizations should not be shown negatively in order to make them look better. One line from the front page article states, "Unlike the other social sororities on campus, Gamma Sigma Sigma is nonselective and stresses community service as the main goal."

There is nothing wrong with being selective. It is imperative for our organizations to be selective in order for our ideals to be carried into the future.

On page six, there are congratulations written from the Phoenix that read: "Gamma Sigma Sigma has presented us with the refreshing concept of a social organization focused on the overall good of the community rather than the exclusive pleasure of the group itself." Being a member of a Greek organization is about philanthropy, sister or brother-hood, academic achievement, and certain leadership opportunities, to name only a few aspects.

This one paragraph is a step in the wrong direction for all the Greek men and women on this campus who have attempted to prove that being Greek is a positive addition to the college experience. It hurts to realize that these efforts have been in vain.

Sincerely,
Steph Bell

Dear Phoenix,

I am writing in response to the article written about Gamma Sigma Sigma's colonization at Western Maryland College.

While I commend this organization for their commitment to helping others and wish them luck in the future, I would like to make readers aware that it is not the only sorority at WMC who is involved in philanthropic activities.

I am a member of Phi Mu Fraternity (yes, we are a fraternity). We are involved with the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) as our national philanthropy. Each semester we hold events to raise money for CMN, such as an Easter Egg Hunt for children and Bowl-A-Thons, where we acquire pledges to raise money.

We also visit children at Johns Hopkins Children's Center to see where our money is going. This past December, we volunteered at the Baltimore Zoo's annual "Zoo Lights" Christmas event.

After checking with College Activities, it is clear that other sororities at WMC are committed to community service as well. Phi Sigma Sigma's philanthropy is the National Kidney Foundation; some of Alpha Nu Omega's involvements include volunteering at nursing homes; and Phi Alpha Mu is active with area women's issues.

I would also like to respond to the Phoenix's commentary applauding the establishment of a dry sorority.

All 26 national sororities have strict risk management policies regarding the use of alcohol. These include dry housing, as well as educational programs regarding the use of alcohol by members. Alcohol is not a major part of sororities as the typical stereotype suggests.

The commentary also states that the Phoenix is refreshed by the "focus on the overall good of the community rather than the exclusive pleasure of the group itself." While that is true about the new organization, the same can be said about the other sororities at WMC. We are all dedicated to helping others.

My intention of writing this piece is simply to make readers aware that each sorority on this campus is dedicated to their philanthropic work. Praising one for it's dedication to service merits praising all.

Julie Develin
Vice-President, Phi Mu Fraternity

Editor's Note:
The news article in the February 18, 1999, issue of the *Phoenix* introduced the new sorority on campus, *Gamma Sigma Sigma*, as *would be done for any new organization, Greek or independent. It was not the intention of the Phoenix to promote any stereotypes.*

Student Rights

Dear Phoenix,

The students of WMC are a resilient group. We have demonstrated time and again that there are certain standards to be expected out of the college lifestyle.

When recent ugly events, ranging from unjust noise policies to the unfortunate incidence of racial epithets in Rouzer Hall, threatened the comfort of college living, the students fought back and rallied for better answers.

Sometimes these events can obviously not be helped, but other times they certainly can be helped. This is the expectation of students and must be the continuing promise of the college.

This promise is a guarantee of certain rights and privileges as unique members of our college, or as a recent administration letter put it, "a community based on civility and respect for each other."

Students should not have to amass an entire rally every time our rights are infringed upon.

Ideas like First Thursday are the first good steps in preventing small

problems from festering into nasty situations. To further ensure the students' peace of mind, the college should go above the call of duty in service to its citizens.

Instead of bullying students, employees should use discretion in what does and does not threaten college life (remember last year's spring fling "riots"?).

In addition, small but noticeable hypocrisies should be put to rest, for example, campus safety vehicles well off-campus.

Ultimately, in light of the good intentions on the part of the college administration, I believe the promise of civility and respect for each other should be formalized into a student bill of rights. This bill of rights would condense the various student privileges found throughout the student guide and date book into one clear and undeniable statement.

Furthermore, as people unique to this community, specific rights can be added and amended to improve our quality of life, because we pay an awful lot of money to come here, don't we?

Add to that our expectations from the various college services, especially campus safety and residence life, and the message will be outlined completely: RESPECT US!

I have taken this issue in front of the Student Government Assembly, which promises to form a committee to review current college policy. This is another worthwhile step, and I ask for your continued support in drafting a bill of rights, obtaining campus-wide approval, and having it incorporated in the Western Maryland College guidelines.

By seizing the opportunity now, we can prevent future violations of our right to enjoy college life.

Sincerely,
Ryan Ewing

WMCR is Where Music Composes Radio

WMCR is everything that a polished, trendy, million-dollar radio station is not; it is a welcomed relief.

WMCR is under-budgeted, under-rated, and under-appreciated. Despite the low-tech machinery and the short broadcasting range of the station, WMCR still manages to present students with a truthful and satisfying alternative to corporate America's commercialized, money-machine radio stations. In fact, it is the refreshing, small-town honesty of WMCR that draws many listeners.

Industrial corporations continue to dominate the air waves with "popular music" and come, in-your-face advertisements. We all know the overzealous, badly written, 15-second advertisements that blare obnoxiously out of car

windows in the summer.

While some people might think this is cool, many of us find ourselves seeking solace from the barrage of bargain sales that we "just can't miss."

And those 15 minute blocks of stupid jingles and annoying sound effects are definitely something I personally can live without happily.

This is what makes WMCR so different. WMCR offers music. Music without commercials. They do not even broadcast public service announcements. WMCR DJs are in the studio to play songs that they enjoy, not to bombard you with used car advertisements.

Most of the time, their passions for music, not for commercial air space, propel them to play songs that you will not hear on other radio stations. College radio is often

Lisa Dale-Van Auken
praises the undiscovered strengths of WMCR.

known for its bravery in that it tends to incorporate less popular forms of music into the various radio shows.

WMCR gives listeners culturally diverse genres of music. For once, we can listen to a radio station that is not afraid to challenge popular culture.

As an added bonus, the station's large selections means that you do not have to hear the same 20 songs 200 times a day.

Not only does WMCR repel repetition and expose listeners to more than what is currently in the top 40, but it allows DJs to play whatever they want to without get-

ting bored.

The people of WMCR are part of what makes it so great. They are students who understand that it is hard to find that one radio station that is "just right." Chances are, they never found the God-sent station themselves, and were forced to start their own radio shows.

They are people who will actually listen to the listeners. They are more than just radio personalities. They are people who love the music.

But, perhaps, the most interesting part of WMCR is the relaxed, conversational style of some of the DJs. You never know what will come out of their mouths.

With what seems like little regard for traditional radio rules, DJs are known to come up with offhand quips, random anecdotes, senseless

jokes, and even pointless stories that do not seem to be relevant to anything.

This, too, is drastically different from the one-track, public-pleasing personality that is created from the rules on a stack of paper in a CEO's file cabinet or desk.

I do not mean to glamourize WMCR. Listen, and you will probably discover that WMCR is about as perfect as the dining hall stationed right across from it. Sometimes things do not blend well. Sometimes, you have to ingest things with which you can not really identify. And sometimes, you are presented with portions that make you cringe.

But, in the end, WMCR is one of the few radio stations that is still about the music. That's what gives it character.

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First Lady Senate run: media circus?

Kristen G. Fraser observes media reactions to Hillary Clinton's potential Senate campaign.

Well, now that the greatest presidential scandal on Earth is over, what is the press to do? It seems that it did not take them long to move onto their next subject. And what would that be? They did not look very far. Their new subject is the president's wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton and her possible run for the US Senate in New York. This turn of events is ludicrous and makes the media look ridiculous.

First of all, the fact is that the possibility of Hillary running is simply that, a possibility. No one has confirmed that she is running for the office. But, the story-hungry press has turned this idea into national news.

The Baltimore Sun, *Newsweek*, and many others have all contributed their thoughts to reasons as to why she should or should not run. This overabundance of attention seems to indicate either a slow news week or perhaps some other issues.

But, we should not be surprised. The work of the press has historically been focused on celebrities. Americans feed the fury by continued interest. We all remember the discussions of O.J. Simpson, Princess Diana, and the like. Despite the countless other deaths that occur around the world, the celebrity status of these two people brought months of media attention.

So, let's focus on the issue here. Should the First Lady run for a position in New York? There are many reasons why this would be a strange proposition. Yet, the media continues to harp on this issue.

First of all, she does not live in New York. Now, this is a technicality that is not a big

issue for some people. New York has lenient residency laws. But, personally, I would not like a Senator, or any elected official, making decisions about my home area without experiencing it firsthand.

Secondly, she seems a little distracted right now to be concerned about running for a major political office. Her husband's recent escapades would be traumatic enough on a marriage, but throw in the fact that he's the leader of the free world, and it becomes a little more complicated.

Her role of First Lady would be compromised. If she were busy campaigning all over New York, she would be unable to continue the work that she has implemented in the White House.

Also, it seems that she has the incorrect motivations for running for this office. Some have speculated that she would choose this route simply to experience the power of being a politician because she always allowed her husband to do so.

Most importantly, she has no real experience, personally, as an acting politician. What are her stands on the issues? Besides health care, what has she tried for the country?

All of these reasons are of little interest to the press. They continue undaunted, daily publishing stories implying some political spin of Hillary Rodham Clinton running for office.

It just seems a little silly. Is it too much to ask to give the American people a rest from constant exciting information coming from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? They are undoubtedly celebrities, but they are also in the news daily with information that has little application besides to the press.

But, this will never happen. So, stay tuned for "Chelsea Clinton to Run in Miss America Pageant!"

Handicapped parking

Abigail Engel asks that handicapped spaces be left for those who need them.

Ever since the first semester I attended this college, I have been asking questions about the need for additional handicapped parking. I have written a letter to Student Affairs in regard to the loss of two valuable, easily accessible parking spaces that were located near Baker Chapel. The construction of the new Science Hall necessitated the loss of these spaces. All remaining handicapped spaces except four are poorly located at the bottom of a hill with several steps between the spaces and the building they serve and the Decker spaces are frequently occupied by drivers that do not have handicapped tags. I have spoken to security about the necessity of keeping these spaces open. It is my hope that if they do not wish to tickle the violators, then perhaps they could place reminder notices on the windshields that state the necessity of keeping these spaces open for those that need them. A few weeks ago, I decided to write a commentary article on the necessity for handicapped parking spaces and the importance of keeping these spaces open for vehicles with handicapped drivers and passengers. I decided to begin my quest by finding a regulation that would specifically state the reason that handicapped parking is necessary. My husband and I questioned Campus Security, the Maryland State Police, and even the Governor's office for information that could fill in the blanks for this article. We were quite surprised to find that nobody could answer our question. The only information we seem to be able to find is regulations outlining the physical characteristics of handicapped parking spaces, the number of spaces required, and the requirement for adequately labeling these spaces.

If there is anyone out there who knows how to find specific information indicating why buildings are required to provide special parking for handicapped persons, please let me know. There are ample cases of public law that stipulate the parameters for handicapped access and parking, but as yet I have been unable to find any matter of public law that states why these spaces are necessary. I would very much like to have this information so that I could write a more extensive article telling students, faculty, delivery people, and the Campus Security personnel why it is necessary to keep these spaces available to students who require handicapped access and parking. Keeping these spaces free would be greatly appreciated.

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Hate crimes and their consequences

Andrew Ryan discusses the "real world" and racism.

Earlier this year racial slurs were written on marker boards hanging from doors on Rouzer's third floor. Recently, a racial slur was written on the wall of a dorm room in ANW. Even more recently a hate group was distributing their propaganda on campus.

Thankfully, the school took quick action in each of these situations, and thankfully, most of these incidents did not involve WMC students. I am sure that most of us agree that racists are bad people, and they are not the kind of people we want in our community.

But that's not exactly what I want to talk about today.

When we leave WMC, we will have learned a great deal about community, and this is one of the biggest benefits of a college edu-

cation. However, what we learn here about how to deal with racists is often the mark as far as how we should deal with them in public life.

In public life, people have tried many different ways of stopping racists from spreading their message. The Jewish residents of Skokie, Illinois, tried to stop neo-Nazis from marching through the town.

Today many states have so-called "Hate Crime" legislation which gives more jail time to offenders whose crimes were determined to be racially motivated.

Similarly at WMC, the racist group distributing its propaganda

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here.

When the government can deny basic rights to a group because of its beliefs, or when it can add extra punishment for a crime because of the beliefs of the guilty party, then none of us are safe. The same rationale that can be used to ban Nazi propaganda could someday be used to ban an organization of which you may be a member.

The same rationale used to give "Hate Crimes" extra punishment can be used to turn your beliefs against you. When the government can shut up and lock up the Nazis, just because they are Nazis, then the government can shut you up and lock you up, just because of who you are and what you believe,

Campus cliques oppose WMC's goal of family-oriented atmosphere

Hussein Samater suggests ways to bring the WMC community together.

After my time here at Western Maryland College, I've noticed a trend on campus. After orientation, the picture of the school has completely changed, and this change is not particularly heartening.

I am speaking of the unfortunate trend of the cliques that can clearly be seen around campus.

This school preaches togetherness, proudly stating that it is a family atmosphere. To a degree, I can see a family in the campus around me.

This is only true to a point, unfortunately. I have had no problems with other students or faculty. Everyone is polite and respectful of others' rights, concerns, and beliefs.

There are several things this college could attempt to do, in addition to First Thursday, to find similarities within the school community.

However, since orientation week, there has been a lack of activities which focused on bringing this diverse college together.

It seems that a magnetic aversion has taken into effect and cliques have been formed and are alienating certain individuals from others.

A few of the groups included in the situation are the sports groups and sorority and fraternity groups. These groups have nothing wrong. It is a natural tendency. But, the list could be constantly expanded.

This no-man's-land has been

the fault of no person, for it is indeed difficult to embrace a different type of personality.

As said before, this is human nature to hang around those of similar tastes. This is not a bad thing in and of itself.

However, there are several things I believe the college could do to meld the school together better.

What is needed is an ice breaker, a way to form a common experience, a common goal, or a common trait with all the students other than simply being a Western Maryland College student.

First Thursday is a step in the right direction. Hopefully, it will foster a feeling of togetherness. I hope to see it grow to the point where it actually becomes a setting of faculty and students come together for the common goal of fixing common problems.

There are several things this college could attempt to do in addition to First Thursday to find similarities within the school community.

First of all, programs to promote a more interactive atmosphere between faculty and the students should be implemented.

This idea of first year students eating lunch with Dean Barb Horneff is good but should be broadened to the point where it is more than simply one dean. Teachers should be brought to a level where students can converse freely with them.

The multicultural attempts are also a positive step. The activities for Black History were both informative and entertaining. These types of ideas should be expanded upon in any way possible.

All of the students here need to be able to voice ideas and ask questions in an informal environment. Perhaps, WMC students should exercise their rights to voice their opinions through the SGA.

Maybe a committee could be formed within the SGA, or even any other group that was concerned with the well-being of students, with the goal of creating more events.

By doing this, a sense of togetherness will arise through the newfound sense of responsibility. We should have a volunteer community service to benefit the students and faculty or Westminster.

The school needs to take more of an active part in issues. This will give students an outlet to gather

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everyone's resources and strive for a common goal.

This college is not a family, not in the strictest sense. It is not expected to be either.

It is a group of people with one thing in common, the school. Something more is needed to bond the campus into a true family.

By creating a strong bond, the school of Western Maryland College will become successful in every sense of the word—academically, socially, and culturally.

The future is ours, and by binding together, we make a difference, and dare to think differently.

The many faces of American patriotism in the 1990's

As a child, how many of us can remember hearing the war recollections of our grandfathers?

How many of us have not heard them because our grandfathers found it too painful to describe the horrors of war?

How many of us know the ones who still haven't returned from our police action in Southeast Asia?

How many of us remember the videos of the Gulf War?

I am sure that every person has answered yes to one of these questions if not all of them.

So may I ask why it seems so easy for many of us to condemn the actions of our country? I cannot not take the times friends and foes alike have spitefully insulted their country.

This however pained me far less than what my own grandfather

stated to me when he learned of my decision to join ROTC: "The armed forces are not the same as they used to be, the system has changed."

It seemed the man who violently fought with my father over Vietnam and defending our flag had lost his conviction in America's greatness. He seems to have lost his faith in a country born on the concept of freedom.

Many ask what do you see as great in the good old US of A? To that I cannot answer with as many words as you can to tell me why America is weak and evil. My reasons are both naive and complex.

I love my country because of what it strives to be and because of how it has gotten to where it is now. I see our government as a government that wants to do the just thing.

James Gasparo discusses the varying sentiments on American patriotism today.

I cannot see the Dr. Evil sitting in any of our congressional seats. I do not see many, if any, politicians who are there for money and power. War with Iraq was waged because of oil, but what of the lives we took into account?

Whereas we could have destroyed every structure and object bearing Iraqi nationalism, we did not. Instead, we waged a war to ensure a threat we perceived was eliminated. No more no less.

I am honored and feel confident that if we could put our glorious President on such a debatable topic we could out a President who had

done something more disgracing.

And most of all, our country is run by us, the people. Any of you who find faults with the ways our government acts, and prove their corruption, then, you would be able to end the injustice.

The American people would never stand by to see a country raped and pillaged by American soldiers because this would be in conflict with the fundamental rights on which the country was founded.

Of course not. President Clinton's trial proved that the president is not a monarch. The core of our system is the checks and balances which has survived 200 years.

Although it has had its turbulent time, when one sees an United States flag, the immediate interpretation is of freedom.

I am not pleading with you to

love your country as I do, I am asking that you not hate it so.

I am asking you to be more tolerant of these issues which could be viewed as petty compared to those that are being waged by other countries abroad. These battles are much more severe.

A friend said the flag stood for nothing to him. Well it stood for something for the millions of men who fought under it and the hundreds of thousands who died for it.

I find it ignorant and rude that the people who abide by the law and profit from our society say that it is convenience only.

Our system may not be the best in many areas, but I feel that it truly tries to be just, which is all I ask. I just hope that American patriotism is not something that is lost forever.

Quirks: Language Barriers at Western Maryland

It was finally happening! The squirrels were staging a coup d'état and attempting to take over the campus!

Unfortunately, I was the only one who knew about it. I had to warn the rest of the students and staff, but there was a problem.

The fiendish little buggers had somehow

Anne Butler comments on impending lingual disaster at WMC.

available.

I crested the ridge and sited Mr. Kirschner. "Risu Coup d'état! Risu!" I cried using the Japanese word for squirrel (*coup d'état* is a

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My primary methods of communication were robbed from me, leaving me with a small knowledge of Spanish, an even smaller knowledge of Japanese, and a handful of words from other languages.

Faced with the impossible task of organizing a resistance without speaking English, my heart sank. Not for the first time did I curse Western Maryland's small offering of language courses.

For a campus with such amazing diversity, we offer a surprisingly small number of languages.

And despite its complexity, American Sign Language does not fulfill the language requirement, therefore, I did not have it

French word, so I was able to use that).

Mr. Kirschner stared uncomprehendingly at me, so I shouted it twice more. He continued staring and then shouted a word in a language that I didn't know.

I shook my head and rushed on to find someone else who might possibly understand me, all the while cursing my lack of language skill and WMC's lack of language class variety.

Next, I came upon Carrie (a French horn player) and Maggie (a spirited TV station veteran) managing to have a halting conversation in both French and Spanish. I cried out for joy, surely one of these girls would be able to understand me!

"*Es un coup de Risu!*" I yelled to them.

Startled, the girls turned their attention to me. "*Que?*" Carrie asked.

"*Qui?*" Maggie echoed in French.

I calmed down some more and did my best to remember what I had learned in Spanish 2.

"*Las ardillas toman la universidad!*" I told them earnestly. Literally, I said, "The squirrels take the college," the best I could manage to construct after a year of non-use.

Carrie shook her head and Maggie followed suit. "*No comprende, Ana...*" Carrie answered.

I scowled and hurried on. I had to find someone who would understand me. Someone, anyone, who could stop the squirrel madness!

I found a group of Hungarian exchange students blissfully speaking unhindered in their native language.

I went up to them and repeated my cry,

city of Hungary?

If only they had offered Hungarian, I could have talked to those exchange students and possibly gotten them to help me!

I kept searching until I turned a corner and found an army of huge grim-looking squirrels that had been looking for me. I tried to run, but the "*risu*" closed off my escape.

They formed a circle and closed in on me, hatred in their beady little eyes. I was trapped and most likely would die now.

The college and I were done for because I hadn't been able to take diverse language classes to know enough to tell of the squirrels' plot.

"*Kuso...*" I said as the squirrels pinned me down.

The leader, a huge ugly devil with a half-missing ear and a scar down one side of his

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"*Risu! Coup de Risu! Coup de ardillas!*"

They stared at me for a moment and then one pointed at me and started laughing. Soon the others joined in.

Seeing that they would be of no use to me, I ran off, yet again cursing WMC's lack of languages. Why don't they offer Hungarian when we have a campus in the capital

face, stood on my chest and stared down at me.

He looked around at his troops, who were awaiting the final command in order to finish me off.

The leader grinned at me knowingly, and growled a phrase. Even though I don't know squirrel, the meaning was still painfully clear.

Asian Students' Association founded at WMC

Ron Mojica calls attention to a new group forming on campus despite prejudice problems.

No, don't be alarmed. In the midst of the racist and sexist graffiti which decorated the doors and walls of Western Maryland College's buildings this year, it's not hard for one to think that a new hate group has succeeded in establishing a chapter on campus.

This new campus group, however, is the Asian Students' Association founded by our Multicultural Services Department.

On Thursday, February 25, Director of Multicultural Services Department Mary Grace Almandrez held the first informal meeting for the new affinity group. Although the official induction of the organization is still underway, matters such as officers, advisors, and future activities to be sponsored have all been discussed and should be finalized in the near future.

The organization does not limit its membership solely to Asian Americans; the group encourages all students who are interested to participate. Its main objective is not only to create a stronger sense of community within the group of Asian American students attending Western Maryland College but also to foster an understanding and appreciation of Asian Cultures.

Because of the small number of Asian students on campus, the necessity of having an affinity group might be questioned. The answer is it only takes one person to

represent a group of people, and that is one of the main goals of the Asian Students' Association.

Much like organizations such as the Black Student Union (BSU), the Hispano-Latino Alliance, the International Club, or any other affinity group, the intent is to provide students with an association to which they feel they belong and to represent themselves within the college community.

The establishment of the Asian Students' Association more importantly represents the college's desire for a culturally diverse environment.

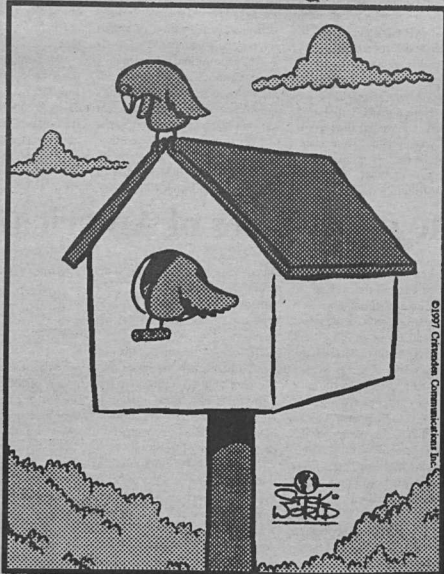
We as a community welcome all individuals regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, etc. and are willing to share and celebrate their differences with the rest of the campus.

Also with the barrage of hate vandals and groups which have targeted the college within the past two semesters, having cultural groups on campus clearly illustrates to the ignorant person that Western Maryland College embraces diversity and absolutely does not tolerate discriminatory acts.

The founding of the Asian Students' Association is an invaluable asset to the campus. It represents our openness to all people and also allows the college to understand more about the Asian Culture.

The timing of its establishment is more than just a coincidence. Only a few days after a hate group tried to circulate publications throughout campus, the campus answers by starting an organization which fosters diversity. It seems that it's a display of the adage that good will always transcend the evil in the world.

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Local eighth grade students find new challenges at WMC

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

Keith Allen and Jeff Borowitz are proof that you don't need high school to get a college education.

Remember eighth grade? It seems like only yesterday to WMC students Keith Allen and Jeff Borowitz, probably because it was yesterday.

Allen and Borowitz are two eighth graders who are taking classes here at Western Maryland College. They are doing so as participants in a program sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University called the Center for Talented Youth (CTY). Based primarily on SAT scores, students can win

grants to take college classes before they can vote, drive, or even attend high school.

Allen and Borowitz are not the first CTY students at WMC, and they certainly won't be the last.

According to Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the First-Year Program, at least one CTY participant per semester for the last decade or so has chosen to take a course at Western Maryland College.

These young scholars have taken classes in a wide variety of subjects, from Oceanography to Children's Literature to Human Biology. The students take courses in whatever interests them and does not conflict with the regular junior high school day.

Professor Terry Dalton's Media and Politics interested Allen, 13, and its MW 3:00-4:30 schedule worked fine, so he took it.

He thinks it was a good choice. "I like being able to know more about the subject," he said, noting that Media and Politics is "a lot more in depth than middle school."

Borowitz, 14, chose Professor Paul Miller's Totalitarianism for much the same reasons as Keith chose his class. Also a MW 3:00-

[Eighth grade student] Borowitz also confided that, if one keeps up with the reading, Totalitarianism is not too challenging.

4:30 class, Jeff has time to get here from Phoenix, MD, (in the Towson area) after his regular school day.

Once in class, Borowitz, too, likes the rigor of college academics. "Here it's more challenging," he says. Borowitz also confided that, if one keeps up with the reading, Totalitarianism is not too challenging.

It may be easy to stereotype



TRANG DAM

Keith Allen enjoys being a student at WMC. Besides studying, he enjoys soccer, the college's free golf, and the Beastie Boys.

these two students as nerdy, egg-head geniuses, but they play ball and watch MTV just like any other eight graders.

Aside from the age difference, Allen and Borowitz seem strikingly similar to any random Western Maryland student.

Allen's favorite thing about attending Western Maryland is free golf. He also loves the Beastie Boys.

When not sitting in Media and Politics, or discussing Hillary Clinton's possible Senate run, Allen plays travel league soccer for his

hometown, Finksburg.

Borowitz, too, is a soccer fanatic; he also enjoys listening to Metallica. Like many college students, his career plans change frequently.

According to his mother, "last week it was business."

Whatever the future holds for Allen and Borowitz, their respective experiences as Western Maryland College students will hopefully continue to be positive ones.

Borowitz's dream school is Duke, and Allen has no definite collegiate plans.



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Jeff Borowitz is taking Prof. Miller's Totalitarianism class, despite the fact that he is only in eighth grade. He says that he enjoys challenge.

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Pisces 2/20 — 3/20

This week, Pisces, be careful what colors you wear. It's not gangs that you should worry about but Jerry Falwell.

Aries 3/21 — 4/19

You'd have to be stoned to think that I'd stoop to drug references this early in the horoscope, Aries.

Taurus 4/20 — 5/20

I don't know when Arthur Wilmer was born, so I'll pretend he was a Taurus. Rest in peace, Mr. Wilmer.

Gemini 5/21 — 6/20

Don't fret, Gemini. Some people find turkey necks attractive.

Matthew Thomas



Cancer 6/21 — 7/23

Vince Gill has won many Grammy awards.

Leo 7/24 — 8/23

Cha, cha, cha.

Virgo 8/24 — 9/23

String Cheese Incident hasn't won any Grammys.

Libra 9/24 — 10/23

Bad luck, Libra. Preempting complaints that horoscopes should feature predictions and advice, I predict your feet smell like butter rum. Advice: wash between your toes this week.

Scorpio 10/24 — 11/22

You still read this thing?

Sagittarius 11/23 — 12/21

If I were to advise you to assassinate a key WMC administrator this week, Sagittarius, I would probably get into trouble. So rub a bald man's head in a counterclockwise fashion, instead. Result: assuming you use wax, his head will be shiny.

Capricorn 12/22 — 1/20

Create your own fantasy world this week, Capricorn. No, I don't mean join the Knights of the Sextagonal Table. I'm talking refrigerator boxes here!

Aquarius 1/21 — 2/19

"I'm Audi" is an annoying way to say, "see you later, alligator."

The Grammys: The good, the bad, and Shania

BY SHAWN SPRAGUE
Staff Writer

Last year was a humdrum year in music by anyone's standards. Innovation was not 1998's strong suit, but some interesting new albums, songs, and stars emerged in numerous genres: pop-rock, teen beat, rap, adult contemporary, and alternative.

These trends were apparent in who the music industry chose to reward last Wednesday at the forty-first annual Grammy Awards.

This year's host, Rosie O'Donnell, did a decent job of keeping the audience's spirits high, although her brand of humor was not a perfect fit for the crowd, not the normal middle-America audience to whom she usually caters.

The show's greatest asset is invariably its performances, which range from utterly brilliant to the type which make me resort to changing the channel to reruns of "Walker, Texas Ranger."

This year, the greatest performer was certainly Luciano Pavarotti. As he belted out those full notes with unending passion, a tear came close to my eye.

Shania Twain, on the other hand, did not cause the same reaction as she strutted the stage dressed like a common streetwalker, screaming in the general direction of some unknown client.

Lauryn Hill performed "Zion" as the final performance of the evening, before receiving the album of the year award for "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." She walked the stage with class, and was visibly shocked.

Madonna fans, don't be angry. Though Madonna got the shaft in both the best song and best album categories, she did win best pop singer. "Ray of Light" was an excellent album as fresh as anything on the market.

She changes with the times at an unheard-of pace and, again, looked like a new woman.

Not to my surprise, Will Smith won best rap song for "Gettin' Jiggy Wit' It." He has a knack for producing rap-pop crossovers which rake in the dough and is consistently rewarded for his efforts at the Grammys and the bank.

Jay-Z, who was one of the hottest rappers of the year, won best rap album for "Vol. 2: The Hard Knock Life."

In a shameless bow to commercialism, the Grammy for best song

Lauryn Hill performed "Zion" before receiving the album of the year award for her album.

went to Celine Dion, whose "My Heart Will Go On" was the music industry's answer to the success of "Titanic."

The Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris" was a much better song, as was indicated when it received a huge round of applause as it was read from the list of candidates.

My pet peeve this year is that the Beastie Boys' comeback album and great new song "Intergalactic" were not even mentioned.

One of the most interesting performances was when Kirk Franklin and his choir were joined by both Mary J. Blige and Bono of Irish pop legend U2 who all sang together a rousing Gospel song.

That was quite a sight and left me wondering in what new directions the music industry will take in the years ahead. With such a mix of pure creativity and pure crap, who knows what will happen?

Cheap Thrills: Bill Murray, good sex and booty-shakin' in GLAR

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Staff Writer

Hello, and welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy in your joybang.

It's that time of year here at Cheap Thrills where your fearless bargain-hunter is plumb out of ideas, has a test in the morning, and doesn't feel like sacrificing a grade for the sake of the column. But, he'll do it anyway! After all, wasn't it that model of all Christian kings, Henry V, who said something about doing it for God, country, and the sake of a cheap glass of sake? It was something like that, anyway. (Who knew Henry V was Japanese?)

Anyway, the big deal in entertainment here at Cheap Thrills, on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and with pseudo-hipsters everywhere has been *Rushmore*. Movies are expensive, though, especially when you can't sneak into them. With that in mind, this Cheap Thrills is dedicated to alternate suggestions to current popular movies.

Instead of *Rushmore*, why not rent *Bottle Rocket* and *Groundhog Day* (or *What About Bob?*, *Ghostbusters*, or *Stripes*)? The former is by the same folks who came up with *Rushmore*; the latter are all wonderful Bill Murray flicks. You've got the best of both worlds.

Rushmore makes me think of *The Graduate*, for some reason. Much cheaper, and quite possibly much more dangerous than renting *The Graduate* is finding a Mrs. Robinson of your own. Just act like Dustin Hoffman around any of your friends' moms. Or break into that Simon & Garfunkel song. You know, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Middle-aged ladies dig that

song. If it works let me know. And give me your friend's mom's telephone number. (So I can reprimand her, of course.)

What is it that makes you want to shake your booty? The beat! That's it! Create a booty-shaking riot in GLAR one night this week, and you won't have to buy one of the new hit soundtracks like, say, *Varsity Blues* to dance.

How? You ask me how? Why, demand that WMCRC, 113 Watts of Pure Power,™ be played in GLAR. WMCRC plays a lot of booty-shake-inducing music, you

know. And you'll never find out if I'm fibbing unless you listen. Constantly.

If it's the gratuitous nudity and not the brilliant screenwriting or superb soundtrack of *Varsity Blues* that you're after, then another video rental is in order. Recently at the top of Details magazine's Sex-O-Meter, *Sex and Zen* is at your local video store. About a bazillion times more interesting than either *Varsity Blues* or my parenthetical comments, *Sex and Zen* also has a lot of football. Oh, wait, I mean nudity.

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What's your favorite way to warm up in the cold weather?



"Keeping nice and cozy with the new girl I just met."

Scott Trainer
Business/Economics '01



"Two words: hot chocolate!"
Jessica Hines
Sociology '01



"Cuddling up in a nice, warm blanket, with a cup of cocoa and a movie."

Laura Raab
Business Administration '99

"I'm from Ontario. What cold?"

Eric Brind'Amour
Art/Business
Administration '01



"Stay inside with lots of heat, and if that doesn't work, maybe a little cuddling with that special somebody."

Chuck Vassar
History '99

"Close my eyes and pretend I'm a groundhog, and I don't see my shadow, therefore spring will be here soon!"

Stacy Dobres
Psychology '00



Investigation: Where does all the (Glar) money go?

Part two in a series examining WMC's finances and administration

BY RICH SUCHOSKI
Distribution Manager

Students have many complaints about the cost and the quality of dining at WMC. They question the value in going to Glar and having to use an entire meal only to eat a dessert or to get a piece of fruit, neither of which cost \$7.

Some students also have meals left over on their card which don't carry over to the next semester, leaving the student feeling cheated.

One big concern is that with the recent addition of the fourth meal, many are wondering whether they get their money's worth for the amount of food that they receive. They question the logic in giving one of their \$7 meals for a small fountain drink, chips, fries or onion rings, and an entree which they can buy for usually less than \$5.

When examining the price gap in the fourth meal, one has to consider the overhead involved. For one, there is the additional administration in order to give the extra choice of food at night.

Other things needing money include: the extra costs of lighting, heat, and man hours for more employees.

Some of the extra money generated by under-use of the meal plan is used to provide students with an opportunity to try something new, such as with the Adventures in Dining program. For the price of a meal from the meal plan, students have the opportunity to try a catered dish.

The last Adventure on Tuesday, February 23, provided students with the opportunity to try venison, many for the first time. There was definitely more than \$7 of meat alone on everyone's plate, not to mention the time taken to prepare the venison and the intricate caramels on the desserts.

Besides, where else can you find salad, fried calamari as an appetizer, buffalo steak for an entree, plus dessert for \$7?

The regular meals are given the same effort as these catered events, keeping the students as first priority.

According to Dining Services Chief Alan Dolid, "Every day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all viewed as catering for 800 to 1000 people."

Eating within the same four walls for every meal tends to be boring, and the perception of the food suffers as well. The same thing happens to most people eating at home. It is simply necessary to eat somewhere else for a change of scenery and food preparation.

One of the ways Glar finds to beat the boredom are special events which happen all throughout the year. The annual events include Casino Night, near Halloween, and the Beach Bash, which is scheduled to happen March 10.

There are also "theme dinners" planned out for at least once a month. These include Steak, Mexican, Chinese, Mud, Licorice, and Pez Nights where there is a special table near the trays where special

toppings or desserts are available.

Major holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, also give rise to a different layout. One of the additional efforts introduced this year is the Taste of Home, where Glar prepares students' favorites from home.

Glar also buys only the best quality and freshest ingredients to make all the meals. Dolid never compromises quality standards to buy cheaper foods.

This was illustrated by the previous Steak and Shrimp Night. Having 16 to 20 shrimp per pound is the standard at this event.

Syso, one of the suppliers to Sodexho, could not get these shrimp and suggested the smaller 21-25 shrimp per pound as a replacement. Sodexho said that students would never know the difference.

Dolid rejected this line of thinking, saying that the decreased size would make the shrimp look cheaper and ultimately give a worse perception to the food.

All this is made possible by the under-use of the meal plans: "extra money" of the fourth meals, buying only a banana with a meal, and unused meals at the end of a semester. All unused money is redistributed back to the students in different ways.

Alan Dolid loves to talk with the students directly about specific concerns. He can be reached at x732 or by sending an email to dining@wmdc.edu.

Soul food dinner is a success

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Do you dread that walk up to Glar on the weekends, when the food is even less than adequate than it is on the weekdays? Tough.

You should have gone to the "Soul Food Dinner," on February 21 for homemade food served up with a generous serving of African-American culture.

The food was prepared by the best of cooks: the family and friends of those involved.

This event was the third annual "Soul Food Dinner." It was sponsored by the Black Student Union, H.L.A., and Multicultural Student Association.

BSU treasurer and dinner organizer, Carl Taylor says that, although the dinner has only been around three times, "The whole idea of eating together on Sundays is an African-American tradition."

He adds that "Sundays, primarily, is when they get together and that promotes togetherness and family."

For a student price of just five dollars, you could fill your plate with a variety of foods native to the Southern area of the US.

Foods included: collard greens, pineapple turnovers, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, fried chicken, turkey, yams, biscuits, and much, much more.

The dinner also provided entertainment that included readings from Carl Taylor and Lynnell McLean, and a surprise duet by Kash Wright and Raphael Taylor called "Before I Let You Go."

Over sixty people turned up for the event.

Attendee Julie Biddinger explains that she went because "any organization where the students are going to put this much time into cooking the food, I think that they definitely deserve to be supported."

So next time you go out to Glar on a weekend, don't complain about the food.

Get involved in events like "A Soul Food Dinner," and take advantage of good food and a fun time.

Useless Trivia!!!

Before it merged with Metro Goldwyn Pictures and adopted Leo the Lion as the trademark for the newly-formed Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the symbol of Metro Pictures was a parrot that tossed the company names onto the screen, letter by letter.

The gentoo penguin can swim at speeds up to 17 miles per hour.

There are about 180,000,000 licensed drivers in the U.S.

Rat's Web

BY ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Wellcome, my little wanna-be web surfers! Last time I gave you a brief introduction about how to get on the web, and this time I'm gonna tell you how to find what you want on the web, or at least find something interesting. Yes, this issue's topic is search engines!

So, what is a search engine? Well, basically it is a database of thousands of web addresses that users are able to search through using one or more keywords.

Some tips on refining your searches:

Imagine we're doing a search for police corruption. If I just type in *police corruption* as is, I'll get any site that mentions the police or corruption, leading to many irrelevant results. It would be better to type *police + corruption* or to type *police AND corruption* which will return pages which contain both words. However, if I just want pages that have the entire phrase then I should type in the words sur-

rounded by quotation marks like this: "police corruption."

If I want to make sure I don't get pages from an unwanted topic, then I just add a minus sign and the topic I don't want. For example, if I don't want sites about police corruption in Australia then I should type "police corruption" -Australia.

That said, let's compare four major search engines performances and advantages. Since we used the words *police corruption* above, I'll use that exact phrase here:

Yahoo - <http://www.yahoo.com>
Advantages: Categories make it easy to use and find what you wish. Performance: Returned ten sites, five of which I found very useful.
Altavista - <http://www.altavista.com>

Advantages: Returns lots of links, sometimes finds unusual links. Performance: Returned 2600 web pages, going through the first 301 found about five only moderately useful.

Hotbot (affiliated with Lycos) - <http://www.hotbot.com>

Advantages: Same as Altavista, has cool commercials, allows ability to see ten most popular pages in that category.

Performance: Returned 42,000 sites, of first 301 I found six moderately useful.

Lycos (affiliated with Hotbot) - <http://www.lycos.com>

Advantages: Allows searching for only images or sounds

Performance: Didn't tell me how many sites it found. Of the first three pages of results, I found two moderately useful.

Hoover Virtual Reference Desk <http://hoover.wmdc.edu/Refdesk.htm>

Your best bet is to stay close to home and use this guide provided by the Library.

Weird-Ass Site of the Issue: **The Online Pregnancy Test** <http://www.fosml.com/pregnant/index.html>

Works for both genders! Check on a Monday after those weekend orgies! Not to actually be used in place of a pregnancy test.

International students sponsor film festival

Hey, WMC students! Are you stressed, tired or even exhausted by your studies? Take a break and come to discover Spanish and French humor and culture during the film festival. If you have missed the hilarious comedies *Woman at the Edge of a Nervous Breakdown*, or *The Visitors*, don't be sad because we have more for you!

March 1: Come to the Decker Auditorium to watch *Like Water for Chocolate*, the blockbuster film based on Laura Esquivel's novel.

March 9: A Franco-Russian movie will be shown in the French house. An international atmosphere will be expected and promoted! Please call the French house before coming, at x8400.

March 23: Come and remember your spring break vacation with the comic French film *French Fried Vacations*, one of the funniest and most popular movies from France's Splendid Team.

April 6: You will have to choose between *LaBelle Epoque*, a Spanish film showing an idealized view of the 1930's, and *Auntie Danielle*, a French film about a cynical and cruel aunt who tyrannizes her family and her maid. Hill Hall 104 at 8pm.

April 15, 16: Don't miss *Danzon* or the story of a Mexican passion.

April 20: Pierre Richard will be the most unlucky man in the world in *The Tall Blond With a Black Shoe*, in Decker Auditorium at 8 pm.

May 4: Finally, remember to de-stress before the end of the year without forgetting your French! Come to see *La Grande Vadrouille* starring Louis de Funes. It is the funniest version of World War II, and all of the French have seen at least once!

Don't worry, the films are subtitled in English.

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A Simple Plan is dark, disturbing, excellent

BY SARAH RADICE
Features Editor

What would you do if you found a million dollars? Everyone wants easy money to solve the problems of their life.

The idea that Money = Happiness is, after all, at the root of the American Dream: if you make enough money, you too will attain perfect bliss. Anyone who believes that should go and see *A Simple Plan*. They will be released from their naivete very quickly.

A Simple Plan has a simple premise. Brothers Hank and Jacob Mitchell (Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton), along with Jacob's friend Lou (Brent Briscoe), accidentally discover a crashed airplane carrying two things: a dead pilot and a duffel bag stuffed with nearly \$5 million in cash.

A choice must be made — to keep the money or to turn it in to the police.

Jacob and Lou want to keep it; Hank holds out as the voice of morality until he starts thinking about his pregnant wife and their unborn child and her college education.

Why not keep the money in secret until the plane is found and then divide it up equally? Nothing could be simpler or more foolproof.

Hank's acquiescence begins a slow descent into hell for the three men. Complications develop, murder and deception become a way of life, and the "simple plan" spirals out of control in the quest to protect the money at any cost.

A Simple Plan is a dark psychological thriller set in the stark,

snow-filled wilds of Vermont. The savage emptiness of the landscape is a perfect backdrop for the emptiness of the protagonists: ordinary people living lives of quiet desperation and unhappiness under the peaceful veil of small-town America.

Hank, the main protagonist, is a college-educated accountant reduced to working at a dead-end job in a feed mill, who looks down on Jacob and Lou. It is easy to look down upon these characters, but superb acting brings out the under-

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stated humanity in everyone. Thornton's character, marginalized and underestimated, emerges as the true moral center of the film.

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A Simple Plan combines solid acting with a densely-packed, well-written story to produce a spare, powerful little movie that will linger in your mind.

WMC stays out Late

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Art Editor

In an effort to unite WMC alumni in a fun way, Randall Rytter, assistant director of Quinet Affairs, organized a trip to New York City for 82 WMC community members to be in the audience of *The Late Show* with David Letterman.

The trip was sponsored by Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and Snapple Iced Tea. Participants included 82 students, various alum, Associate Dean of Student Affairs Henry Reiff, President Robert Chambers, and several others from the Public Information Office, who participated in the February 18 taping.

Approximately 30 alum who were currently residing in New York sat in on the taping for the February 19 show.

Our show featured Jake Gyllenhaal of *October Sky*, Magic Johnson, and Jewel, who was the focal point for many of the younger males on the trip.

Before the show's taping, Chambers joined his fellow Terrors for lunch at the Harley Davidson Cafe. Several administrators and alum posed on a Harley as a memento of their time there.

While standing by in a hotel ballroom, the alum were informed that not everyone was going to be able to wear their custom Green Terror t-shirts because the producers didn't want the audience to look fake. Perhaps this lack of conformity is why viewers couldn't spot any WMCers.

While everybody was seated in the Ed Sullivan Theatre, awaiting

the start of the taping, they were told to practice our applauding and did so even for the man cleaning the floor (talk about aching hands after the show).

The atmosphere aside, one of the best things about being in the audience is that old Letterman clips were shown where commercials would be for home viewers. The longest break came during the setup of Jewel's music equipment. It was interesting to see how it was done in such a short amount of time.

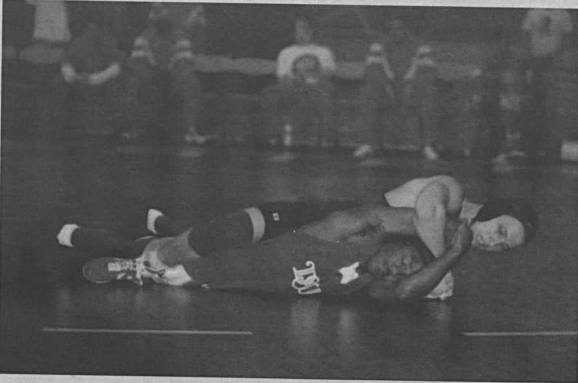
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It was unfortunate, as with any highly anticipated event, that the taping was over so quickly. But the Terrors had to catch their bus.

In that last bit of time, the group split up, some going shopping, some eating, and others sightseeing.

The second taping didn't go as well as ours because three of the New York alum were drunk and got kicked out of the theater. The other 79 participants enjoyed the trip, whether or not they could be seen on the television screen that night.

Despite excellent regular season, wrestlers lose title to Ursinus



Andy Brenner prepares to pin his opponent.

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Green Terror wrestling team had a brilliant regular season, highlighted by winning their second straight Centennial Conference dual meet title.

Unfortunately after this great season, the team fell just short of repeating as conference tournament champions.

Ursinus won the title with 115.5 team points, 18 points more than second place Western Maryland.

Sophomore Andy Brenner (165) won his second straight title,

as did Junior Scott Taylor (197). Junior Charlie Conoway (184) won his first title after placing sec-

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ond for the last two years.

Freshman Vinny Pedalino (125) lost his finals match in over-

time, wrestling all but the first 15 seconds of the match with a concussion.

Pedalino was assessed six penalty points in the match, all of which were extremely controversial.

Sophomore Rodney Stine (133), last season's champion at 118, also placed second.

Senior Josh Ellin (157) and Freshman Josh Galemore (275) placed third.

The Terror wrestlers travel to New Jersey this weekend to compete in the NCAA Division III championship.

Commentary: Spring is in the air, wrestling is in the gutter

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA
Staff Writer

Though the cold wind blows outside my window, I still can't help but feel that summer is on the way. One reason I feel this way is because spring training has begun. Nothing says sunshine and summer more than pitchers and catchers reporting for work. In New York, Atlanta, and Los Angeles the hope of another pennant chase grips the city and its fans.

This is not the case in Minnesota. There, the once proud Twins are now relegated to the bottom of contention year in and year out. The mighty team that won the World Series in 1987 and 1991 is no more: in its place, a skeletal crew of has-beens and never-will-bees that view the off-season as another opportunity to dump salary in a last ditch effort just to stay afloat.

This is the present state of baseball. More and more teams are closer to the Twins than they are the Braves in terms of revenue. The small markets of Kansas City, Montreal, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Detroit are hard pressed to compete for talent with major market teams in New York and Atlanta who have unlimited sources of cash and owners that are willing to spend it in order to win.

Now, I do not mean to go off on a rant here but until baseball can work out some form of a salary cap, the gap between the haves and have nots is only going to grow. Hey owners, wake

up and do something that actually is for the good of the game and not just for your own check-books.

And speaking of for the good of the game, isn't it nice that Roger Clemens got traded to the Yankees so that he finally has a chance to win the World Series. I just hope he doesn't get tired of the pressure there and decides to tank two seasons in order to be traded. Oh, wait, this isn't Boston.

On another note, in a recent study by Indiana University, the WWF's *Monday Night Raw* show was sighted as having only 38 minutes of actual wrestling in a 2 hour show. The rest of the shows were apparently filled with, among other things, crotch grabbing. If this study was done on baseball, the results would be strikingly similar. In an average baseball game, the amount of actual baseball is marginal to the time of the event as a whole. And as for the rest of the time, its filled with useless activities, including crotch... adjusting. Go figure.

Speaking of wrestling, with a lot of the negative publicity it's gotten recently, I think I should illuminate one its finer points. What sport, or business for that matter can take a 500 pound ex-Olympic power lifter, put a silk shirt on him, and call him Sexual Chocolate? Most importantly, they got people to buy it. Is their nothing Vinny Mac can't do?

That's all for now, so until later, that's just my opinion, I could be wrong.

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Pom Pon Dance Squad entertains WMC sports fans

BY LAURA KELLEY
Managing Editor

These girls dance at halftime, cheer, and support athletic teams, but they're not the cheerleaders.

Who are these girls? They're Western Maryland College's Pom Pon Dance Team.

The team currently consists of 10 members from every class standing. They perform during football game halftimes in the fall and basketball halftimes in the winter.

Co-captain Michelle Bernhardt describes the team as energetic and cute. Other words like fun, hardworking, and motivated are also used to describe the team.

Laura Russell, the team's adviser, describes the difference between cheerleading and the dance team.

"Cheerleading's sole purpose is to cheer while the team is playing and get the crowd involved while doing stunts. The Pom Dance Team performs a routine during halftime as entertainment for the crowd," Russell explained.

According to the dance team's constitution, their purpose is to provide support and recognition for athletic teams and other school groups as necessary.

Their routines are developed and taught by sophomore captain Brooke Vizzi and sophomore co-captains Amy Ellis and Bernhardt.

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The captains put together different moves from watching dance competitions on ESPN, past experience, and ones they developed on their own.

Ellis transferred to WMC in the fall of 1998. With eight years of past cheerleading experience, she decided to join the dance team after she received good recommendations from her friends about the squad.

The team does not compete in competitions with other colleges. Vizzi says this is due to lack of time and full support from the squad.

Both Vizzi and Russell believe the team is not of competitive nature. "It is open to anyone with dancing ability and anyone willing to be part of a spirited group," says Vizzi.

The team held tryouts at the beginning of the football season and decided to hold tryouts before the basketball season to encourage new members.

Their constitution complements Vizzi's remarks. The constitution says that any student attending Western Maryland College may participate in poms as long as they are willing to make a commitment to the squad.

Vizzi would prefer the squad to be more competitive and said she is slowly seeing progress. She says that "as long as we continue to build a squad, people will continue to see our potential to do more competitive things like competitions."

Building a larger squad is one goal that the team set for this year. Russell said they accomplished this by making the team more visible and posting fliers in all the women's dormitories.

The team also hopes to be able to go to a camp over the summer to receive more one-

on-one help with learning new moves and developing better skills.

Their main focus this year has been to obtain their goal of professionalism. In past years, Russell says, the team has been known as a "joke" due to lack of expectation and professionalism by the team.

The squad took an initial step in achieving professionalism by adopting their constitution and developing a merit system.

The merit system assigns points to instances like being tardy to practice and not coming prepared to a game. When points accumulate, different consequences occur.

Both were designed to ensure real dedication and commitment by the team's members as well as the seriousness of the squad.

Ellis and Vizzi believe the new structure is one reason for the team's improvement. Ellis says, "We have come along way since the fall. Our quality has really matured."

Vizzi comments that, "Our reputation has changed. They [spectators] believe we have improved and have potential. We have more fans than we have ever seen before."

"People are always asking me when our next performance is," says freshman member Jessica Jones.

"The squad has a great reputation. We are respected and hardworking. We are looked up to because we are able to balance our academics and be leaders," Ellis says.

Even though support from the college is

improving, they still feel that they lack complete backing.

As of now, the team is not guaranteed practice space. They can only use the dance studio when it is open and are forced to cut their practices short some days for an aerobic class.

Vizzi is also in favor of receiving credit for their work. "We have an advisor and are given money. We are a team and are taught like a class and practice just as much [as athletic teams]," says Vizzi.

Ellis agrees that some form of credit should be received. She feels that they combine athletics, long hours, and theater into one.

It is difficult to obtain gym credit, as some varsity athletics do, however, because the dance team is considered a student activity and not part of the athletics program.

The Director of Athletics, Dr. J. Richard Carpenter, says that the squad should remain a non-varsity sport because there is no NCAA competition for it.

Carpenter does request \$1000 out of his budget for the squad because they are doing something for the school. This money is the total budget for the team to be used for uniforms and other expenses.

Despite any problems or concerns the team encounters, they still make the most of their work and opportunity.

"I don't need to feel that my hard work has paid off. It's irrelevant. I'm just happy with the fact that we have it [a squad]," Vizzi said.

"Every performance is a reward," said Ellis. "To be able to go out and create a crowd response is the ultimate reward."



COURTESY OF REUNION PROGRAMS OFFICE

The WMC Pom Pon team likes to describe itself as "energetic, cute, fun, hardworking, and motivating."

Senior basketball good-byes

Continued from page 16

Paddy ended up finishing his career with style. Paddy had career totals of 87 points, 54 rebounds, 27 assists, and 15 three-pointers.

Kevin Buckley, perhaps the quietest person Thave ever met, is the "lone senior," in that he is the only one who saw absolutely no playing time this year. During one pre-season pickup game, Kevin tore his ACL, which sidelined him for the season. He sat and watched this season's team win only four games, which was a repeat of his freshman year, where he sat and watched the team come to the same record.

"Kevin has been an important part of the program. He played an important role of coming off the bench for Will Marshall, and was able to ignite the team. 'Buck' was a very clever and intelligent offensive player who had one of the quickest releases we've seen in a while," said Coach Zoulias.

After three seasons of hoops here, Buck totaled 216 points, 82 rebounds, 41 assists, made 33 three-pointers — a 36.6% average — and shot 42.7% from the field.

Prakash Wright was a member of the JV team here his freshman year, where he received a lot of playing time. During the same year, the varsity team suffered through a terrible year with only four wins. Kash, as he is known to most, then decided not to play and spent his time concentrating on his ma-

nor, music composition. Three years later, Kash was at preseason training ready to give basketball and himself a second chance.

Due to many time conflicts that Kash had with his music playing, he was unable to finish up the season with the team. Perhaps the highlight of the year for him was the steal he had against a Division I guard at American University, where he went from half court and converted the layup.

Coach Zoulias noted that "Kash's contributions to the team and the college through this year's racial problem will never be fully appreciated."

Although this season only produced four wins and things got a little rough at times, these four individuals personified hard work, dedication, persistence, integrity, reliability, and loyalty by keeping everyone together. The season may be over, and it did not turn out the way we all had envisioned, but the character of a man is not measured in wins and losses.

From the entire team, we would like to thank you for your tireless efforts on the basketball court and your exuberant leadership abilities which reflect on each of your substances of character.

So from us all, we wish you the best of luck with any future endeavors that you are involved with. Thanks guys! You are all going to be missed.

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 Sean Pond - 198 - 42 - 20
 Curtis Miller - 52 - 30 - 3
 Erik Larson - 103 - 57 - 9
 Jeff Myers - 99 - 50 - 91
 Jim Hegmann - 75 - 68 - 8
 Jack Kowalik - 29 - 3 - 2
 Ariel Cabiri - 47 - 14 - 10
 Karl Friedheim - 34 - 49 - 5
 Lamont Wilson - 19 - 10 - 1
 Paddy Taylor - 30 - 25 - 7
 Kash Wright - 3 - 2 - 1



Women's Basketball

Pts - Rebounds - Assists

Kathi Snyder - 425 - 211 - 55
 Jill Ibex - 375 - 190 - 51
 Patty Russo - 232 - 66 - 60
 Kristin Miller - 185 - 73 - 35
 Michele Jarman - 168 - 179 - 78
 Camey Brian - 37 - 24 - 3
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Lady basketball falls to Muhlenberg in playoffs

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team fell to Muhlenberg 57-44 in a Centennial Conference playoff semifinal, finishing their season with a record of 17 wins and 8 losses.

Muhlenberg held the Terror to their lowest score in 35 games as the Mules went for their third straight league title. The season ended similarly to last year, when the Terror fell to Muhlenberg in the semis 69-57.

Kathi Snyder finished her career with a game high 19 points and 8 rebounds. She is third on the Green Terror all-time career point list with 1,367. She also started all 99 games and played in 65 victories in her career, which are school records for both sexes.

Snyder was named to the coach's All-Centennial Conference, leading the league in blocked shots

(2.0), ranking fifth in scoring (15.0), and seventh in rebounding (7.7).

"This was a great season," said senior Michele Jarman. "It's hard to comment about the last few games; we stepped up, yet we couldn't get the job done," she said.

Junior Sommer Chorman agrees. "We had a good season, and we were successful, and we worked well as a team," said Chorman. "I don't know what to say. We played well, but just didn't get where we needed to go."

"I know the kids gave it their all but unfortunately they had a tendency to back down, and when they did, a team like Muhlenberg takes advantage of it. You can't play tentative at all and we did at times," Becky Martin told the Carroll County Times. "It's hard to win on somebody else's court when you're playing behind."



Snyder takes a shot against Dickinson

ROBYN HILL

Indoor track wins five gold medals

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The indoor track team took five gold medals home from the Centennial Conference Championship Meet this weekend, ending up leaving with nine medals total.

In only his second year as a vaulter, freshman Brian Vetter won the gold in the pole vault competition with a vault of 12'6".

Sophomore Jamie Falcone won the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.3 seconds. Falcone also won the 200-meter race with a league record time of 26.3 seconds. Falcone was also part of the gold medal 4 X 200 relay team with All-American Kerry Wilson, freshman Tera Bayly, and Sophomore Aleya Horn. Wilson, a junior, won her third straight gold medal in the 55-meter high hurdle and took home a silver in the triple jump.

Freshman Jill Krebs placed second in the 3000-meter race and fourth in the 1500-meter race. Freshman Teron Powell won the triple jump silver medal, and sophomore Ron Filipowicz won the bronze in the shot put competition.

Terror men move beyond the basketball court

BY SEAN POND
Contributing Writer

As the ball, seemingly stuck in time, travels through the air for the last shot of the game and the last shot of the 1998-99 men's basketball season; there is a sense of relief, a sense of sadness, and a time of remembrance and reflection.

As the buzzer sounds and the team heads to the locker room, thoughts fly through the heads of

the seniors—they cannot believe that their college careers and possibly their entire basketball lifestyle is over, for the sport of basketball is a constant movement to improve for the next season.

There will be no more next season at WMC for seniors Brian Lee Tombs, Padriac William Taylor, Kevin Daniel Buckley, and Prakash Wright.

When thinking about the basketball program at Western Mary-

land, the first name that comes to mind is Brian Tombs. He has embodied the values of a pure basketball player and has represented the school with first-class fashion. Brian is known as "Mr. Basketball" here on campus and has been the team captain since his sophomore year. He hails from little-known Wellsboro, PA, where he honed his skills with hours of practice under his father's tutelage. (Brian's father was his coach all through high school.)

"Brian was a great team leader. He was a solid captain for three seasons, and perhaps one of the most dedicated players we've ever had here. Brian did lots of little things beyond playing basketball," said Coach Zoulas.

Throughout his four years, Brian accumulated 882 total points, 288 rebounds, made 169 three-pointers—a 36.9% average—and dished out 112 assists. He finished his career with a 9.6 point-per-game average. He recently started an internship at nearby Prestige Cable and plans to break into the sports media field with the same luster he had on the basketball floor.

Padriac Taylor, Paddy, as he is known to the guys, is the official "funny man" of the team. He al-

ways has something to say that usually brings a chorus of laughter from the entire squad. His D.C. dialect can always be heard throughout the gym while questioning the coaches in some of their strategies.

Coach Zoulas said, "Paddy was a solid contributor for four years here, and he really understands the game very well. Some day, he will make a good coach."

Although his humorous personality sometimes makes Paddy stick out in a crowd, he has a very intellectual side that labels him a thinking man. I have had many conversations with this—by definition—student athlete, about very thought-provoking topics. Not only has Paddy been through the rigors of the basketball program here, but he has also been a student in the honors program while majoring in mathematical theory.

Paddy has had an impressive stretch here at WMC, but it has not come without a lot of frustration and disappointment. By winter break of his sophomore year, he was on the operation table having both his knees scoped. He had developed terrible tendinitis that needed to be taken care of. Fighting through the pain and pushing himself through long practices,

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Swimmers make new records at CC champs

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The season came to an end last weekend for the swim team at the Centennial Conference Championship Meet.

It did so in decent fashion as a number of swimmers placed in the top eight and two school records were broken.

Sophomore Chris Clemmens placed fourth in the 200 freestyle, seventh in the 200 backstroke, and fifth in the 100 backstroke. He also broke the

school record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 56.76.

Clemmens joined fellow sophomore Luke Page and seniors Aaron Corbett and Scott Hoover to break the school record in the 200 medley relay. Corbett also finished top eight in the 200 individual medley.

Junior Martin Wisor also placed fifth in the 200 butterfly. Kara Wnukowski placed seventh in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the 100 freestyle.



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Renowned Indian Dancer performs in Big Baker Chapel

Dr. Mallika Sarabhai, recognized as one of the world's best Indian classical dancers, performed an ancient classical dance style in Baker Memorial Chapel last weekend.

Dr. Sarabhai, is the co-director of the renowned Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in western India. She also danced at the recent opening of the Smithsonian's exhibition "Devi: The Great Goddess."

Her dance demonstrated Bharatanatyam, one of India's ancient classical dance styles which originated in the southern temples more than 2,000 years ago. Originally a solo style for women, it is now performed in groups by both men and women and is one of the most popular forms of classical dance.

Each gesture of the hands and feet in the dance holds meaning, and Dr. Sarabhai equated it to American Sign Language.

The event was sponsored by several academic departments, The Greater Baltimore Temple, and Common Ground on the Hill.

But Dr. Sarabhai is more than an accomplished dancer, she is a highly-respected activist on social issues, especially the struggles of women in India, as well as environmental concerns. Her dance often explores these issues, too.

"She combines consummate artistry at the highest level with an active concern for the welfare of all human beings, especially those most disadvantaged," said Greg Alles, WMC associate professor of philosophy and religious studies, who has recently done work in India for the Bhasha Research and Publication Centre and coordinated



Mallika Sarabhai danced at WMC the evening before her performance at the Smithsonian exhibit opening.

Dr. Sarabhai's visit to Westminster. Besides directing Darpana, a leading teaching institution for classical, folk, and contemporary dance, theatre, music, and puppetry, Dr. Sarabhai is perhaps best known outside of India as the character

actor Draupadi in the stage and film versions of Peter Brook's "The Mahabharata." She also appeared in 10 other films in India and currently hosts "The Story Teller" on Indian television.

Courtesy of Public Information

Griswold Zepp award funds WMC volunteers

BY SHANNON TINNEY
Staff Writer

Could your organization better serve Western Maryland College and the surrounding communities if it had more funding? If so, your organization is encouraged to apply for the Griswold-Zepp Award in volunteerism. This award was established in 1990 to honor Earl Griswold and Ira Zepp, two dedicated faculty advisors to the SOS/Hinge programs in the 1960s and 1970s.

The primary purpose of the Griswold-Zepp Award is to provide

monetary support for innovative volunteer experiences conceived by Western Maryland College students. Seven awards have been given to recipients over the past years with three of the most recent recipients—ASAP, SERVE, STAY—continuing to produce meaningful service and social projects at WMC and in the surrounding communities.

The Alpha Psi Omega Project for Youth won the most recent award in 1998. This organization, originating from WMC's Theatre

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SGA members present new Honor System proposal to faculty

BY ERIN HOWARD
News Editor

As many Western Maryland College students prepared to leave for Spring Break, members of the Student Government Association prepared to address faculty and administrators regarding changes to the Honor System at last month's faculty meeting.

In recent semesters, both faculty and students have raised the question, "What kind of Honor System do we want at WMC?" This debate prompted the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Honor System, which issued a report on the Honor System/Code in August 1998. This report incited further debate and eventually the composition of a second report written by the SGA.

Three members of the SGA presented a proposal of recommendations and actions compiled by the SGA in response to the August 1998 report at the March 2 faculty meeting.

Traditionally, students are not permitted to attend faculty meetings, with the exception of one representative from *The Phoenix*, who

observes but does not address the faculty. Therefore, the SGA's proposal at the faculty meeting was unprecedented. According to Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Philip Sayre, students have only spoken at a faculty meeting on one other occasion in his fifteen years at WMC.

The proposal was well received by the faculty, and the students were applauded upon completion of the presentation, according to Sayre. "The students won the faculty over. They were impressed by the attitude the students expressed," he said.

A response to the student proposal was promptly planned. A joint committee composed of members of the Student-Faculty Relations Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Honor System met on March 11 to reconcile the differences between the two reports. Discussions concerning the language of the reports are still ongoing, according to Sayre. However, he did say that he hopes there will be a campus wide referendum regarding the issue before the end of April.

The proposal, which was presented
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Admitted students weekend aims to increase minority enrollment

JENIFER SIRKIS
News Editor

As part of an ongoing effort to increase minority enrollment, a Minority Student Weekend was held last weekend to encourage admitted students of color to attend WMC.

The weekend was held to "bring more diversity and encourage higher education," said Grace Almandrez, director of multicultural services. Currently, the campus is only ten percent minority, and minority students in high school may be discouraged from attending WMC because of this, Almandrez said.

Sponsored by The Office of Admissions and The Office of Multicultural Services, the weekend gave prospective WMC students the opportunity to see and get a feel for college life. The students stayed in the dorms with members of the Black Student Union, the Asian Community Coalition, or the

Hispano-Latino Alliance. All three organizations promote multiculturalism on campus.

Prospective students were able to see minority students who are happy at WMC. "The student hosts took participants under their wing and gave them an accurate portrayal of what WMC is like," Almandrez said. "The weekend was not about sugarcoating the school."

Almandrez also hoped to show prospective students that WMC's minority students are "a family" because she knows it might be "difficult for minorities coming to WMC." She wanted to show that "we will support them," she said.

Almandrez said that 130 students who identified themselves as multi-ethnic on their admissions applications were invited to attend. Sixteen students decided to attend the weekend, which was under her goal of at least 30 people.

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Department, was inspired to start such a program because across the county, state, and nation the funding for the arts in public schools continually diminishes. The group's role in the community is to visit elementary, middle, and high schools to run workshops and deliver performances to help facilitate awareness and creative thinking in public schools.

The Project for Youth's "A Day at the Theatre" program includes workshops and performances to high school students to help build their repertoire of skills and encourage them to continue in the tradition of the theatre. Alpha Psi Omega is developing a traveling children's show called "Bremontown Musicians," directed by Erin Owen, that will cater to elementary school

audiences to give them hands on experience with the theatre world. Finally, Sara Gruber and Meghan Townsend planned to lead a one hour workshop for high school students to talk about various acting techniques.

Do these stories convince you and your organization to apply? All full-time undergraduate students in good standing are encouraged to apply for this award. Applications are available in Decker Center at the Information Desk. The deadline to submit your organization's application is Tuesday, April 13, 1999 with the notification of recipients no later than Monday, April 27, 1999.

For additional information please contact Gail Shaivitz at x249, Dr. Colleen Galambos, Dr. Patrick Reed, Dr. Sherri Hughes, or Dr. Tim Baylor.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 3/4 at 5:11 pm DoCS documented a property crime caused by reckless behavior.
- On 3/5 at 12:23 am DoCS documented a theft on the exterior of Hill Hall.
- On 3/5 at 5:14 am DoCS towed a vehicle blocking traffic on the Whiteford Parking Lot.
- On 3/5 at 8:53 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in the kitchen of Englar Dining Hall.
- On 3/5 at 9:22 am DoCS documented a theft on the 2nd floor of Elderidge Hall.
- On 3/5 at 1:58 pm DoCS towed a vehicle blocking traffic on the Rouzer Parking Lot.
- On 3/5 at 5:41 pm DoCS towed a vehicle for excessive parking violations on PELC Lane.
- On 3/6 at 12:05 am DoCS towed a vehicle on the Whiteford Parking Lot.
- On 3/6 at 4:09 am DoCS documented a theft from the Basement Computer Lounge of Decker Student Center.
- On 3/6 at 12:41 pm DoCS documented the theft of a motor vehicle on Whiteford Lane.
- On 3/6 at 2:38 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at PELC.
- On 3/6 at 4:55 pm DoCS documented reckless behavior on the Bair Stadium Parking Lot.
- On 3/6 at 6:50 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at PELC.
- On 3/6 at 10:35 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/6 at 11:44 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption on the 3rd floor of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/7 at 1:25 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for possession of alcohol in a public area on the 2nd floor back hallway of Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/7 at 1:25 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/7 at 1:42 am DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/7 at 1:51 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at the main entrance of Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/7 at 2:11 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/

- consumption on the 3rd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 3/8 at 12:01 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at the Understage of Alumni Hall.
- On 3/8 at 3:25 pm DoCS documented a medical report and transported to CCGH.
- On 3/8 at 3:42 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment.
- On 3/9 at 11:30 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at Daniel MacLea Hall.
- On 3/10 at 8:06 am DoCS documented failure to comply on the Gill Parking Lot.
- On 3/11 at 6:25 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Englar Dining Hall.
- On 3/11 at 11:20 am DoCS documented a medical report at the DoCS office.
- On 3/11 at 3:44 pm DoCS documented the defacing of Garden Apartment Building 2 on the middle stairwell on the 2nd floor caused by malicious behavior.
- On 3/12 at 7:23 am DoCS documented a theft on the 3rd floor, north side of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/14 at 11:39 pm DoCS documented unauthorized access to college facilities at Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/15 at 3:30 pm DoCS documented unauthorized access at Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/18 at 9:06 am DoCS documented a vehicle accident on the Englar Parking Lot.
- On 3/19 at 11:59 pm DoCS documented a theft at PELC.
- On 3/21 at 12:15 am DoCS documented failure to comply at Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/22 at 4:45 pm DoCS towed a vehicle blocking traffic on McDaniel Lane.
- On 3/24 at 6:28 am DoCS documented a theft on the 3rd floor, northeast side of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/24 at 10:55 am DoCS documented a property crime at the Hoover Library Computer Lab.
- On 3/25 at 2:01 am DoCS documented an officer's report on the 3rd floor of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/25 at 2:49 pm DoCS documented a property crime on the 4th floor, north side of Rouzer Hall.
- On 3/26 at 2:30 am DoCS documented improper conduct at Daniel MacLea Hall.
- On 3/26 at 2:35 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption on the Elderidge Parking Lot.



JSU offers a 'Taste of Judaism'



ERIN OWEN

Above: A musician for the Charm City Klezmer Band plays a traditional Yiddish folk song.

Right: The attendees were lead in a freilach, which is a fast, circle dance with a synopated rhythm.

for the Performing Arts, highlights bulgars, freilachs (fast circle dances with synopated rhythms), and slower horas, as well as Yiddish and Ladino folk songs.

The Jewish Student Union will be sponsoring a Holocaust Memorial Service at 7:30 pm. on Tuesday, April 13, at Decker Auditorium in Lewis Hall of Science. The service includes a free showing of the award-winning film "Schindler's List."

Courtesy of Public Information



ERIN OWEN

The WMC community got "A Taste of Judaism" last week when they attended a program celebrating Judaism in the Forum.

Sponsored by the Jewish Student Union, the program included a performance by the Charm City Klezmer Band and a tasting of traditional Jewish foods.

The food, including potato latkes and kugels was provided by a Baltimore area caterer.

Klezmer, a form of dance music brought to America by emigrating Jews from their shetlts (villages) of Eastern Europe, is undergoing a renaissance in America and Europe with newer bands, like The Charm City Klezmer Band, which adds its own modern twist to the traditional music. The six-member group, which has performed throughout the region, including The Kennedy Center

Correction

In the March 4 story titled "Prelaw society hosts panel of three women attorneys," Renee Necrelli, a 1986 WMC graduate, was one of the three attorneys who spoke at the dinner.

Phi Alpha Delta is an international prelaw honor society at WMC, and the president is Janet Keymetin. The Phoenix regrets the errors.

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Please call Mike Gaston x8252 (on campus) or 410.751.8252 (off campus) to schedule an appointment.

Minority Students

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On Saturday, the prospective students had a discussion with the college deans, attended a gospel music class taught by lecturer Eric Byrd, and went on a scavenger hunt to get to know the campus.

The weekend continued with a social hosted in the Black Student Union clubroom on Saturday night and concluded with an emotional rap session of current minority students on Sunday, Almazred said. The Admitted Student's Day, open to all accepted students, was held later in the day.

The minority student weekend has expanded since last year when only accepted African-Americans were invited. Almazred said the reason for the expansion was to bring in more students of color. There "has been a lot of focus on African-American students, but we want to expand the group of people [minorities] coming to WMC in the fall," she said.

However, only one Asian student attended. "The invitations that we sent out did not include any pictures of Asian students. At that time, the new Asian Community Coalition was not formed, and that may have been why Asian students did not attend," Almazred said. "If this trend continues in future years, it might go back to being an African-American weekend."

Almazred hopes the weekend also encouraged the prospective students to talk about WMC to younger students who might apply here in the future. "We hope to bring in not only more diversity, but a link for recruitment," she said.

Almazred said that the weekend was very successful, although she would have liked more students to attend in future years. "We have already yielded half of those who attended, I was pleased with the numbers," she said, noting that approximately seven or eight participants have decided to enroll. "I

hope the program continues to be successful as we move into a new century."

Not only is increasing minority enrollment a priority at WMC, but promoting multicultural awareness on campus is important as well, said Almazred.

The Office of Multicultural Services has sponsored and helped fund events promoting multiculturalism this semester, as well as offering personal and academic advising to all students, said Almazred, who replaced former director James Felton in November. According to Almazred, her job is to "promote cultural sensitivity" and "affirm minority students and help them learn."

Almazred works with minority organizations on campus including the Jewish Student Union, Sounds of Silence, the Black Student Union, the Asian Community Coalition, the Multicultural Students Association, and the Hispano

Latino Alliance.

Next year, Almazred hopes to begin an annual diversity conference on campus to promote multiculturalism in the new millennium and initiate a community-wide effort to make diversity a priority.

Almazred would also like to build coalitions among groups that do not normally work together, such as the Black Student Union and Greek organizations, and increase diversity programs at WMC.

Almazred said she can't tell whether much progress has been made on campus in promoting multiculturalism this year because of her short time here. However, she hopes that she can see progress by the end of the year and will continue to promote multiculturalism and diversity at WMC.

"There is always room for improvement," she said.

Iota Phi Theta seeks charter on WMC campus

BY AMANDA CLINE
Staff Writer

When taking a glance around campus, how many minority students do you see involved in Greek life? The answer is merely a handful — a fact which John Dozier and Richard Smith are committed to change. They are members of Morgan State's chapter of Iota Phi Theta, a black fraternity which the two students are in the process of starting at WMC.

With five social fraternities currently in existence on campus, one might wonder why there is a need to form another. Dozier, a sophomore Political Science major, cites one of his reasons for joining an off-campus black social fraternity is the discouragement he received from other fraternities to join them.

Smith, a junior sociology major, acknowledged a historical aversion to joining an existing fraternity. "It's hard for me to be a part

of something that has been historically been a racist organization. When Martin Luther King was killed, many Greek organizations were excited about it. They celebrated his death, and for me to be a part of something that celebrated Martin Luther King's death would mean I was being a hypocrite to myself."

The lack of unity among black men on campus also inspired Dozier to try to bring Iota Phi Theta to WMC. "Black men here aren't really together. We're in these other organizations that don't cater to the needs of minority students. We just want to bring this up here and be a part of something that we could call our own. I don't think there would have been a point of bringing another fraternity that was mostly white to this school."

Although the organization is primarily targeted at gaining membership from minority students,

Dozier and Smith do not intend for the fraternity to discriminate against any race. "We'd be a racist organization if we didn't offer it to anyone. We're not a racist organization at all," said Smith.

"We allow people of all races, colors and creeds, but you have to understand that it's about building the black community. We do have white fraternity brothers [at the Morgan State chapter]."

The emphasis on building the African-American community comes from the lack of attention it receives from society, according to Smith. "The reason we looked for a historically black fraternity is because we wanted something that could relate to us and that we could give back to. The black youths aren't a main priority anywhere."

Members of existing fraternities at WMC seem to share the enthusiasm for bringing a diverse organization to campus.

Students sponsor rape awareness activities

The fourth annual "Bring It Out of the Dark" Candlelight Vigil for National Rape Awareness Month will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, in Baker Memorial Chapel. The vigil, free and open to the public, is cosponsored by the Social Work Department and Social Work Club of WMC and the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County.

In conjunction with the vigil, a display of poetry and artwork created by a sexual assault survivor will be on display in Ensor Lounge. Speakers include a social worker who works with victims in the hospital emergency room and a Carroll County family services counselor. A letter from a rape survivor will also be read.

The vigil is part of the students' annual sponsorship of Rape Awareness Month activities in Carroll

County. WMC social work students began sponsoring the activities four years ago when it was learned Carroll County did not have an official program. Colleen Galambos, assistant professor of social work, said,

"The vigil program also will feature a 'stone throwing' healing ceremony or liberation ritual. 'Me and A Gun,' by Tori Amos will play during the healing ritual. The song describes Amos' feelings as a rape survivor herself."

Also, the program includes performances by a WMC student soloist and the WMC Gospel Choir. Black and blue ribbons, symbolizing the vigil theme, will be distributed. Ribbons also will decorate trees near the campus library throughout Rape Awareness Month.

Courtesy of Public Information

What to do in April

April 1 - 15

Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show. April 14 through May 7. The Rice Gallery, free. Opening Reception—Wednesday, April 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, and More by WMC Art Majors. Rice Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

The Dining Room. April 15, 16, 17, 18, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on 18th, Dorothy Elderside Studio Theatre in Alumni Hall, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, seniors, and the WMC community.

WMC Theatre presents a funny and touching theatrical tour-de-force written by A. R. Gurney * Directed by Sara Gruber, WMC student

Jacqueline Schwab. April 5, 7 p.m. Daniel Lounge, free. Yale Gordon Residency Program with noted improvisational pianist Jacqueline Schwab in a program of American popular song from the 20th century.

Common Ground on the Hill Spring Concert. April 9, 7:30 p.m. Alumni Hall, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$2 for ages 13-18, free for children under 12 and the WMC community.

Common Ground on the Hill Spring Concert with Sankofa Dance Company, Baltimore-based African-American Dance and Drum performers, and WMC Gospel Choir.

Candlelight Vigil for Rape Awareness. April 6, 7 p.m. Baker Memorial Chapel, free. The fourth annual Carroll County program sponsored by WMC's Social Work department.

Carter Camp. April 6, 6:30 p.m. Hill Hall 108, free. Lecture featuring Carter Camp, Native American activist.

Holocaust Memorial Service. April 13, 7:30 p.m. Decker Auditorium in Lewis Hall of Science, free. Also features showing of award-winning film on the Holocaust "Schindler's List"

Books Sandwiched In. April 15, noon, McDaniel Lounge, free. Featuring a review/discussion with Henry Reiff, associate dean of academic affairs, of "A Man in Full," by Tom Wolfe. Participants can bring a bag lunch. Drinks are provided.

Jack Kelley. April 15, 8 p.m. McDaniel Lounge, free. USA Today foreign correspondent Jack Kelley. Lecture and question and answer session.

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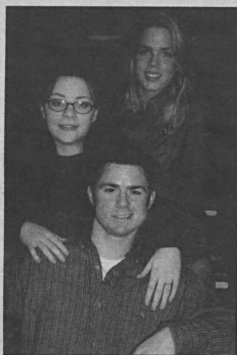


TRANG DAM

On March 28, WMC Unity held their first annual Easter Extravaganza. It was a day packed full of activities and fun for area children. These children are part of service programs on campus that are conducted by a number of different affinity groups and sororities. Among the groups that participated were S.T.A.Y., Big Sisters, TACI, and Alpha Nu Omega. The children enjoyed themselves, and the groups received a sense of accomplishment by bringing together campus and community.

Throughout the afternoon, the children participated in an Easter egg hunt, coloring contest, and relay games. They also had an opportunity to visit the Easter Bunny and have their faces painted. Prizes, candy, and snacks were provided by several local businesses.

WMC students compete for Irene Ryan Award



ERIN OWEN

WMC theater students Laura Conner, Collin Forman, and Erika Roskowsinski were nominated to compete for the Irene Ryan Awards.

BY CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

Three WMC students nominated for the Irene Ryan Awards recently competed for the award at Juniata College in Huntington, Pennsylvania.

The three WMC students nominated for their theatrical talents include Laura Conner, Collin Forman, and Erika Roskowsinski. Conner and Forman were nominated by the WMC theatre department, while Roskowsinski was selected to audition by adjudicators who came to watch her performance in the WMC fall play *Loose Ends*. Students were nominated for the awards from

eastern regional schools including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland.

The Irene Ryan Awards are a regional competition where student actors compete to win scholarship money. The competition involves preparing two contrasting pieces including a monologue and a scene that can range from comedy to drama. The purpose of the two pieces is to show the judges the range of ability the actor has.

Conner, who performed a monologue from the one-act play *Dolores* and a scene from the play *Caesar and Cleopatra*, made the semifinals. It is believed that Conner is only the second actor in WMC history to do so.

Conner is planning to pursue a career in acting and is looking at several acting schools, including New York University and University of California Los Angeles for graduate school.

Conner said that competing was definitely a good time. "I was very intimidated because of the number of talented people there, but I feel that it was a good experience, and I learned a lot," Conner said. "I saw a lot of talent, and it helped me to grow as an actor. It was my first experience doing something of that nature, and if I was to do it again, I would know exactly what to do."

Collin Forman, who did a monologue from *Domestic Violence* and a scene from *A Lie of the Mind*, claims he was surprised to be nominated for the competition. "I was beside myself when I found out, and it gave me a lot of hope as an actor to have the support and to know that people think that I'm good. Acting is what I want to do, and it was a great experience. I was honored to represent WMC at this national

competition," he said.

Forman feels the competition went well. He believes that it was tough making an emotional connection with the characters he was portraying but received compliments from two of the observing faculty members. Forman plans to have a career in film and theater and feels the experience was close to what he will experience in future auditions.

Erika Roskowsinski, nominated by adadjudicators for her outstanding performance in *Loose Ends*, performed a comedic monologue from *Is There Life after High School* and an untraditional scene from *Medea* portraying the sexual manipulation of another character.

Roskowsinski said she felt honored to have been nominated by the adadjudicators.

"Out of 220 different schools, three different people are nominated from each school. There are so many people, that it was very nice to be considered good enough to audition for this scholarship."

Roskowsinski described the competition as nerve racking. Her advice to future competitors is to pick a strong serious monologue and a more comedic scene. This shows a huge contrast, showing your judges what you are capable of. A good connection between your monologue and your scene, like a prop carried through both or a partner acting as a set piece for one. And importantly, gauge your judges.

Roskowsinski is not planning a career in acting but likes it and finds it fun. "It's something I feel I can do well, and I enjoy it," she said.

Roskowsinski likes working in the area of makeup and hair design, she has already worked with Theater On The Hill designing costumes and wigs. Since Roskowsinski is not planning an acting career, the competition experience is not as useful to her as to Conner or Forman, but she still found it "a good learning experience."

Honor Code proposal

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sent to the faculty by SGA members Aaron Corbett, president; Matt Gribbin, vice-president; and Dana Jacobson, secretary; outlined points of disagreement the SGA found with the original August 1998 report. The SGA's suggestions and amendments to the original report include assembling an annual SGA committee to assess the academic integrity maintained in classes to offer as feedback to faculty, the reporting of academic violations to the Faculty Affairs Committee, and implementing an Honor System education program at the orientation for first-year students.

Although the SGA's proposal primarily pointed out the areas with which it was in agreement with the faculty report, while offering changes in wording or additional conditions or actions which should be taken, the SGA report pinpointed two significant changes in the Honor System.

First, the SGA report strongly disagreed with the original report's statement that "the Honor Code should include a strong recommendation that faculty proctor exams." The SGA believes that "professors should take proactive steps to prevent the temptation to cheat," rather than proctoring exams, which they believe is unnecessary.

The second point which differs greatly from the original report is an addition to the Honor Code pledge signed by students on all exams. The SGA suggests altering the original pledge, "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work," by adding the phrase, "nor have I tolerated others doing so." The addition of this phrase stands to greatly change the meaning of the Honor Code.

The Honor System/Code debate dates back to the Spring of 1997. Copies of both reports and further information on the potential changes to the Honor System/Code can be found at www.ridillman.com/achon/achon.html. Also see related outline below.

Honor Code Proposal

Brought to the Phoenix courtesy of the SGA

The SGA's Ad Hoc Committee on the Honor Code reviewed the Ad Hoc committee report on the Honor System from August of 1998.

The SGA disagrees with the recommendation that students not be required to turn in violators. There is a desire for a purer system. Furthermore, it is the SGA's belief that through consistent education and established expectations we can achieve a well-functioning Honor Code.

The SGA reviewed a report from its own Ad Hoc committee that reviewed, item-by-item, the August report. The SGA adopted the report from its committee with amendments. The document is the official SGA policy as voted on Thursday, February 11, 1999.

*Honor and Conduct Board composition... should be expanded by two students selected randomly from the student body with several parameters. The parameters which will prevent certain students from sitting on the board are as follows:

1. Those who have been at Western Maryland College for less than

one complete semester.

2. Those who have had any previous conviction of an Honor Code violation.

FYI: Current Composition of the Honor and Conduct Board:

2 elected faculty members (from pool of 10)

2 elected students (from pool of 10)

Dean of Student Affairs, convener

*Create an Honor Code Advisory Panel... to guide other faculty members as they individually adjudicate minor violations or determine how best to handle a report of a violation.

1. The Honor Code Advisory Panel's first duty is to create and introduce a presentation that has certain required guidelines to the faculty on the Honor Code annually at the faculty retreat.

2. Professors are expected to present this to each of their students within the first two weeks of the beginning of class.

*Professors should NOT be given a strong recommendation to proctor exams. We feel that professors should, however, take pro-active steps to prevent the temptation to cheat. We do not agree that pre-

vention will necessitate proctoring.

*Honor Code philosophy.... the SGA feels the philosophy should read the following: "...The student is obligated [expected was the word used previously] to report all instances of academic honor violations. This action is a social responsibility because academic dishonesty has a detrimental effect on the grades of all students in a given course..."

*The honor pledge should be written in its entirety with all work, reading: "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work, nor have I tolerated others doing so."

*Feedback to faculty on how well academic integrity is maintained in the class.... Annually, the academic committee of the SGA will assemble an Ad Hoc committee convened to review the success of the academic integrity maintained in class.

*Orientation and other effects to gain new students' adherence to the Honor Code....

1. The SGA, along with the orientation program, will develop a program to present the Honor Code during orientation to the students.

2. The new students will then be required to sign an acknowledgement of their understanding of Western Maryland College's Honor Code.

*Student Course Evaluation Form should

include these new questions:

1. Did the professor inform students of the applications of the Honor Code for this class?

2. How much attention does the professor pay to the Honor Code and its application in the class?

3. How well and effectively was academic integrity maintained in exams, papers, and other class assignments?

4. Have you noticed any breach of the academic Honor Code in this class? If so, please describe (no names necessary).

*A faculty committee should be set up to which all professors are required to report all instances of Honor Code violations to this Committee even if the cases are not heard by the Honor and Conduct Board. The details of the incident, the penalty, as well as the professor's name should be included. However, the name of the student violator should remain anonymous. This extra step will ensure consistencies in sanctions. These records will be collected once a year and given to the Ad Hoc committee of the SGA Academic committee, which will review the integrity maintained in classes.

Letters to the editor

Has freedom of speech gone too far?

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the "Hate Crimes and Their Consequences" article that appeared on the March 4, 1999, issue. As to what type of response it is, however, I have yet to define

up the Nazis, just because they are Nazis, then the government can shut you up and lock you up, just because of who you are and what you believe."

Maybe his motive for making that statement is a paranoia of or an extreme resentment for the government. My response to this quote, however, is a simple "Are you

ment.

When people with their ideas become as extreme and foolish as, let's say, the Nazis or other despicable groups, then those individuals should have no room in our world.

They need to be shut up and locked up for just being who they are and what they believe.

Ron Mojica

Are new drug laws discriminating?

You, student, are being used as a political tool. What's worse, your federal loans are at stake.

Unfortunately, you probably don't even know what I'm talking about.

The Higher Education Act of 1998 includes a provision that denies loans to students convicted of a drug offense for periods ranging from one year to indefinitely.

The only way around this provision is to participate in rehabilitation for which guidelines have yet to be named.

You might be saying to yourself, "Fine, drugs are bad. Punish those drug fiends." You might be missing the point.

I'm not trying to prove anything about drugs here. I'm trying to prove that this provision is simply bad politics.

I will do so by pointing out just

how racist, classist, and ultimately useless (in terms of any good that could come out of it) the provision is.

The provision is racist in that, while only 12 percent of the population and 13 percent of drug offenders are black, blacks make up 55 percent of drug convictions and an overwhelming 70 percent of incarcerations. (Statistics from the Sentencing Project)

Police target inner-cities where they can see blacks and other minorities make crack deals on street corners.

They don't bust too many white, suburban cocaine abusers.

The provision primarily affects students of low to middle class backgrounds. Rich students do not need federal financial aid.

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Also, they have more access to treatment programs.

So, the provision discriminates based not only on race, but also on class.

The previous positions can be argued either way, if you really want to be picky about it.

The fact remains, though, that no other class offender has extrajudicial penalties placed upon them for a situation that has already been addressed.

Judges already have the power

to strip offenders of aid if they feel that it is warranted.

Now, a blanket provision is in effect that would take federal aid away from heroin-dealers and occasional pot-smokers and everyone in between.

Furthermore, the law does not even begin to address the worst drug problem of all on campus, underage drinking.

No one is going to lose students for doing a keg stand.

Why take away a student's loans for taking a bong hit, then, when that is no more a sign of a drug problem than bonging a beer?

If you think that this provision is crazy, support Rep. Barney Frank's H.R. 1053. It's a bill that will overturn the 1993 federal provision of the Higher Education Act of 1998

Call your representative at (202) 224-3121 and ask him or her to co-sponsor the bill.

You can find more information about Higher Education Act reform at www.u-net.org or sign a petition at www.RaiseYourVoice.com.

To get involved on campus, contact me at x8389 or email me at mdt002@wmdc.edu.

They need to be locked up just for being who they are.

myself.

First, I would like to state that this letter is not to devalue Andrew Ryan's article. Clarifying the distinction between the real world and the not-so-real world of Western Maryland College is a helpful insight for many students. There are those who feel that the realm outside these rolling hills and historic brick edifices is not as fostering and secure as what's inside.

The issue that bothers me, however, is the main point of the article. He explains that denying the hate group a voice on campus could have more impacting repercussions in the real world. He states that our own individual beliefs and values could be, in a way, "censored" by the campus safety and college administration of American society, which is the government.

He even writes, "When the government can shut up and lock

***ing kiddin' me?!?", which could very well be fueled by my own biases and paranoia as a minority.

The government does have the power and the sneakiness to do such things, to suppress who they feel are nonconformists just for the simple fact of them not running along the conventional grains of society.

However, as rational human beings, we should give the government the benefit of the doubt in differentiating who are the firebrands of good from the bringers of malice. Individual thoughts in our world are essential and should be fostered. When these "original" ideas begin to exploit others or threaten other individuals, however, that is when a more powerful force has to intervene.

I agree with the warning in the article of individuality being sacrificed or suppressed by a higher establishment such as the govern-

ture. Those slides can be pretty intimidating.

These two landmarks are part of the city, but they are only small parts. There are things to do in Westminster, and you don't even need a car.

Sometimes, you don't even need money.

Last semester a friend and I decided to go into town to see what would happen. We had a great night.

Lisa Dale-VanAuken makes suggestions for bored students.

Here are some ways I've heard our campus described: the quiet campus of Western Maryland College, the secluded scenery, the friendly-small town, atmosphere, pleasant.

Let's face it. This is a small campus. And the thriving "city" of

There are things to do in Westminster. And you don't even need a car or money.

Westminster seems to be the perfect small town to complement our small campus.

In general, Westminster is one of the greenest cities I've ever seen. Driving down the winding roads, through the stretching fields, I don't think any of us would hesitate to wonder "Where are the city blocks, the corner fruit stands, the all night cafes? Where is the city?"

There is a city in Westminster, but it's hiding. If I hadn't gone searching for it, I would have never found it. I would have guessed the library is one of the best places to go for fun because Westminster night-life makes one snore.

And maybe I would have settled on the park at the high school when I wanted some adven-

We found an adorable cafe which was on the verge of closing.

The storekeeper let us in anyway and gave us free coffee. We chatted with the guitar player for a while and then left.

We went into all sorts of quaint

Let's face it. This is a small campus. And the thriving "city" of Westminster seems to be the perfect small town.

little shops, with cozy, cluttered shelves and interesting people.

And despite all the rumors about the rudeness of "townies" towards college kids, I found that everyone I met was pretty polite, even amusing.

We even met friends wandering around on the sidewalk like us, and we skipped the streets of the town together for a while.

The point is, we went out there and found things to do instead of whining in our rooms about how Westminster is a city of more cows than people.

Given, Westminster is not the most culturally diverse town in America. Perhaps the most open cultural aspect of the town is the overabundance of Chinese restaurants.

And while I have no desire to become the WASPY poster-girl for the culture of the city, I would like to say if you really want something to do, you'll go looking for it.

I'm not saying to expect miracles, but go out one day and you might find something you like.

Or don't.

For some people, Westminster just won't work. But for some it will.

So give it a try.

Post break syndrome

Kristen G. Fraser takes a humorous glimpse at college students' illnesses.

As the tans from Spring Break begin to wear off and everyone's body clocks come back to "WMC time," the phenomenon sets in. Every year as spring approaches, students across the country sink into terrible habits.

What is this phenomenon, you say? Some call it spring fever. Others still call it senioritis. I'll label it simply "Post Spring Break Syndrome." And it affects our campus in many strange ways.

One of these symptoms is something I will term "Alarm Clock Ignoramus." This illness seems to run rampant right now. Here is the scenario. Your average student does not hear the alarm clock, or if they do, they tend to automatically hit the Snooze button. It has also been documented that professors do not accept this phenomenon as a lateness excuse.

Sometimes, a chemical imbalance in the brain sends a signal to the body that the body should go to class. The body becomes paralyzed, unable to attend a lecture. Also, this is an unacceptable excuse for all professors.

Also, we have the opposite version of this illness. I believe the technical name for this is "Stress

Pressure Insomnia." The victim finds it impossible to sleep. Anytime that their head hits the pillow, another paper comes to mind, and sleep eludes.

This version has the common occurrence of regular stress attacks of screaming while running up and down residence halls.

If you show any of these symptoms, don't fret. You are normal. I don't recommend that you go to Smith House though. But, there are a few things that will help.

SLEEP!!! It won't kill you. Though, as mentioned above, sleeping does not rest well with professors who insist on class attendance.

Here's another idea. Do your papers early!! Breaking the time record for shortest time required to write a paper might work for the Dorm Olympics but does not usually win you medals with any of the professors of WMC.

Lastly, drink lots of fluid. And not just orange juice. I am referring to cappuccino, Jolt cola, and every other variety of caffeine. You're only in college once. Heightened heart rate is nothing compared to the grave illnesses already outlined.

Come on WMC! You can make it. Only a few more weeks until classes are over, and then, it's finals time. Don't forget to take your vitamins.

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Peeling off the labels

Lisa Dale-Van Auken looks at the fashion industry's designs for advertising to our generation.

When I look at someone, I judge them by how they look. I do. The kind of clothes they wear, how they put their makeup on, and the color of their teeth are all very important when I decide whether or not a stranger could become a friend.

I also base most of all of my self-worth on the amount of money I spent on my sneakers.

Well, maybe I don't. But that's what the fashion industry would like me to do. Out of their desperation to solicit money from teenagers, generation Y has been born.

Yes, that's right folks, if you haven't heard of it yet, commercial industries have a catchy new name for people between the ages of 5 and 22. But the labeling doesn't stop there.

As if it is not bad enough to be identified by a letter of the alphabet, (please tell me Y they started at the end and not the beginning) members of generation Y are also subdivided into stereotypical sects for advertisers to analyze. According to the Carroll County section of *The Baltimore Sun*, these new divisions identify people by the kind of clothes they wear and the music they listen to. Want to know how they designate you?

"Conformers," the largest group, listen to groups such as the Backstreet Boys and dress in the very acceptable Gap and Old Navy name brands.

"Passives" have no interest in the trendiest music or clothes. As they drape themselves in Lee Jeans and Reeboks, they are said to listen to Celine Dion, LeAnn Rimes, and Mariah Carey.

"Influencers," who are in the most culturally diverse group, wear a mix of clothes, and spend the most money per week of all the groups. They are said to listen to Mase, and wear Hilfiger, Fubu, and Nike.

Finally, there the pierced anti-mainstream, predominantly white, music-obsessed, rebels, or "the edge." These people listen to

Sublime and Tori, while favoring Doc Martens and JNCO.

Perhaps I fall into a category they forgot about. Why? Because I have an apparently novel idea that something is wrong with categorizing individuals into large generalized groups in order make money.

Bear with me, as I try to strip away the designer labels and reveal the naked truth.

The first thing I would like to expose is that it is possible to say, "She listens to rap," or "He's into hard-core." But, classifying people by the music they listen to is irrational. It is music, not a way of life.

And while some people can exhibit consistencies with the dogmas of music-labeled groups, it seems like there's something wrong in simplifying the complex nature of a human being into a few uncomplicated generalizations. This kind of categorizing is another step in the dehumanization of American consumers.

Besides, if music has become a way of classifying people, it's probably the result of corporations' propaganda. Big companies are well practiced in introducing new fads. They are too smart to advertise their trendy, youthful products with old suits.

Steve Madden and Mudd are two examples of this underground advertising. These companies have a marketing war by word of mouth, hoping to give purchasers a sense of discovery and individualism. So, what consumers think is their originality is really just a marketing scheme delicately fashioned by 40-year-olds on the 28th floor of an office building. Pretty clever.

Secondly, judging someone by the labels on their clothes is as bad as judging someone by the color of their eyes, hair, or skin. Defining members of our age group by the clothes they wear only encourages the superficiality that many of us are trying to get away from.

If we as consumers start believing that who we are is based on what we wear, or what we listen to, we will be succumbing to the shallow, skin-deep, ideals of an multimillion dollar industry that considers our paychecks, not our individuality.

A call for student political activity

Andrew Ryan urges becoming involved in political activism.

When I first came to Western Maryland College, one of the first things I did was look for clubs and organizations to join.

Being interested in politics and public policy, I naturally wanted to join some sort of political organization.

The only problem was there weren't any on campus.

I quickly became immersed in the demands of college, and the desire to join a political organization faded from my mind as I tried to keep up with classes, do my laundry, and still have time to hang out with my friends.

Recently, a Republican organization started on campus. If this is something that is news, here is more information. They meet Monday nights in Hill Hall, room 302 at 7:30 PM.

Anyone who is at all interested should attend and see if the group is something they would like to join.

Looking at the formation of this one group, I see a lot of potential for the campus besides the furthering of Republican causes.

Hopefully the activities of the College Republicans will cause someone who does not agree with them to form their own group.

A College Democrats organization would give the two groups a chance to get together and discuss their ideas. Productive dialogue will be beneficial to everyone.

By sponsoring speakers, by spreading pamphlets, and by organizing other activities, the political awareness of the entire campus would be increased.

Not really interested in party politics? Well don't fret, because that's not the only way to become involved. Almost everyone has at least one issue they care about.

Do you strongly believe in abortion rights?

Start a pro-choice group.

Do you think government should regulate industry so that it pollutes less?

Start an environmental group.

I have already talked with one student who is interested in starting an organization to work for the reform of our nation's much misguided drug laws.

Any one of these ways impacts the campus and community and shows political power. Students simply need to get involved.

I see much potential in the political climate at WMC now. But nothing will happen if the people who truly care don't get something started and convince other people to become more involved.

Kudos to Ben Decker for starting the College Republicans at WMC.

I can only hope others, even those who hold different beliefs, will do the same. This can only bring progress and diversity to WMC.

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Amalgamation exhibit reflects real life

BY ABIGAIL ENGEL
Staff Writer

How do we express "the dying time?"

The moment of first realization that inside self is an unknown soul that seeks identity.

Some of use are fortunate enough to discover the stranger within ourselves and begin to blend the unknown with the known creating high chroma rainbows that reveal the hope and closure that allows us to convey true impressions of reality.

This is the song that my soul sang, as I visited the Amalgamation collection of art and poetry in Decker hall.

It is my hope that every person that enters Decker Hall will take a moment to explore the worlds of these artists and hopefully discover something new about themselves.

Pro and con: Politics and prayer

Pro

On the last Wednesday before Spring Break, the roughly thirty students attending Christian Fellowship's weekly meeting got to hear Dr. Smith, of the science department, give a testimony on his personal relationship with God. Dr. Smith did not come across as a very emotional and dramatic professor, yet the way he explained his own need for something more in life touched the hearts of the audience deeply.

He explained that, though he had once struggled with his faith, he came to realize that Jesus Christ was the only thing that could truly complete him. When he finally

Having a Bible at the center of the seal is a big deal to the antichurch movement.

opened up the Bible, he was amazed to find that the God who had seemed so distant, actually wanted to know and love him. Suddenly, God, the Bible, and life in general made a lot more sense.

He ended his brief talk by encouraging us to find out what was on the college seal and what it had once symbolized. We learned that in the center of the seal was a Bible, and that not long ago, Western Maryland College was composed of students who represented Godly principles and lived out the message of this holy book.

It seems unfortunate that those times have now passed. After the 1960's hippie rebellion, every step has been taken to remove any semblance of Christianity from all aspects of public life. Organizations, such as Americans United for Church and State Separation (AUCSS), have taken it upon themselves to ensure that the only religion allowed to flourish in the public is their own religion of secular humanism.

A recent example is the way that the Ten Commandments, perhaps one of the oldest symbols of law and justice, were ordered to be removed from the courtroom of an Alabama judge last year, after a vicious battle.

Currently, a high school in California is being taken to court by the AUCSS for allowing athletes to pray before their basketball games. It seems that many complaints have come in of coaches participating in student led prayers, allegedly causing disruptions. Because federal law prohibits prayer when it in any way affects school activities, these basketball players are barred from praying.

While proponents of these ridiculous lawsuits may claim that it is better to have no prayer than to give equal time for each prayer to pray to his own respective god, the current depravity evidenced in

Ben Decker questions politics which prohibit prayer for students.

our public school system is proof that God has been too far removed.

The message sent to children in public schools is that God is wrong and has no place in our everyday lives. Instead of encouraging upright behavior, the system throws condoms at them, prescribes some Ritalin, and sends them on their way. Moral relativism and self-gratification are the only acceptable ethics allowed to be taught.

It is understandable to fear a government with the power to preach its own religion and its own values, and there are certainly good reasons for the separation of church and state. This article is not suggesting a departure from the freedom to any type of religion we have always enjoyed.

But, if students, on their own initiative, desire to pray before a basketball game, they should have the freedom to do so. We should not take the one line in the Constitution that prohibits the government from establishing a church so far that the Bible becomes a banned book, while sexually explicit Toni Morrison novels are required reading for eighth-graders. Making prayer before basketball games illegal is certainly not what the framers of the Constitution had in mind.

Fortunately, there is a loophole in the controversial subject of church and state separation, which was only really mentioned in the Federalist Papers. We must bring the church back if we want to erase the moral decline of our generation.

The only legal way to really bring the church back into the public lives of Americans is to get rid of the state. The state has had too much influence in our lives as it is.

Instead of getting rid of the Bible and the church, we can sepa-

Moral relativism and self-gratification are the only acceptable ethics allowed to be taught anymore.

rate these two forces by privatizing, thus giving the public programs back to the people and towns to be run the way taxpayers choose. If parents want their children to hear about God and be able to pray before basketball games, then they should be able to send their children to schools that permit this.

One suggestion is to allow the federal government to give taxpaying parents vouchers which can be used to send children to schools where religious or Christian values are permitted.

State schools that restrict prayer can continue to operate in competition with schools that allow it, and everyone will be happy, except for

those ill-fated kids left in the public schools.

Unfortunately, it appears that there is more momentum with the force that is trying to drive out God from our schools and our country than with the churches and parents who have always tried to instill morals in their youth.

Left-wing liberals can bash our founding fathers as much as they want, but the first settlers of this country came here for freedom of all religion, not just the religion of atheists, agnostics, sociologists, and other moral relativists that have invaded our public sphere with their doctrines, values, and norms.

For this matter, it is actually a big surprise that our own school's seal has remained uncashed. Even though we are a private institution, having a Bible at the center of the seal is a big deal to the antichurch movement. After all, what could God possibly have to do with education or any other aspect of life?

It is as if people think God should be forgotten after leaving a church building.

For now, the Bible is still a part of the legacy of this school, even if, as Dr. Smith notes, the student body has not really reflected it for the past thirty years.



Con

Prayer in schools has become, without question, a hot topic in the last ten years. It has been a hot topic since the 60's, actually, but it seems that this matter of individual freedom cannot be laid to rest.

Roughly 35 years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that mandatory prayer in public schools was unconstitutional. The ruling was based on the amendment in the Bill of Rights that states all people have religious freedom.

I remember a family member telling me about when she went to high school. While she was there, prayer was mandatory; she attended high school at the same time the Supreme Court received the issue of school prayer and ruled on its constitutionality.

Being forced to pray was difficult for her, not because she doesn't believe in God, Jesus, or the Bible, but because she was forced to use a Bible that was not her own. The King James version of the Bible is very different from the Catholic Bible she was used to reading.

This family member also tells of a Jewish boy who was in her homeroom. Should he have been

Megan Martin argues against mandatory prayer in schools

made to read from the New Testament of the Bible? I am sure he was relieved to have his freedom of religion given to him by the Supreme Court.

The question boils down to: If mandatory school prayer should ever be reinstituted into public schools, whose prayers should be used?

I didn't start to think about this topic until I started to attend public school after nine years in a private school. At my private school, actually a Catholic school, prayer was never an issue. We prayed every day, went to Mass every month, and had religion classes five times a week, sometimes more.

Public school was different, but I was better able to understand the issue through being there. In grade school, everyone was Catholic. If they weren't Catholic, since the school is a Catholic school, Catholic prayers should have been expected to take place.

After seeing the diversity of my high school, I don't know whose prayers we would have used if there had been mandatory prayer. Would we have used Catholic prayer? Baptist prayer? Jewish prayer? Muslim prayer? Hindu prayer?

The list could go on forever. The last time I checked, this country is home to millions of people and hundreds, possibly thousands, of religions. If we look at the Constitution, they all have religious freedom. Whether the founding fathers meant all people or just Christians when composing the Bill of Rights is beside the point. They failed to specify any groups not having religious freedom.

Separation of church and state, which is part of the freedom of religion amendment is for the protection of that very freedom. This prevents the government from making a state religion because our founding fathers felt that it was important for at least the Christian denominations to be free of state sanctions and free of state mandated membership in one denomination. The wonderful thing about our Constitution is that it is elastic. Because of that, whether the founding fathers meant it or not, we can assure all our citizens that the government will not decree that everyone has to join one faith or that prejudice based on membership in any religion will be tolerated.

We cannot pick and choose, however, which parts of the Constitution and Bill of Rights we take literally or take figuratively. We cannot say that all people having religious freedom only means Christians have religious freedom while we say that the second amendment means all people can own guns even though the wording says only a standing militia can own guns (There are no standing militias in this country any longer, they

were in existence only during the American Revolution and shortly thereafter).

As I continued in public school, I learned two very valuable things. First of all, you can pray in public schools. Surprise!

There is no law that I have ever heard of that says individuals can not pray to themselves. If there is, I am guilty of breaking it. I have prayed many times in school. There is only a problem if you force me to pray a prayer that is not of my religion.

The second thing I learned is that public school students are not all bad. In fact, all my friends from public school are nice, kind, loving people. Granted, there were some people who were delinquents or misbehaved in my school, but there were the same proportion of people who caused trouble in my Catholic school. In fact, I witnessed students drive another student out of the Catholic school by constantly taunting him.

Religion didn't really seem to be an issue there. You can't blame misbehaving students on a lack of religion in the schools. I know my high school was probably a safer and nicer place to be than other public schools in this country, but religion doesn't really make a difference.

They say a child learns all that is important by the time he or she is five, before they attend kindergarten. That includes morals. It seems to be parents would have more of an influence over their children's morals and behavior than any public elementary, middle, high school could ever have.

In reference to the WMC seal, which inspired this set of articles, I want to mention the Bible. From what I have learned of Jesus, from various religion classes, Bible studies, attending various churches, personal readings of the New Testament, and my parents, He was a very tolerant person. Jesus always surrounded himself with people of different backgrounds, different genders, different beliefs.

Shouldn't this tolerance be an example? Forcing others, regardless of their religious background, to pray, what I am assuming Mr. Decker means, Protestant Christian prayers is completely opposite of Jesus' example.

It is not a matter of antichurch movements or the secular humanism movement (it is not a religion). It may be liberal, but even Jesus was a liberal revolutionary. The ban on mandatory school prayer and the separation of church and state is a matter of tolerance, love, and freedom. We all have the right to our own, individual religion. Whether or not you agree with someone's religion doesn't mean they shouldn't be allowed to practice it or that they should be forced to participate in yours.

Is America ready for a female president?

The entry of Elizabeth Dole into the race for the Republican Presidential nomination for the year 2000 has been a hot topic of discussion lately. Republicans hope that the strategy of running a woman for this position will help to attract more women voters who, because of issues such as abortion and affirmative action, usually vote Democratic.

Many Republicans feel that Dole, who recently stepped down as head of the American Red Cross, could be their best chance for capturing the highest office in the nation, particularly in light of the recent "sex-related" controversies that have plagued President Clinton. Many of the Dole supporters feel that Dole has the charisma and friendly, open demeanor that her husband, former Senator Robert Dole, seemed to lack.

Even if Dole does not decide to seek her party's nomination for president, or if she is not chosen, many experts hold the opinion that Dole could possibly run as Vice-President on the GOP ticket with Texas Governor George W. Bush vying for the Presidency.

While Dole has not announced her intentions as of yet, she has formed an exploratory committee to investigate whether voters would be interested in her as a vi-

Ryan Seavolt discusses the media's reaction to Elizabeth Dole and her possible campaign.

able candidate, and so far the response has been as resounding "YES!" Dole has confronted her rivals who charge that she lacks governmental experience with the fact that she has served under five Presidents, heading up the American Red Cross.

She even declares in her television ads, now running in Iowa and New Hampshire, that not being a politician may be to her advantage, since the public seems to have such a distaste for anyone who calls themselves a politician today.

Her supporters are all too quick to chime in that Margaret Thatcher became prime minister of Great Britain (the parliamentary system equivalent of a president) in 1979, and served her country well. Perhaps this means, they say, that we are lagging behind the Europeans in equal treatment of the sexes.

However, not everyone believes that Dole would make a good President. Recently, on a call-in opinion poll on Channel 9 Eyewitness News, one man claimed that he believed that although a woman can make just as good a politician as a man, he was not sure that the country was ready for a woman President at this time.

This individual cited the fact that while Mrs. Dole headed the American Red Cross, she has never undertaken a more politically-oriented job such as senator, congressman, or governor. Therefore, she may lack the experience needed to perform the duties of the President.

While I do not necessarily agree with this viewpoint, the caller's ideas seemed fairly well formed and conveyed. I was shocked, however, with the way that the anchor and co-anchor responded to the remark.

For the previous callers, all of them stating that they believed Dole was capable of being a good President, the anchors simply responded by thanking them for their call. But, when this dissenter popped up, they looked at one another, and the co-anchor, who happened to be a woman, rolled her eyes disapprovingly, as if to say "Come on, get with the times!"

The newspapers seem to be following this pattern as well, printing only positive stories about the would-be candidate, and noticeably keeping out of print the opinions of those who do not feel as positively about Dole. It is such media bias as this that might aid Dole in her quest for the Republican nomination.

For, while the media has a tendency to "lean to the left" in political matters, the candidacy of a woman for the most powerful po-

sition in the world may cause some members of the press to portray her in a positive light. Considering the media's stance on women's rights, etc., this does not seem surprising.

Most of the media has not even discussed Dole's platform and stances on various issues. Although, I'm not sure that a potential Presidential candidate would have some very strong opinions and ideas for the direction in which the United States should be heading.

Nevertheless, the media has thus far consistently painted a better picture of Elizabeth Dole than they did of Bob Dole when he sought the office of President.

So, while many people believe that Elizabeth Dole may make a good President or Vice-President if she chooses to run, the few who feel that she would not, for whatever reason, may go unheard in the coverage of this race.

The tragedy of this is that, although these individuals may seem to be wrong in the eyes of most people, they nevertheless should be heard. The press should certainly not play favorites, especially with an issue as serious as the next leader of our country!

Quirks: Perspectives

Anne Butler encourages a new approach to viewing and judging the world.

Little Johnny walked down the street with his mother. Occasionally, he would point at objects as little children are wont to do and ask his mother what it was. At one point they came to a fire hydrant.

"What's that?" Johnny asked.

"A fire hydrant," his mother said patiently. "It stores water that is used to fight fires." Just then, a dog came up and relieved himself on the hydrant. The mother didn't notice and continued. "What did you think

it."

Johnny looked downcast. "Oh..."

"What's wrong?" Johnny's mother asked him.

Johnny screwed up his little face and stared up at the cloud. "I thought it might be a clown, cause it kinda looks like one..."

Next they found a discarded newspaper. Johnny picked it up and repeated his question. "It's a newspaper," she replied. "It tells people what's going on in the world. Daddy and I like to read it in the morning."

Johnny examined the paper and looked back up at his mother. "Really?"

"Really," answered his mother. Seeing him

"I tried to call you, but..."

Kristen Fraser notes the need for more student phones on the WMC campus.

Imagine this scenario. You are standing at the corner of WMC that rests near the Personnel Office and the Pennsylvania Avenue Apartments driveway entrance. A suspicious stranger approaches, carrying what appears to be something ominous. You try to contact Campus Safety, but you are nowhere near any feasible way to reach them.

How about this one? You leave PELC, realizing that you are 15 minutes late to an appointment. You wish there was some way that you could contact the person that you are trying to meet. But, there is not, except for one of the lone phones at the other end of ANW.

Or, imagine this. You are walking near Winslow, knowing full well that you roommate is on their way to meet you. You realize that you have forgotten something in your dorm room. How will you ever get it without hauling across campus?

Lastly, you're standing near Glar. Where is your significant other? They promised you a quiet dinner alone, and they are 20 minutes late. Who feels like running all the way up to Ensor Lounge or all the way to Campus Safety, which, more often than not, will have a locked door preventing your attempt.

Not to mention the fact that if you wander off too far, your significant other will show up in your absence, ready to accuse YOU of being late. If only there was another phone that you could use. Then, your relationship would be saved. Well, maybe not, but it's not that far out of the realm of imagination.

Ladies and gentlemen, I suggest the WMC could use more on-campus phones. Now, I am not suggesting that this is an earth-shattering requirement by any means. It is simply not nearly that important. But, it is

something from which every student could benefit.

It does not seem like too much to ask for a student phone available in all of the academic building for starters. There is a phone in Hill Hall for students, in the Writing Center. But, this phone is covered with grave warning of bodily harm for all students other than the Writing Tutor who uses this phone for the mundane or the necessary.

So, phones in every academic building would be helpful.

Also, there are other areas to consider. Each student could probably come up with a figure that would be sufficient for the campus.

I am not advocating simply phones for the academic buildings. More phones would be useful in places that I've already mentioned as well as near the far corners of the campus.

It does not seem like a huge expenditure to simply increase the number of phones around campus. Everyone is concerned about upgrading systems, be it the phones in the dorm rooms or computer systems. Why not do the phones at the same time?

I am also not advocating creating these phones every 8 feet or so. It just seems that is not that much to ask to have a phone near all of the places where students tend to congregate.

The security issues raised by my introduction show a strong reason for having these phones on campus. Even the reassurance that the phones are there, even if they are never needed, is worth the price of setting such a plan in motion.

This solution would make communication on campus much smoother for all of the students, and make the scenarios presented above a rare occurrence. Your appointments will flow smoothly, your roommate will love you, and your love relationship will never experience another fight. Well, maybe not, but isn't it worth a try?

"I suppose it is a sword... It can be many things... It all depends on how you look at it."

it was?"
"A doggie potty," Johnny replied matter-of-factly staring at the urinating canine. The mother looked down and noticed the animal. "Um, I guess it's that too," she said, dragging Johnny away hurriedly. Later, they came upon a willow tree.

"What's that?" Johnny asked pointing at the tree.

"That's a tree, dear," his mother answered. "You've seen them before."

"Yeah..." Johnny said, "It's just a tree?"

Johnny's mother nodded, puzzled. "Yes, what else would it be?"

"Well, I thought it was a home for squirrels and birds cause they're crawling around it..." Johnny pointed at the activity on the trunk.

Johnny's mother blinked as she noticed the animals for the first time. "Oh, yes, it's a home for birds and squirrels, too."

A bit further on, Johnny stopped and looked at the sky. He pointed and asked again, "What's that?"

Johnny's mother sighed and answered, "That's a cloud. Rain and snow falls from

still examining the paper she asked, "Why do you ask?"

Johnny removed the top sheet from the rest of the paper. "Well, our teacher showed us that if we fold it like this," he demonstrated creasing the paper and turning it around, "It's a hat!" He showed his work to his mother, beaming proudly.

Surprised, Johnny's mother looked at the newspaper and then at what her son had wrought. "I guess it's both..."

They continued until the child stopped and picked up a stick. He held it out to his mother. "And what's this?"

The mother answered with patience only those with children can have, "It's a stick dear, most likely it fell from a tree."

Johnny waved the stick around a bit and clashed at the air. "Oh... It kind of looks like a sword to me..."

The mother blinked and took the stick from her son. She examined it and then smiled while handing it back to her son. "I suppose it is a sword. It can be many things, just like the cloud, the tree, the newspaper and the hydrant. It all depends on how you look at it."

Unsung Heroes: First in a series profiling ordinary students and employees who go the extra mile

WMC student shows commitment to campus, community

BY LISA DALE-VANAUKEN
Assistant Commentary Editor

A blurred figure rushes by, humming a fast song, and then disappears. A phantom? No. It's Jimmy Reddan, rushing off to his next engagement.

Quick-glances of the Western Maryland College senior music education major are not extraordinary for WMC students, but because of Reddan's demanding schedule, he is often out of sight.

By any yardstick, Reddan's list of accomplishments would impress anyone. He is the treasurer of ASAP (Aids Support Awareness and Prevention), president of Kappa Delta Pi (the education honor society), and student director of College Choir, Show Choir, and the musical director for last fall's musical "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd."

But despite Reddan's overwhelming number of activities, the musician's full-scale devotion to the community is ironically "unsung."

Perhaps Reddan's most overlooked accomplishment is his selfless devotion to encouraging art appreciation. Last spring, Reddan's dream of bringing theater appreciation to high school students finally began to materialize when the members of Alpha Psi Omega, the theater honor society which Reddan belongs to, agreed to begin work on a youth-outreach program.

With the help of the Griswold-Zepp Award and local grants, the project had its first community event on Feb. 6. The program, called "A Day at the Theater," consisted of a full day of work-

shops at different WMC facilities for high school students from three counties. The workshops were meant to enhance the students' art appreciation.

Reddan first was alerted to the necessity of a youth outreach program by what he sees as a lack of encouragement for the arts in schools. "The arts are continually under-budgeted and cut, and that's sad," he said. "It takes away a student's chance to be creative, free-thinking, and imaginative, which I would say is as important as being able to balance a checkbook."

As well as giving students a creative outlet, the program allows participants to explore their own theatrical tendencies. "I wanted to give students a place to figure things out and a place to share their interests," Reddan said.

As chairman of the Project for Youth Committee, Reddan was largely responsible for the results of the program. The project took nearly four months of letter writing, organizing, and planning before it could happen. Reddan also arranged for the program to cost only \$6 to \$10 for the students, and even found a way to supply the participants with complimentary T-shirts.

Despite the stressful months that it took to finish the project, Reddan said, "I got to see kids having fun and learning new things.... It was worth it."

Perhaps it is this devotion to education and music which caused Lori Schenck, a sophomore theater-communication major who knows Reddan from College Choir, to say, "I think he's going to make a great music teacher."

Robin Armstrong, an assistant professor in the music department, seems to be in tune with Schenck. Armstrong, who was coached by

Reddan in preparing for an opera performance, found him to be "extremely intelligent, helpful, and decent at problem-solving."

But perhaps most inspiring was Armstrong's account of Reddan's attitude. "Jimmy strives towards excellence, and also helps others excel," she said.



WMC student Jimmy Reddan is treasurer of ASAP, president of Kappa Delta Pi, and has organized a community youth outreach program.

always loved school," he said, "and I've always loved learning."

It was in elementary school that Reddan first realized he wanted to be a teacher. One of his greatest inspirations came from music teacher Marion Geason, at Malcolm Elementary School in Waldorf, Md. "She knew what she wanted and she knew how to get it," he recalls. "As long as you gave it your best effort, whether you failed or not, it was still worth something," he said.

Another early sign that Reddan was bound to be a teacher came outside of school. "I remember that the other kids would want to play house, but I would want to play school so I could be the teacher," he said.

His obvious love of education has continued well past his elementary school years and into his adult life.

Reddan plans to go to graduate school to become a teacher for students in high school, and then he hopes to go on to be a college professor. "[The arts] can be very educational as a teaching tool, so that's why I'm studying to be a music teacher," he said.

But for now, Reddan will continue to be a blur on WMC's campus, at least until his ambition whisks him away to the next step in his education.

These women do the dirty work

BY SARA GREGG
Contributing Writer

In my neck of the woods, an alarm clock is seldom needed. Most mornings I awake to the voices of Betty and Debbie from just 10 feet away from my pillow.

Every weekday morning at 9 a.m., Betty and Debbie open shop for another day of work. They have one of the most unheralded jobs on campus. Betty and Debbie make sure that Whiteford Hall and Smith House are spic-and-span. Betty and Debbie are custodians.

"We vacuum, clean showers, commodes, mirrors, wipe garbage cans, empty garbage cans, wipe down the elevator, clean the laundry room, and change the shower curtains," said Betty.

Betty and Debbie have been doing this for a long time. Debbie has worked at WMC since 1975, and Betty has been here since 1990. Neither one wanted their last names used in this article.

They may not love what they do ("We don't have a favorite part of the job; we just do our best," said Betty), but both agreed that they like to "keep the girls happy," as Debbie puts it.

One girl that they are keeping satisfied is Susan Pence, a sophomore and first-floor resident of Whiteford. "Not only are they do-

ing a service that most people would not want to do, they're really nice about it," noted Pence.

Something that both women have to do is clean up tampons and vomit, but they say they would rather put up with that than clean a male dorm.

Debbie used to work in Blanche Ward Hall and says, "They (males) don't have any respect for us. They don't flush the commodes; they come in the water fountains; they hook in and use the urinals when we're cleaning; and they use a lot of derogatory language."

However, both agree that the girls respect them. "They are very nice and appreciate the work we do for them," said Betty. The girls show their appreciation by giving Debbie and Betty thank you cards and banners. Betty and Debbie also say that the girls tell them that they are doing a good job.

Jenny Weddle, an RA and junior in Whiteford, definitely appreciates what Betty and Debbie do every day. "They seem to be concerned about everyone," she says. "They want to do their best to make our college experience better, even if it is just a little part."

For example, Weddle says that if something is spilled, Betty and Debbie are quick to clean it up so the residents aren't disrupted in any

way. Also, Betty and Debbie are always asking how the girls are and seem interested in their answers.

Stephanie Banach, a freshman and third-floor resident of Whiteford, says, "Whenever I see them in the bathroom or the hall, they make a point to say hi and ask how I'm doing. They're willing to be friendly and talk."

Before working at WMC, Betty worked at a shoe factory in Westminster for 29 years before the factory closed. She lives in Westminster with Floyd, her husband of 35 years, and said that she really enjoyed making shoes. If she had the opportunity, she would like to do it again.

Debbie also lives in Westminster and has been a housekeeper for most of her life, so she doesn't know what else she would want to do.

Although their boss and some RAs have told them that they do a good job, Betty and Debbie don't actually know how much their hard work and smiles mean to the girls of Whiteford.

Even though they don't plan on retiring soon, the day that Betty and Debbie do retire will be a sad day in Whiteford. Not only do they keep everything clean, but their friendly ways bring a smile to each girl's face every day.

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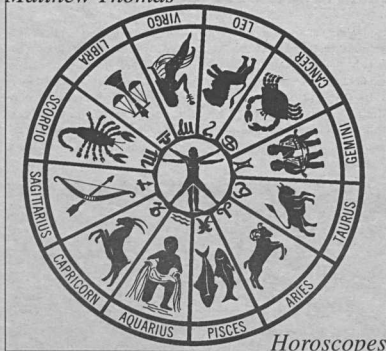
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In this issue's horoscopes, the key to unlocking the mystery of your immediate future will be found in some funky fresh rap lyrics. Please forgive any misquotes; it seems the stars only listen to the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

Aries (3/21-4/19): "Your momma so fat that she could get busy With 22 burritos/When times was rough, I seen her in the back of Taco Bell with hand-cuffs."
"Yo Momma," The Pharcyde

Taurus (4/20-5/20): "I missed the bus/and that is something I will never, ever, ever do again."
"I Missed the Bus," Kris Kross

Matthew Thomas



Gemini (5/21-6/20): "I rolled two spliffs/so now I guess I'm double-jointed."
"Underground Rapper," Das Efx

Cancer (6/21-7/23): "Blue flow-ers..."
"Blue Flowers," Dr. Octagon

Leo (7/24-8/23): "I am the funk soul sensation."
"Funk Soul Sensation," Gemini the Gifted One

Virgo (8/24-9/23): "If I had wings I would fly; let me contemplate. I glance at the cut and see my homey Nate."
"Regulate," Warren G

Libra (9/24-10/23): "Don't sweat what you heard; just act like you know."

"Scenario," A Tribe Called Quest

Scorpio (10/24-11/22): Since I can't repeat what Tupac said about Biggie's wife, I won't say anything.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21): Contrary to MTV's belief, Limp Bizkit is not hip-hop.

Capricorn (12/22-1/20): "Killing your brain like a poisonous mushroom."
"To the Extreme," Vanilla Ice

Aquarius (1/21-2/19): "I love it when you call me Big Poppa."
"Big Poppa," Biggie Smalls

Pisces (2/20-3/20): "Everybody got they cup, but they ain't chipped in."
"Gin & Juice," Snoop Dogg

Life-Affirmative Sayings

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you're doing, you will be successful."

---Herman Cain, chairman of the board of Godfather's Pizza

"If you don't risk anything, you risk even more."

---Erica Jong

"The world breaks around everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places."

---Ernest Hemingway

Rat's Web

by Anne Butler

So you've seen these web pages around, and you want one of your own, eh? Well this and the next column is for you. It's all about creating your own website!

Several places offer free webhosting service in exchange for advertising on their site. There are many services, but I've detailed some of the more well known ones here:

Geocities - <http://www.geocities.com>

The "McDonalds of web hosting sites," Geocities has literally millions of customers or "homesteaders." They offer 11 MEG of room, free e-mail, and a relatively reliable service. You set up shop in any number of "areas" ranging from SoHo for artists and writers to EnchantedForest for kid-friendly sites.

There is even a separate neighborhood for college students, called CollegePark. Geocities also offers tools for more experienced users.

Fortune City - <http://www.fortunecity.com>

Fortune City offers 20 MEG, the most of any of the providers I've seen. However, their server is slow and is occasionally hard to deal with. You're settled into neighborhoods much like

Geocities (ranging from Tatooine for sci-fi buffs, to Hollywood for film fans) and then further broken down to living on streets.

Tripod - <http://www.tripod.com>

Tripod offers 11 MEG of space. Unlike the other two, the addresses for Tripod hompages are shorter and easier to remember because they involve only the member's name and not the neighborhood they are in (though Tripod does have things called "neighborhood pods").

Tripod offers a simple webpage builder and some resources such as graphics.

Tripod unfortunately causes annoying pop-up windows to occur with advertising in them. (Geocities does the same thing, but offers it's members a way to avoid these irritations. Tripod offers no choice.)

Angelfire - <http://www.angelfire.com>

Angelfire offers 5 MEG of space, the lowest of all providers detailed here. However, they claim they're the fastest in page creation (I have not tried it myself). They have a sound and graphics library like Tripod offers, and files used from the library are not counted towards the 5 MEG limit.

There are two options of ways to edit your home page, one for the newbie and one for a more ad-

vanced user. Their addresses are actually separated by the state you live in, so it's not very hard to remember.

Okay, so you've picked a provider, now what? Well... What is your page about? Is it just about you? That's all well and good, but to draw in the surfers you need a hook, a gimmick.

Many people maintain pages on some of their interests and favorite activities, and this can be a good draw. Go to Yahoo or another search engine and look up your interests whether it be chia pets, gardening, surfing, or the Dukes of Hazzard.

Get an idea of what other people have done so you know what you can be the first to do.

Now how do you actually make a page? Well that's next issue, ladies and gentlemen. See you then?

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The Official Cow-tipping Page-<http://members.xoom.com/toch/>

Yes, now you don't even have to leave campus to participate in this quaint college tradition!

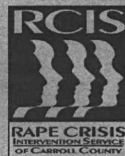
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"In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me lay an invincible summer."

---Albert Camus

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"What was the most exciting thing you did over Spring Break?"



"I had recently gotten my license, and my mom let me drive her new car on the Belway for the first time."

Jenny Bell '01
Social Work

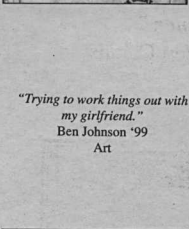
"I got to spend some time with my mother and grandparents."

Richard Smith '00
Sociology



"Visited L.A. for Spring Break and went to a comedy club called The Laugh Factory."

Heather Corto '99
Sociology



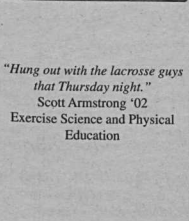
"Trying to work things out with my girlfriend."

Ben Johnson '99
Art



"Listened to Stephen Hawkins (the next 'Einstein') lecture."

Colleen Shannon '00
Physics



"Hung out with the lacrosse guys that Thursday night."

Scott Armstrong '02
Exercise Science and Physical Education

"Life is Beautiful": Begnini at his best

by SARAH RADICE
Features Editor

"Life is Beautiful" begins as a comedy, with friends Guido (writer/director Roberto Begnini) and Ferruccio (Sergio Bustric) driving through the Italian countryside, encountering mischief and a lovely woman named Dora (Nicoletta Braschi) who falls from the top of a barn into Guido's arms.

Guido and Ferruccio arrive in the city, where Guido keeps literally running into Dora. Smitten, Guido pursues her, and they eventually marry and have a child. On the boy's birthday, however, the Nazis come and take Guido, his son, and his uncle away.

This is the point where the slapstick humor and physical comedy of the first half of "Life" take on a more serious meaning. Guido decides that his son cannot know the truth of their situation, and so begins to weave a fantastic silk scarf of lies to tie over his son's eyes for protection.

The concentration camp is one big game, an endurance test that the boy must master in order to win the grand prize: a real tank. But he can only do it by following the rules in order to get points, and Guido devises rules that will ensure his son's survival — never ask for food, never let the Nazis see you, be quiet.

The cast is uniformly good, but

Begnini, in an Oscar-winning role, stands out. His Chaplinesque Guido is a whimsical, intelligent outsider who retains a childlike innocent quality despite knowing the hardships of the world.

His deep and abiding humanity is the anchor of the movie; his refusal to tell his son the harsh truth shows the value of innocence, a pearl that has worth incalculable. Even in such grim surroundings,

His deep and abiding humanity is the anchor of the movie; his refusal to tell his son the harsh truth shows the value of innocence.

Guido can still find the humor in the pain, and that is one of the film's main themes: as long as you can laugh at life, you will stay sane.

Life is love, life is laughter, and life is worth living. It is the most precious gift one can give, next to innocence, and Guido labors mightily to give both to his son. "Life is Beautiful" will make you laugh and make you cry; it blends comedy and tragedy together fluidly, both sides of the same coin. "Life is Beautiful" is, quite simply, a wonderful movie.

Viva VITA!

by JOAN FAULKNER
Features Writer

Spring is not only filled with joy and excitement, but also with aggravation and frustration because of tax filing. But with WMC's VITA program, taxes don't have to be a problem anymore.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistants are trained students who will do your taxes for free, in Gold Room B on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 pm. to 9 pm., or Saturdays from 1 pm. to 3 pm. This service has been offered since February 23 and will continue until April 10.

VITA is in its seventh year of offering income tax assistance to low income tax payers and college students. Training for the thirty to forty volunteer students begins in the middle of January. Those who pass the test can earn one credit for every thirty-nine hours they put in.

The volunteers don't see this service as just another class but as an opportunity to learn tax skills and help others as well.

Mike Gaston, one of the program's coordinators, says that it is a valuable skill to learn for later in life. "So we don't have to pay an accountant when the time comes to do our own."

Cheap Thrills: Dancin' like a fool

by MATTHEW THOMAS
Features Writer

Hello, and welcome to *Cheap Thrills*, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy in your joybang.

This week in *Cheap Thrills*, I will profile an organization and an event that prove once and for all, cheap doesn't necessarily mean shoddy.

That's right, I'm talking about Walther Productions and the Walther-hosted grand opening of the Recher Theatre in beautiful Towson, MD.

Tim Walther is a patron saint of the Church of *Cheap Thrills*, Orthodox. He knows that bigger is not necessarily better, and a million other fitting cliches. He also seems to know that charging \$50 for a ticket definitely sucks.

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Well, ok. I guess I won't go into my review of the Recipe and how much better and more country their music is versus, well, you told me not to mention her.

Nor will I mention how much foxier every single lady from Junipa to lead singer to audience member is at a Walther show than, well, you know whom. And more talented, but, well, I digress way too much.

What I will do is write about the grand opening of the Recher Theatre in Towson. It used to be the Rec-Room, but they yanked out the billiard tables. (Now, where am I gonna sit? I won't need to, I'm

dancing!) Now, less cue sticks, it's the Recher Theatre.

How's this for an example of a great Cheap Thrill? John Scofield and Lake Trout for \$15 advance (\$3 more at the door if you're old enough to get down but not old enough to down Natty Boh).

John Scofield deserves to be one of the ranking members of our great nation's jazz elite. Touring to promote his collaboration with Medeski, Martin, & Wood, *A Go Go*, Scofield earned every dollar he made at the sold-out 850-person venue.

While Lake Trout was great (as usual), people were there to see Scofield; he played a set that made them glad they came.

Thank Walther Productions for bringing such a great name to the area to celebrate the grand opening of such a great venue. Thank them by continuing to support their efforts; i.e. go see the shows. Help them all sell out.

Check out www.walther-productions.com; plunk down \$10 or so for a concert that looks appealing. Go dance like a fool, and see if you don't have a great time.

Speaking of which, that's all the time, by which I mean space, I have for *Cheap Thrills*. Until next time, keep your pockets deep and your arms short.

Behind the Scenes: Sharpe and Szymanski help Hoover run smoothly

BY RICH SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Hoover Library is not only the most frequented of all campus buildings, but in the eyes of most students at Western Maryland, it is the most important. From references and reserves to magazines



Lois Szymanski is a favorite of many students.

and microfiche, students search the halls of Hoover every day for the information that their courses require.

Along the path to finding the materials they need, they might just get a little help from Jane Sharpe and Lois Szymanski. These two are perennial fixtures in Hoover, planted firmly behind the circulation desk. They are often seen but not often appreciated by the students that pass in and out of the library each day.

Jane Sharpe, a 30-year veteran of Hoover Library, is the Access Services Librarian. When Sharpe came to the Western Maryland campus in October of 1970 she had two goals, to help the students in any way possible and make the library a better place.

In the years since, her service-oriented outlook and forward-minded approach has made her a favorite among the library staff and the students who have gotten to know her.

Sharpe says that what makes her job rewarding is her contact with the students and the ever-changing

shape and nature of the library itself.

"It's a dynamic kind of job," says Sharpe. "To get the materials and books that are relevant to the currently enrolled student, we have to pay attention to the course catalog, talk to the faculty, and pay attention to the types of materials students are looking for."

Another favorite of students is Lois Szymanski, the front desk supervisor, who is currently busy having her eighth and ninth children's books published. She has also written for both the *Baltimore Sun* and the *Carroll County Times* as a reporter.

She acts as a "second-in-command" for Jane Sharpe, helping her perform her duties as well as making sure the front desk runs smoothly. Any close observer can see that the two are fast friends.

Szymanski loves working with the eighteen students she super-



Jane Sharpe has worked at Hoover for 30 years.

vises at the front desk. She says that interacting with students possessed of so many different personalities and backgrounds has taught her a lot about herself.

Lois Szymanski and Jane Sharpe are an essential part of Hoover Library. Although perhaps unrecognized by many of the students who benefit from their work, Lois Szymanski and Jane Sharpe are an essential part of Hoover Library's smooth running.

Investigation: Where does all the Bookstore money go?

Part Three in a series investigating WMC's financial policy

BY RICH SUCHOSKI
Distribution Manager

Sixty, eighty, even one hundred dollars for a new textbook. This is neither uncommon or outlandish if one looks at the process behind pricing a text.

The publisher is the one who sets the cost of the text to the distributor, such as Barnes and Nobles. They also set the price it should be on the shelves.

The text is usually priced so the publisher gets 67% of the cost of the new text, 9% goes to the author, and the remaining percentage from the sale goes to Barnes and Nobles for shipping and salaries.

If the publisher does not set a price, then Barnes and Nobles sets a minimum markup to cover these costs.

According to Ethan Seidel, vice president for administration and finance, WMC does not receive any cut from the text sales. Barnes and Nobles rents the space out from the college and pays the college a fixed rate.

If text sales go over some mutually agreed limit, the college receives a percentage of the oversales. This has happened only once in the past six years, so it's not an issue.

Seven years ago the bookstore was college owned and run. The prices were steeper because the WMC bookstore wasn't a major distributor.

Barnes and Nobles came in, recaptured and renovated the space, and brought in lower prices due to the fact they could get deals on texts WMC alone couldn't.

To help keep the prices down for students, professors can buy the soft cover version of the text, if available. They can also opt to stick with previous editions.

Students selling their books back will get more for them from the bookstore buying them and reselling them next semester.

If not enough students sell their texts back, the bookstore can find the same titles on the national used book distribution market.

Book Buyback every semester causes as much, if not more, moaning and groaning from the students than originally buying the texts.

Students go to the bookstore to sell back their texts, and there they find out they only get back a fraction of the price that they paid, grumble a bit, stomp their feet, and then hand over their hardly used \$80 text for \$25 or less.

Surprisingly enough, this is a decent price for the text if it's not being used for next semester's classes or not the current edition.

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storage space to save books for two semesters ahead. Also, a newer edition might come out in the meantime, making the one they put in storage useless.

This is where the Missouri Book Services (MBS) comes in. MBS gives the student a percentage of what the text is worth according to the original selling price and the current demand for the text on the market.

This percentage is usually low due to the costs of shipping it to a central location and storing it for months or years before it can be resold.

A text cannot be sold back if the bookstore has no storage space left or there is no demand on the used book market for the text.

If this is the case, MBS will not pay anything for the text. Also, if the professor has not sent in the request for next semester's text, the bookstore doesn't know to buy it back or not.

If the current edition of the hardcover or large format soft cover text is being used next semester, the bookstore will buy the text back at 50% of the selling price and resell it for 75% of the original price.

In addition to the text being used next semester, the pages must be "free of any highlighting, underlining, or notes which make the text illegible," according to the used book pamphlet in the bookstore.

Kyle Meloche, bookstore manager since January 1997, is very liberal about the policy.

Writing in books is ok just as long as it doesn't block out the text or the pages aren't ripped. "The only thing we won't take back are workbooks which have been written in, starting two years ago. If there are any on the shelves with writing in them they are from that time or from wholesalers [MBS]."

Previous managers were scared to take risks and buy back excess texts for the next semester.

Since Kyle became store manager the number of texts bought back has increased. The spring of '98 saw a 36.1% increase from the previous semester, and in fall '98, it increased again 22.1%.

Unfortunately, publishers don't like the idea of book buyback because they receive none of the profits from the sales.

In order to get back in the loop, they print new editions. Some of these have significant changes, bringing the text up to speed, but most of the reprints are just to discourage the sales of used texts.

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WMC Spring 1999 Sports Schedule

(Home Events in Bold)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Day Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
W-Lacrosse	Thu. Apr. 1	Ursinus †	1 pm.
Track	Fri. Apr. 2	Colonial Relays§	TBA
M-Lacrosse	Sat. Apr. 3	at Swarthmore †	1:30
Baseball	Sat. Apr. 3	F&M (2) †	Noon
Softball	Sat. Apr. 3	at Ursinus (2) †	1 pm.
Track	Sat. Apr. 3	Colonial Relays§	TBA
W-Tennis	Sat. Apr. 3	at Haverford †	11 a.m.
Golf	Sat. Apr. 3	WMC Invitation'l	TBA
W-Lacrosse	Tue. Apr. 6	at F & M †	4 pm.
Baseball	Tue. Apr. 6	at Johns Hopkins†	3 pm.
Softball	Tue. Apr. 6	F&M (2) †	3 pm.
M-Tennis	Tue. Apr. 6	F&M †	3 pm.
Golf	Tue. Apr. 6	Gettysburg Invit'l	Noon
M-Lacrosse	Wed. Apr. 7	at Widener	3:30

† Centennial Conference games.

§ at William & Mary (Williamsburg, Va.)

Brener first WMC mat All-American

Sophomore Andrey Brener finished in fourth place at 165 pounds, becoming the first All-American wrestler in school history, at the NCAA Division III championships at the College of New Jersey.

Brener, the No. 1 seed, saw his 23-match winning streak end in the semifinals with a 10-6 loss to 5th-seeded Andy Kruger from Buena Vista University of Iowa.

Brener, a former Ukrainian junior national champion, came back to earn a 6-4 decision over Coast Guard's Chris Fertig, but lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in the bronze medal match to Augustana's Darren Linton, the No. 2 seed.

Meanwhile juniors Charlie Conaway (184) and Scott Taylor (197) each went 0-2 at the meet.

Conaway faced the No. 2 seed in his weight class in the first round, and Taylor ran into the 5th and 3rd seeds.

Brener, Conaway and Taylor qualified for nationals by winning Centennial Conference crowns last month, giving the Terror its largest delegation ever at the Division III championships.

Brener (35-5) was hoping to become the first wrestler from a Maryland college to win a national title at any level since 1984, when John Davis of Morgan State took the Division II 158-pound gold. John Dolch of Salisbury State (142) was the last D-III winner back in 1981.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Women's tennis 3-0

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

and Lyter, and Jaime Connelly and Maxcy.

The women's tennis team got off to a 2-0 start early in the season, defeating Centennial Conference rivals Swarthmore and Johns Hopkins 8-1 in two separate matches.

Leading the way for the Terror against Swarthmore were No. 3 senior Amy Sheridan and No. 4 sophomore Becca Lyter, who both won in third-set tiebreakers. Also posting singles wins were Lara Henderson, Alethea Desrosiers, and Jami Maxcy.

Doubles winners were, Henderson and Desrosiers, Sheridan

In the Hopkins match on Tuesday, March 23, Henderson, Desrosiers, Sheridan, Lyter, and Maxcy all posted singles wins for the Terror. Henderson ran her career record to 22-6 in singles and 26-4 in doubles, and Desrosiers improved to 14-3 in singles and 14-2 in doubles for her career.

Winning in doubles play were Henderson and Desrosiers, Sheridan and Lyter, and Connelly and Maxcy.

The Terror beat Muhlenberg on Saturday, 7-2. They now lead the Centennial Conference.



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Player-Goals-Assts-Pts-SOG	Player-Goals-Assts-Pts-SOG	Player-	Avg	R	RBI	2B	3B	HR
M. Giorno - 10 - 4 - 14 - 7	Rob Witte - 13 - 4 - 17	Steph Bell-	.538	10	15	3	1	1
Amy North - 7 - 1 - 8 - 7	Tom Caldwell - 7 - 5 - 12	Julie Develin-	.529	3	7	5	0	0
N. Hannibal - 2 - 3 - 5 - 1	Tom Brown - 7 - 4 - 11	Jacie Mathias-	.526	9	9	1	0	1
Amy Bittinger - 3 - 1 - 4 - 5	Jeremy Kober - 4 - 4 - 8	C. Wunderlich-	.500	10	15	4	0	2
Camey Brian - 3 - 0 - 3 - 4	Charlie Heinzer - 3 - 1 - 4	January Scott-	.500	11	4	2	0	0
Kim Adams - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2	Jared Albert - 2 - 1 - 3	Erin McGrady-	.500	1	3	0	0	0
S. Benson - 1 - 1 - 2 - 1	Brett Sweeney - 2 - 0 - 2	Jen Geiman-	.476	13	9	0	0	1
Alaina Filo - 0 - 2 - 2 - 0	Dave Riley - 1 - 0 - 1	Lauren Henry-	.409	6	6	1	1	2
Erin Mulhern - 0 - 1 - 1 - 0	Gaelen Cross - 0 - 1 - 1	Stacey Seward-	.375	13	4	1	0	0
	Joe Alex - 0 - 1 - 1	Christa Farrar-	.333	1	0	1	0	0
Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%	Jason Goodman - 0 - 1 - 1	Katie Swierkos-	.333	3	0	0	0	0
J. Guinan - 120 - 15 - 46.88		Tracy Moquin-	.300	5	3	0	1	0
	Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%	B. Brenneman-	.000	1	0	0	0	0

Results

Dickinson W 19-10
Goucher W 8-7

Bob Bennet - 238 - 48 - 50.53
Ben Albert - 2 - 0 - 0

Pitcher-	ERA	W-L	%	K
Katie Swierkos-	3.90	2-2	.500	17
Amy Cipollini-	4.58	3-1	.750	7
January Scott-	5.25	0-0	.000	2

Golf

Golfer-Spring Avg-Placement

Ryan Reid - 75.0 - t4
Craig Zabora - 79.0 - t11
Seth Aldredge - 80.0 - t15
Tony Santillo - 82.0 - t28
John Wheeler - 83.0 - dns

Results

Cabrini W 13-10
VA Wesleyan Ppd-snow
Marymount L 9-10
Randolph-
Macon L 8-11
Lynchburg L 9-16

Results

Chowan L 5-8 | Shepherd W 18-2
Moravian L 0-4 | Shepherd (2) W 12-3
Susquehanna W 11-5 | Swarthmore W 24-2
Lynchburg L 6-9 | Swarthmore (2) W 10-1

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Lapato is state's top Scholar-Athlete

In 1995 Tom Lapato missed out on the award given to the state's top scholar-athlete in high school football.

But March 10, after four years of straight A's in the classroom and an all-America season on the field, the Western Maryland defensive back was honored as the state's top collegiate scholar-athlete.

Lapato, a 6-foot, 200-pound senior, has been named the Maryland College Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the Baltimore chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.

Lapato accepted the honor at the group's annual awards dinner at Martins West in Catonsville, sharing the spotlight with the top student-athletes from 91 high schools in the Greater Baltimore area.

The award caps a six-month string of honors for Lapato, a mathematics major with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and a two-time all-Centennial Conference pick at strong safety.

In December, Lapato appeared on a nationally televised awards show as the Burger King Division III Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The American Football Coaches Association chose him for the honor, and Burger King bestowed \$25,000 on Western Maryland for the school's general scholarship fund.

Later that month, Lapato was named a GTE first-team Academic All-American and, for his on-the-field efforts, landed on the Hewlett Packard all-America squad as a third-team pick. In January he won a coveted NCAA Post-Graduate ScholarShip worth \$5,000.

Lapato, a two-time co-captain, helped lead Western Maryland to back-to-back conference titles and NCAA playoff bids in 1997 and '98. Last fall he finished second in the league with six interceptions as the Green Terror topped the nation in turnover ratio, finished sixth in pass defense and went 10-1 for the second straight year.

Meanwhile Lapato earned academic all-American honors for the third straight year, served as vice-president of the math honor society and earned a spot in the art history honor society.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Ladies lacrosse prevails in edge-of-seat games

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Art Editor

With less than half the team consisting of returning players, the women's lacrosse team has fortunately attracted excellent new players, seven of whom are freshmen. Among the Class of '02 is goalie Josselyn Guinan, who replaces the Terror's longtime sole goalie Amanda Rose, now a grad student.

Though the team (2-0) has had the habit of falling into ties, it barely overcame Goucher (4-3) in its March 25 home opener with a score of 8-7.

Holding a 4-1 lead at half, the Terror was knocked back as the Gophers burrowed their way under the home team's feet and into goal five times.

On a Goucher time-out, the Terror collected itself, and sophomore Camey Brian and junior Meaghan Giorno evened the score with goals at 3:22 and 2:57, respectively.

On an assist from senior co-captain Natalie Hannibal, Giorno scored the winning goal with merely :55 remaining.

Senior defensive Marjorie Hargrave was among those who impaired the Gophers' scoring with her last-second caused turnover.

"After the time-out, we realized that we were the better team, and we weren't playing better," Giorno commented. "We just got mad and ran it down. That's what I did, what Natalie did, and what Shannon [Benson] did."

Benson, a junior, and Hannibal each scored a goal, while Giorno came out with five, claiming her place as lead scorer on the team.

Hannibal and freshman Alaina Filo also had assists.

Though not as intense, the March 23 game at Dickinson (0-3) was also a little tied up at times. In the first half, scoring was a volley, the Terror and Red Devils alternating goals. After the break, however, the Terror steamrolled its opponent with a final of 19-10.

Junior Amy Bittinger exploded after a static first half with three goals and one assist in the second, while junior soccer superstar Beth Blasi - taking up lacrosse for the first time since high school - had eight caused turnovers.



MIKE PUSKAR

Junior Amy Bittinger heads downfield with Goucher's Kim Rogers in tow.

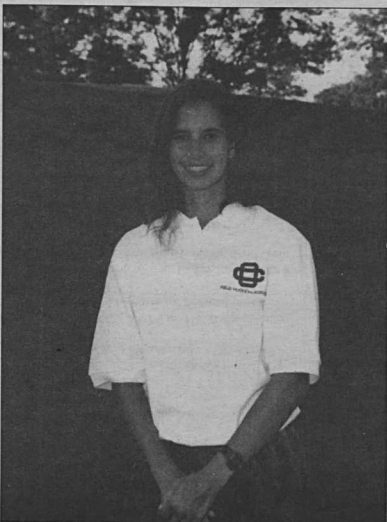
After tearing her ACL in last year's game at Gettysburg, senior co-captain Amy North kicked back into high gear with a per-game career high of seven goals, one of which was scored off an assist from freshman Kim Adams at :06 left in the first half. North also had one assist, and Adams had one goal.

Other goals were incurred by Brian, with two, and Hannibal, one, while the latter, Benson, Filo, and

freshman Erin Mulhern each came through with one assist. Eleven of the nineteen goals were assisted, emphasizing the ladies' teamwork potential.

Giorno also played heavy-weight in the game with five goals and four assists. "For both games, but mostly Goucher, it was so intense," she said. "It was one goal back and forth, and that was all it took [to play better]."

Manolovich hired to coach lax, field hockey



COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Champion coach Mindy Manolovich steps up to lead the Terror.

Mindy Manolovich, a 1989 Westminster High graduate who guided Oberlin College to league titles in women's lacrosse the past two years, has been named head coach of field hockey and lacrosse at WMC.

Manolovich will take up her full-time position here at the end of the current lacrosse season, which is her fourth at Oberlin. She led the team to North Coast Athletic Conference titles in 1997 and '98 and earned the league's Coach of the Year award in '97.

Under her leadership, Oberlin has gone 34-14 in lacrosse over three seasons (8-7, 14-3, 11-4) and 25-53 in field hockey over four years (3-15, 10-11, 4-16, 9-11).

Manolovich has coached 2 All-Americans and 11 all-region picks. In '96 and '97, she guided the Midwest team in the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association national tournament.

Manolovich replaces 23rd-year women's lacrosse coach Kim Easterday, who will then concentrate on her duties as swimming coach and aquatics manager, and fourth-year field hockey coach Tracey Filio.

The Terror went 9-6 in lacrosse

last spring, its seventh straight winning season, and stands 2-0 so far this year.

The field hockey team went 6-12 last fall.

Manolovich returns home after a ten-year odyssey that began at

Manolovich has coached 2 All-Americans and 11 all-region picks.

Lynchburg College (VA), where she won regional All-America honors in hockey and served as team captain in both sports in '92-'93.

She capped her lacrosse career with an appearance in the North/South All-Star Game in '93.

Manolovich went on to earn a master's degree in education from Virginia Tech while coaching the school's club teams in field hockey and lacrosse. She joined the Oberlin staff in 1995.

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Capitol punishment enacted for *Bird* typos

BY LAINI STAMATHIS
Co-Phoenix Deity

Newly appointed *Bird* Deities Megan Martin and Laina Stamathis announced at their most recent meeting that they would be implementing a drastic new method for insuring that WPSS's newspaper was accurate and error-free.

The shocking "One Strike, You're Out" law states that *Bird* editors are now allowed to use capital punishment methods on reporters that violate basic journalistic accuracy and editing rules.

Depending on the harshness of the offense, reporters could be rep-

rimanded in a variety of ways, varying from public humiliation in Red Square, by means of a dunking tank or pie throwing, to shock treatment for slightly more serious offenses and death for the worst offenses, such as the misspelling of President Tater's name.

The new policy was drafted at a private meeting in the *Bird* Inner Sanctum. "No one understands the embarrassment and disrespect an inaccurate newspaper can burden an editor with," said Stamathis. "So we felt that we were the only ones who could choose the appropriate sentences."

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WPSS experiments with nuclear testing

BY AGENT ORANGE
Freelance Operative

I can't spend too long on the computer typing this report for fear they will find me. Read carefully; and remember - this is all true!

It all started long before my time as a student here. The U.S. government needed some testing space for some top secret projects and was willing to pay the college to not tell anyone.

The first project, which is now the largest, is housed in the basement of Lewis Hall of Science, the site of some serious nuclear testing.

It started back in the day when LHS was just a recitation hall, making it the least conspicuous place on campus.

Now it's gotten so intensive that if things go to hell anyone within a quarter-mile radius, maybe even a half-mile radius by now, won't even know anything's wrong until they're piles of ash and chunky salsa on the sidewalk.

The other major project is in the penthouse of Eldridge - in the ex-valetarian's room.

They want us to believe that the poor girl living there was impregnated by her object of lust in the Preachers (back when it was a legitimate fraternity, not the cattle sodomizers they are now) and left her.

She went stark-raving mad and hanged herself from the rafters, not able to face her family or friends with the situation.

Funny how this room doesn't have any rafters, nor is there any evidence of there ever having been rafters in the first place. It's just a room the size of two Whiteford doubles side by side, and twice as

high, with a window on each side facing the cardinal directions.

In one corner of the room there's a little black box with a flashing green light secured in a wire-mesh cage. It's said this is a beacon so low-flying planes with radar won't crash into the lightning-rod spires.

It's curious that the warning on the side of the box reads, "Anyone caught trespassing within sight of this equipment will be shot with intent to kill."

The box sits facing the window of Albert Norman Ward Hall so, if anything went wrong, it would blow away from the other projects, like the one in LHS.

Have you ever wondered why the basement of Daniel MacLea houses a fallout shelter? It's so that the people on the other side of campus who aren't far enough away from the blast can run for cover.

At least, they think they'll be safe there.

The real setup is to protect the scientists working in the basement of LHS. They can get to safety through the underground tunneling system running under campus.

The floor of the testing area is shielded with at least a foot of lead, two feet in some places, beneath the thick concrete with hatches in key locations for escape. This tunnel leads directly to the shelter in DMC, to a level below the lounge.

All the people not knowing about the project will be herded into the lounge where they'll think they're safe, be locked in, and die slowly of radiation poisoning from the fallout.

There are also other tunnels in the underground system, one of which connects Rouzer with

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Five Upsilon Chi Kappa go nekkid

BY BARRY CHESTER GARCON
Hardcore News Buff

Seniors Phillip Avery Cheough and Otto E. Ross, junior James No, sophomore Dennis Udant, and freshman Harry Daniels were arrested recently for indecent exposure. The five men are brothelers of Upsilon Chi Kappa, a faux fraternity, that has been known for its scandalous practices on other campuses in the nation, but the March 26 mid-day streaking was the first time the fraternity has ever attempted such a stunt at WPSS.

The Up-Chi-K brothers say that their streaking was a political statement in favor of the controversial student petition to the SGA for allowing nudity on campus. "We did it for Nick Ashun," Cheough said of the late Class of '96 graduate



(L-R) Cheough, Ross, and No caught in the act outside Lewis.

who was among the first to propose the idea. "He'd have done the same if he had had all the support we do now."

About 30 people played witness to the event, including freshman Eta Phi Pi sister Constance Ling.

"Us girls have never seen such little guys run so fast."

Art professor Melissa Warren was another bystander. "I see a lot of nudes in my profession, but this takes the cake. I'll resign before they get what they were hoping to achieve by this."

WPSS president Dick Tater finds the idea of nudity on campus intolerable. "No matter what the SGA decides, I control this college and will never allow such absurdity to be established."

So far, no action has been taken against Up-Chi-K, and Cheough's entourage has yet to be called before the Honor and Conduct Board. Alumni are also donating a great amount of monies towards the effort. Perhaps change is on its way for WPSS.

Campus hosts Second Coming

BY SARAH RADICE
Vatican Correspondent

Students were awakened from their early-morning hangovers last Saturday by the blaring of sirens as the Popemobile raced into Westphincter and pulled up in Red Square.

The Pope motioned for two of his Celestial Highway Pope Patrolmen, Sts. Ponch and John, to enter Daniel McLionsden. "Go forth and bring me the one they call Nathan Williams," he commanded.

Moments later, the two CHIPPs emerged from the building with a still-sleepy Williams in tow. The



TRANG DAM

Campus Christ reincarnate, Nathan Williams, beckons the Holy Terror.

"Oy vey, I don't know what the Big Guy is thinking about choosing this guy! But he's the One!"

The Pope

growing crowd of onlookers parted to allow his passage to the Popemobile.

The Pope took one look at the sophomore and slapped himself on the head. "Oy vey, I don't know what the Big Guy's thinking about choosing this guy! But he's the One!"

Williams merely responded, "Hub?"

Soon after, the Pope issued a papal bull proclaiming Nathan Williams to be the second incarnation of Christ. The bull ran wild, killing seven and injuring eighteen, before the ASPCA managed to put it down.

Reaction across the campus was diverse.

WPSS President Dick Tater, depressed by the fact someone had usurped his position, attempted to kill himself by reading *Absalom, Absalom* in one sitting. At this writing, he is being nursed back to health by his loyal intern, Harmonica Blowinsky.

Members of the Kooky Kampus

Ministry have tattooed Williams' face on their buttocks as a sign of their solidarity, and female students have reported vastly increased use of "Come on, baby, the world's coming to an end" as a pickup line.

Members of non-Christian religions have been observed muttering "Doh!"

Westphincter is surrounded by so many TV crews that astronauts report it is the only object in the area, other than WPSS's tuition, that can be seen from outer space.

Longtime campus Anti-Christ Rich Suchoski complained, "I've been known as the Evil One around here for three years now. Why don't I have my face on a freakin' "

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FLIP THE BIRD FOR THE PHOENIX

An Immodest Proposal (to say the least)

There are those among us who have become aware of a recent illness which plagues this campus.

Vile and reprehensible, this disease has festered and stewed in dorm rooms.

It causes atrophy of the muscles and a degradation of thinking skills in college students.

In the name of relief, many people are forced to confine themselves to a narrow life-style which consists of complete submission in home entertainment, namely television.

Apparently, such distraction is considered the only cure for this plague, which, if you have not already surmised, is none other than boredom.

The first symptoms of the illness usually include weight gain and frequently mumbled words, such as "nothing ever happens here."

Often these are followed by an uncontrolled, animallike hysteria

Naturalist Commentator Lisa Dale-Van Auken explores why we should dress as nature intended.

akin to the raving of incarcerated felons.

Despite the gravity of the situation, no one has proposed a better cure for the illness than the widely-accepted home remedy of watching television. Hence, I venture to break the bonds of silence and expound on my belief that the best way for WPSS to survive boredom is to turn towards the age-old practice of widespread community nudity.

Of course, such a drastic change would not be accepted by of all WPSS students, but upon further discussion, one might come to the conclusion that turning the school into a nudist colony would indeed have its benefits.

Consider this: what student would be bored in front of a television if he/she had the opportunity to witness the glory of the naked

human body at leisure all over the campus?

Very few would be likely to remain in their dorm rooms where they could be a part of the unashamed revelry outside. Parties, too, could become a more exciting form of socializing.

All said, nudity would make life more interesting for students.

Allowing students to be naked at will, if they are so inclined, will foster a more inclusive atmosphere of complete tolerance. Because of the countless efforts by faculty, staff, and students to promote the diversity and cultural well-being of this community, it is only common sense that the acceptance of nudity be made an addition to the ideals of WPSS.

If the school is as liberal a college as it sometimes claims to be, nudity should be a nonthreatening

form of self-expression. The human body is a beautiful thing to be both celebrated and enjoyed.

Students with natural propensities to disrobe and enjoy their nudity should be embraced by the WPSS community, not regarded as freak abnormalities of a strict and controlling society.

Nudity also would mean that the school would be placing less emphasis on fashion, giving the students a more stress-free environment.

Through encouraging students to go "au naturel," the school could also expose and exploit the pressures that big business puts on members of this generation to conform to industry standards.

With the addition of nudity to the campus, community life is bound to improve. There is no better way to relieve boredom, encourage tolerance, and protest industry labeling than implementing nudity at our school.

Beer's here

BY KRISTEN FRASER
Alcohol Pub-licist

Due to a recent move by Dean Sayer, the Pub will be undergoing radical changes. Pub and Grille Supervisor Al K. Hawk sums up perhaps the most radical change as "All alcohol, all the time."

Yes, it is true. The traditional beverages of Coke and Snapple have been replaced. And wine coolers are just the beginning. The Pub staff has been trained in bartending and is ready to serve. Mixed drinks are now available as the accepted beverage of the 4th meal.

Plus, the Pub did not forget the notion of beer. This popular drink is now flowing freely through the soda dispensing machines. However, it is only available in conjunction with the 4th meal. Free refills are only available from 10:00 PM until midnight.

When addressed with the fact that it is illegal to serve alcohol to all WPSS students, President Dick Tate is rumored to have said, "WPSS has always been known as a liberal institution. I see this change as a continuation of our philosophy of 'the defining moment.' And, I welcome it."

Surprisingly, the Campus Intercession Association welcomes the change. An anonymous officer states, "Maybe if the drinking is contained to the Pub, people will not feel the need to store and consume alcoholic beverages illegally in their dorm rooms. We do not anticipate any social disorder as a result of this change."

Deities thwart Limey conspiracy

As the new *Bird* Deities, we thought it was time to explain a few things to the WPSS community. Many of you may remember the "UK 500" scandal reported in the last issue of *The Bird*. This was the scheme to transform WPSS into a microcosm of British culture.

The colonization process was led by Deadline Spice, aka Kate Hampson, an officer of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), the British intelligence agency, who posed as Bird Deity.

From her, the plan flowed into changing American spellings to British spellings, forcing cars to drive on the left-hand side of the road while on campus, and changing campus departments into ministries. Later on, the invaders were planning to incorporate British themes into classes and to cut the Budapest Program in favor of a branch of the college in Westphinciter, England.

We would like to formally announce in *The Bird*, the place where the invasion started, that as Bird Deities, we have stemmed the tide of the Brits.

Our first action was to overthrow Deadline Spice in WPSS's first known coup d'etat. After a semester's worth of planning, we stormed the office of *The Bird* late one night while Spice was busy handling the demon computer. We drove Spice out by blaring Backstreet Boys music at her and threatening to pull out the heavy

Megan Martin and Laini Stamathis make The Bird safe for democracy.

arsenal: Hanson.

Then, we forced Spice to announce her "retirement" from *The Bird* and planned her exile. France seemed a logical place to send the spy. She is currently there and enjoys waiting online for hours to check her e-mail. Our contacts in France tell us she is also suffering from the excessive kissing that goes on there and the uncultured, non-British accents of the people.

"We drove Spice out by blaring Backstreet Boys music at her and threatening to pull out the heavy arsenal: Hanson."

The Deities

After deposing Spice and making her France's problem, we set about correcting the damage of the early stages of the invasion. American spellings are back within the pages of *The Bird*. *The Bird* also has begun to celebrate American culture with articles about nudist colonies and football.

You may have noticed Bird Deity Megan out in the parking lot directing traffic back onto the right side of the road and Bird Deity Emily working to restore American-centered classes, like "The History of Baseball from Birth to Strike" and "Survey of Rock Lyrics: Michael Jackson as Eighties Icon."

The only thing we have had problems with is the computer. Spice bought last year. She somehow programmed the computer to magically erase stories, move articles and photos across pages, and to shut down whenever we really need it to work. All kinds of computer debugging procedures have been tried to correct the problem to no avail. Until we can find a cheap expert (hint, hint: Cheap Thrills guy) to fix the problem, we'll just have to pray to Nathan to help us.

Finally, to ease the transition, we have instituted a policy of severe punishment and humiliation on *The Bird* for those who do not follow our imposed will and revert to Spice's British ways (see related article). We hope, by the end of the semester, to have completed the American Revolution Part II on the WPSS campus. We thank you for your cooperation and know that you will do nothing to oppose us. Otherwise, prepare yourself to suffer the consequences.

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Lukas reinstates plans for *Star Wars* sequel

Hair falling out while you sleep?

BY MIKE PUSKAR
Editor-in-Briefs

Star Wars creator George Lukas has just announced this morning that he will in fact produce a sequel trilogy once the last two installments of the prequel are released.

However, he still does not plan on penning it. "I don't really like the idea of someone writing into the mainstream continuity of *Star Wars*," Lukas stated, "But there are just so many good ideas in alternate continuities, and the fans really want a sequel."

With his many fairly recent successes, *Scream* scribe Kievian

"Williamson will turn the sci-fi series into a horrific I Know What You Did, Luke Skywalker."

Roger Rebert, Critic

Williamson is the lucky dog Lukas has picked to do the sequel.

"*Scream 3* I'll just have to wait," the screenwriter said, "The opportunity to write the *Star Wars* sequel is just too valuable to pass up."

Film critic Roger Ebert, whom some claim is still talking to his late

partner-in-crime Gene Siskel, doesn't think Williamson is right for the job. "There are plenty of great up-and-coming writers out there who'd be perfect for the job. Williamson will turn the sci-fi series into a horrific *I Know What You Did, Luke Skywalker*."

Fans are divided on the matter, some feeling that Williamson is perfect, while others agree with Rebert.

One fan, however, feels both ways. Emerald Bay University junior Daniel Pyner believes that "a horrific twist may be what *Star Wars* needs in the end. Perhaps some Wampas could rip Lando Calrissian to shreds."

In other movie news, the WPSS's Communication Department is sponsoring a student film tentatively entitled *La Chambre du Président*. Directed by an unrevealed screenwriter, the film will feature many big stars.

The cast includes Ralph Fiennes (*The English Patient*) as the protagonist, Brad Pitt as his defiant son (who has a nude scene), and Kenneth Branagh (*The Gingerbread Man*) as the villain, a KKK wizard.

There is a rumor on campus that the undisclosed director has become romantically involved with Sarah Michelle Gellar (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) and that she has thus also signed on, probably for the role of Fiennes' reserved and pious daughter.

BY ANNE BUTLER
Staff Rat

It is a fear of nearly every college student. We've all heard the stories.

You're having that nice dream involving you and (insert chosen celebrity's name here) fornicating in the wilderness, and then something wakes you up. You sit up hurriedly in a cold sweat and see your roommate standing over you silhouetted against the light coming from under the door. In your roommate's hand is...

A pair of scissors... This is not just an urban legend, folks. It is an epidemic that is sweeping this country.

Warning Signs:

- Your hair is sufficiently shorter than when you went to bed.
- Your roommate starts wearing a wig in your hair color.
- Your roommate's clothing is covered in hair, and he/she claims it is from the cat, but neither of you own a cat.
- Your roommate starts selling "hair shirts."
- You suddenly become bald, and baldness doesn't run in your family.
- Your roommate suddenly takes an interest in the musical classic "Barber of Seville" and its accompaniment.

ing Bugs Bunny cartoon.

What to Do:

- Wear a hat to bed.
- Wear a plate-mail helmet to bed.
- Cut his/her hair in turn.
- Nail his or her possessions to the ceiling.
- Four words: Super glue and underwear.
- Wear an Afro wig to bed.
- Shave your own head before he or she can do it to you.
- Get a new roommate.
- Write about it in *The Phoenix*.

•Contact your RA for an intermediary session.
•Try to get on Springer or another talk show.

This is a serious problem facing all of us today.

Please, if this is happening to you, or even if you think this is happening to you, then follow one of the steps above.

If we band together to stop this illegal cutting, we can send a message that we won't stand for it.... Please - your hair will thank you.



Campus Christ tries to change old ways

BY SLIM PICKENS
CIA Liaison

Another surprising event in the whirlwind of spiritual and social activity surrounding sophomore Nathan Williams' recently proclaimed Christ-status has occurred.

Residents of Westspinhier Post Secondary School are pledging their undying allegiance to the Bearded One.

For the past week, there have been no marijuana-related arrests in Roaster Hall.

This heretofore unknown phenomenon is being hailed as the first miracle performed by Williams, who was quoted as uttering the beatitude, "I gotsa regulate on the pork products keepin down my cannabis-lovin' peeps."

When reached for comment about the bizarre events which would allow residents of Roaster to peacefully and freely enjoy inhalation of "mad bong-hits" without the officers of the Campus Intercession Association calling the Westspinhier Police, President Dick Tater merely mumbled something about the "munchies" and "hydroponics" before climbing into his van.

Gathering each morning in front of Roaster Hall with bleary eyes and sticky mouths, Williams' followers quickly proceed to where the Hairy One preaches sermons on



Nathan Williams, the reincarnate Jesus Christ, returns as the lion, delivering the Lord's word against weed.

his own holiness in the quad.

Watching with rapt attention, the residents of Roaster Hall and other students of WPSS cheer fervently as "The Big One" expounds on the greatness of a philosophy to which he gives the appellation "Nathology."

It would seem that "Nathology" is an amalgam of pure test-revelal spirituality and capitalism.

For pouring out their donations of money and hair-care products, students of WPSS can receive the blessing of The Big One, a boon now thought to ward off the evils of the CIA.

"I don't understand it," said one onlooker, confronted by the spectacle. "What's he got that I don't?"

Well fair reader, quite simply, it's got to be the hair.

Campus houses nuclear testing

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Whiteford, and another connecting ANW and Blanche.

This system only furthers the reference to ANW being Sodomy and Blanche being Gomorrah. If things go wrong with the project in Elderdice, it will make a beeline for ANW while Lewis will take care of Blanche in a "rain of fire and brimstone."

One of the entrances to the ANW-Blanche tunnel is under the stairway of the covert entrance in front of Blanche. There's a sewer grate there, and at first sight (and smell), it looks like an ordinary sewer. If you shine a flashlight down there, however, you will find a section of brick wall knocked down from age revealing a passageway.

The Rouzer-Whiteford tunnel was sealed off more effectively, but I still know it's there. I have heard from some of the alumni stories of curfew times.

The boys would be locked in Rouzer and the girls in Whiteford, but that didn't stop them. They used this tunnel to pass between the dorms undetected, until it was found that it was effective shielding from the fallout and walled it up.

With the introduction of the Y2K bug, I fear for the current

safety of us students. If Y2K is really a problem, then we'll all have a stake out on our lives as soon as the ball drops since we won't be here to suffer. They'll wait until we're coming back to town and anyone with WPSS paraphernalia showing from the car will be instantly neutralized.

The remaining people will be taken care of as soon as they see the surprise on the students' faces to see their beloved college in a pile of rubble.

On the other hand, the end may come later in the future, in the year 2037 to be exact.

A UNIX operating system may be in use, which is more likely since UNIX was created before DOS.

The year 2037 is very important since UNIX has been counting the seconds from its creation; 2037 is when the number of seconds will roll over a 64-bit number (2 to the 64th power, represented in binary code).

We'll be long since graduated then, some of us retired, and they'll come to get each and every one of us. It was just going to be me, but if you're reading this report, it has been made public, and you're in on the secret as well. If we tell enough people, the truth will survive our doomed lives.

M&M II: Support New Sports

Rat's Web: Sites Unseen

On-and-off sports editors
Mikes Puskas and Yestramski,
respectively (and disrespectfully)
examine the plausibility
of bringing new sports to WPSS
or modifying current ones.

Mike P: The sports program at this school is so tried and done. I think we should bring some new things in. So what if the football team and wrestling teams have been kicking arse? It's time for a change.

Mike Y: What kind of sports don't we have really? Don't we offer all we need to?

Mike P: It's not a matter of need. There are just so many other things out there.

You have British sports like rugby and cricket. Yeah, they may be too obscure here, but you never know. Then you have medieval sports like jousting, which is the state sport after all.

Mike Y: That's the state sport?

Mike P: Yup, even though most people think it should be lacrosse. But you gotta admit, jousting is cool.

Mike Y: That's cool. And we can break out some of the Greek Olympic sports like shoot-fighting.

Mike P: Hey, you just gave me an idea! Someone's been talking about this nudist colony thing, and

Greeks did their Olympics in the buff.

Mike Y: It'd definitely improve the attendance at some of the events. Then again, wouldn't something get caught?

Mike P: Uh, maybe. I guess in football it would be kind of painful if you got rammed in the wrong spot, but it wouldn't be so bad for girls' sports.

Mike Y: At least we guys don't think so. But it would definitely put an interesting spin on the wrestling team. I wonder if that's why they invented Greco-Roman wrestling with no attacks below the waist.

Mike P: Possibly, but we could always introduce no-holds-barred.

Mike Y: We'd probably win a lot of matches by forfeits.

Mike P: Yeah, because if the other schools didn't want to participate the same way, maybe just seeing our wrestlers standing in their birth-day suits would scare them enough to forfeit.

Mike Y: I know seeing any of the guys in the sports program here in the buff would scare me. Imagine all the schools we play like Messtah, the Christian schools - man they'd flip out hardcore.

Mike P: You never know.

Mike Y: What if the boys basketball team were playing and the girls from Bryn Mawr came in to watch them before their game? Anyway, new subject....

Mike P: Not yet because I just want to say that basketball would be hard to play nude when you have things bouncing up and down on both guys and girls. Yeah, let's get off that subject.

Mike Y: Wait, isn't that Dennis Rodman's dream about how's he's gonna play his last NBA game, in the nude?

Mike P: Might give new meaning to "Rodzilla."

Mike Y: Yeah, anyways, I think we should go with that idea of changing subjects. Getting back to the idea of new sports in school, since half the school already partakes in this anyway, why don't we just make it official to get a varsity letter for beer bonging and things of that nature? You gotta practice hard for stuff like that just, ask the frats.

Mike P: You know, I hear that some people think the pub should serve alcohol so maybe CAPBoard could start sponsoring Beer Bonging Night every Friday.

Mike Y: Yeah, that's definitely a good idea. I think we should bring that to College Activities in the near future; I would sponsor that.

BY ANNE BUTLER
Staph Rat

With one exception, the following web sites don't exist. Try to guess the one that is real. It will be revealed in a future edition.

If anyone feels compelled to create any of the phony sites, please consult a qualified therapist or bang your head against the wall until better sense prevails. Thank you.

How to Properly Kiss a Sheep
www.bbbbaaaaaaaahhhhh.com/osculation

Take Over the World
 in 5 Easy Steps
www.narf.org/~iconoclast

Your Friend, The Spleen!
usmc.edu.kr/spleentastic/index.html

The Teletubbies Dating Service
 (Straight Version)
www.naughtynaughtynoonoo.com
 (Gay Version)
www.tinkywinky.com/~falwell

Pauly Shore Sucks!
 But Does he Swallow?
www.bleeh.com/suck.html

Squirrel Fishing
www.eecs.harvard.edu/~yaz/en/squirrel_fishing.html

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www.sakdjflksdjflksakdjflksadmf/~owearud

The Duck-Shaped
 Explosives Homepage
www.kablooey.com/duckgoboom.html

Serial Killer
 Interpretive Dance Numbers
www.slashandback.com/AndDance
 Dean Sayer's
 School for the Sanity-Challenged
www.wmcd.edu/sayer/crazy/loon.html

Spotify Spice
 for New York Senate!
www.spiceworld.co.uk/hillaryclinton/senate.html

The Linda Tripp
 Naked Mud Wrestling
 Home Page
www.squealor.com/mud/wrastle.html

The Proactive
 Ergonomic Synergy
 of Poli-socio Paradigms
www.corporatepeak.com/~paradigm

The Problems with Tentacle Sex
www.urotskdjoi.com/hentai/problems.htm

The Only
 Japanese-English Dictionary
 Written in Spanish
www.whatthe?com/dictionaries/japteng.html

Green Terror meets Holy Spirit

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Wheaties box?"

Williams, however, is taking the increased attention in stride. "I've always known I was Jesus," he said, modestly plucking a hair from his beard and chewing it.

"After all, when I was a kid, didn't my daddy start off his sentences when he talked to me by saying 'Jesus Christ, I can't believe you're my kid'?"

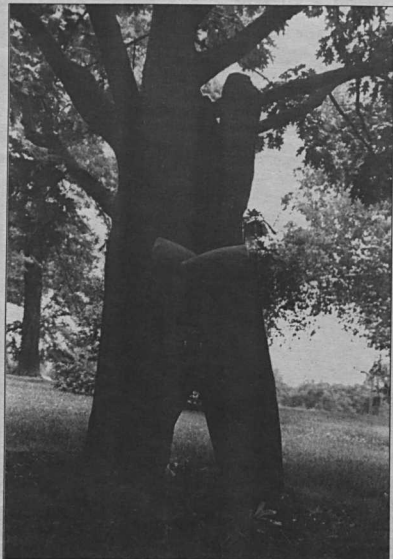
Williams once also noted that he has four friends in the Equestrian Club.

He likes horses because they have hair similar to his.

Commenting on his own mane, Williams said, "Plus, I mean, look at this hair and this beard. I look too much like Jesus not to be him, or at least one of those scary squeegee men that live in the cities and always try to get money off of you."

Williams has no definite plans for the future. He intends to focus on the little things for now, such as controlling the glow from his radiant new halo and making Taco Bell stay open 24 hours a day.

Doing something about teenage Asian porn is another one of his goals. "There's just not enough of that to go around," he said.



ABIGAIL ENCEL

Rich Suchoski, in response to William's claims, says he's the Anti-Christ. Attempting to prove it, he challenges the laws of nature while summoning his demonic powers. Perhaps this photo would look good on a Wheaties box. (Note: The fact that the tree appears to split at the bottom is merely one of Suchoski's magical illusions.)

Bird death penalty policy

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"We see this step as a last resort," stated Martin. "We think it's time to start buckling down."

However, an unnamed *Bird* reporter links the creation of the policy to Journalism Professor and adviser, Terry Dalton. He said it's no coincidence that the announcement came immediately after an error in this semester's first issue particularly upset the Bird adviser.

"One of the cub reporters misquoted me in reference to the requirements for the journalism minor. Events like these reflect very

Reactions to the policy have been horrified across the board. One staff member wonders whether or not the harsh punishments have been going on for quite some time, under cover. "Remember that kid who couldn't tell the difference between 'there,' 'their,' and 'they're'?" he asked. "I haven't seen him since last fall!"

"What's gonna happen when Deadline Spice comes back?" wondered another reporter, who asked to remain nameless. "If we go back under her reign, I could be pushin'

"Remember that kid who couldn't tell the difference between 'there,' 'their,' and 'they're'? I haven't seen him since last fall!"

Anonymous Bird Staffer

badly on me, and I'd prefer not to have to deal with such negligent students in my Journalism classes from now on," Dalton said.

The deities take full credit for instating the new rules because as editors, they are immune. Dalton insists that he was not present when the policy was created and that he learned of the punishment details along with the lower-status Bird staff members.

daisies because she thinks 'favorite' has a 'U' in it!"

The specifics are detailed in a written constitution, which hangs framed in the Bird office as "a gentle warning." There have been no documented violations of the "One Strike" policy as of press time, but some of the staff's particularly poor spellers have migrated to *Contrast* in fear for their lives.

Campus Intercession Association Blah blah blah-tter

* On 3/25 at 6:20 p.m. DoCS documented a student with grand theft after taking two pieces of fruit from Englar Dining Hall.

* On 3/24 at 4:67 a.m. DoCS documented Englar Dining Hall with being a little too creative with the toppings on the pizza.

* On 3/55 at 4:34 a.m. DoCS documented 17 students with harassment for forwarding hundreds of phonemail messages to Ernie Ogle.

* On 3/26 at 11:50 p.m. DoCS documented 2 students for doing homework on Friday night in Rouzer Hall.

* On 3/26 at 1:45 a.m. DoCS documented DoCS for unauthorized use of a golf cart.

* On 3/46 at 45:56 p.m. DoCS documented two squirrels for use of a controlled and dangerous substance.

* On 3/27 at 8:16 a.m. DoCS documented a theft of the basement of Whiteford Hall.

* On 3/17 at 11:56 p.m. DoCS documented several WMC faculty members for causing a ruckus during a "kegger" at the President's House.

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Quirks: Not Hegemony

Anne Butler gets serious for once... and pays serious consequences.

Hegemony, or the process by which the elites use the media to perpetuate stereotypes and to normalize what they wish to promote so that the masses don't rebel, is a much maligned and erroneously ignored topic. The main discourse upon which the elites dwell on is one of white social capitalism and is often ingeniously encoded into the programs and media of which we partake.

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can see hegemony as yet another tool of the bourgeois in their continual oppression of the industrial proletariat. Thus, hegemony can be seen as integral to Marx's outline and description and development of Social Conflict Theory.

Marx's hegemony is put to use is by...

Aw crud. This is stupid!

Why the heck would anyone want to read this? Wait! That means I'm alone and can say whatever the hell I want.

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BLAM! Urk.... THUMP....

Oh my God! They killed Anne!

You BASTARDS!

Deity's note: No actual Anne Butlers were harmed in the creation of this article. However, we would like to be the first to announce a public pie-throwing contest in Red Square as the main event of Spring Fling. Let's see if we ever get such a blatant example of excessive Lala-ing in this paper ever again. Mwahahahaha.

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Candlelight Vigil raises awareness

BY AMANDA CLINE
Staff Writer

Over 200 members of the campus and Westminster community turned out to attend WMC's Fourth Annual Candlelight Vigil for Rape Awareness. The event, sponsored by the Social Work Department and the Social Work Club, changed its political focus from last year to that of a healing message this year.

"We wanted to keep this one a lot more therapeutic than the other one; it was very political before," said Megan Drucker, a sophomore social work major who helped coordinate the event.

"It's more about helping people," agreed fellow social work major and vigil coordinator



ERIN OWEN

Students lit candles as part of the candlelight ceremony to spread a healing message about rape. The fourth annual Vigil for Rape Awareness was sponsored by the Social Work Department and the Social Work Club.

Melanie Matejevich.

Helping those who have survived rape was not only the goal of the vigil's planners, but also the goal of the women who spoke.

Ruth Gray, a rape crisis counselor, provided her own mission for the event. She described the vigil as "a quest for therapy for those that have endured this hell."

"I went to the vigil more to help [other] people than to help myself," said Michelle Bernhardt, a WMC student who gave a testimony about her own rape. "But it was kind of scary to tell my story to people I don't know."

Bernhardt, a sophomore social work major, was prompted to tell her story after watching the campus "He Said, She Said" speaker, Katie Koestner, talk of date rape.

"I attended the date rape speech

... [and] I came to realize that there were very few people who fully understood this issue."

Upon deciding to reveal the story of her rape, she initially wanted to have someone else read the speech she had written. She changed her mind after reflecting on Koestner's own courage.

"My biggest fear was walking into Glar and having people pointing and saying 'thats her, thats her' ... Now I have no regrets at all."

In addition to Bernhardt, Sonya Horner gave her account of surviving incest, and junior Shelise Holloway recited a poem about enduring date rape.

The evening ended with a stone throwing ceremony led by Colleen Galambos, social work department chair, and a rendition of "This Little Light" during the candle lighting ceremony.



ERIN OWEN

Dr. Galambos, Social Work Department Chair, addresses the crowd of students who attended the vigil on April 6.

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WMC debates drug use on campus

The first of a two part series, students discuss the perceived drug problem on campus

BY JULIE DEVELIN
AND MATT THOMAS
Staff Writers

In light of the recent drug arrests here on campus, one wonders, is there a drug problem at Western Maryland College? Ask a student and he or she will probably

say no. However, while they may

"I don't think there is a problem, I think [authority figures at WMC] are being uptight."

Anonymous

say there is no problem, most agree that drugs,

especially marijuana, are readily available to those who pursue them.

A group of WMC students told *The Phoenix* that the recent drug arrests do not necessarily reflect a problem in their

Student faces expulsion

Handgun and explosive materials found in students room

BY JACKIE LEAZER
Contributing Writer

On March 30, student Vance Gibson, 26, was temporarily suspended from WMC on the charge of an unauthorized possession of a firearm.

According to Westminster Police Capt. Dean Brewer, the US Secret Service went to Gibson's room in Elderdice Hall to question him about indirect threats he had made toward federal buildings. When the Secret Service agent entered the room, Gibson asked to be excused to the bathroom. According to Brewer, Gibson was hiding a handgun while in the bathroom.

While in Gibson's room, the Secret Service agent observed items that would "lead one to believe he was contemplating making an explosive device," Brewer said. The Criminal Investigation Division of Westminster was contacted and two detectives responded to the scene. In the meantime, Gibson had retrieved the gun from the bathroom and placed it in the waistband of his pants.

The two detectives secured the room to preserve any incriminating evidence, and Gibson was taken to wait in the Campus Safety office. While a detective was performing a routine pat-down of Gibson, the loaded gun was found, Brewer said. A search warrant was then obtained for Gibson's room.

During the search, "items and documents" where found indicating to the detectives Gibson's intentions of making an explosive

device, Brewer said. Black powder, the key component for bomb making, was not found, therefore Gibson cannot be charged for the manufacturing of an explosive device.

Gibson was suspended from WMC and given notice not to return to the campus, pending charges. Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster assures that the police and he will "know where [Gibson] is at all times for the next several days" and that the campus community should not be alarmed.

"It is not every day that students are sitting around in their residence hall with a handgun," Webster said.

Though Gibson is entitled to due process and a hearing with the school's Honor and Conduct Board, the chances of his return are "so small they are practically absent," Webster said.

According to Brewer, an application for charges has been filed with the District Court Commissioner for Carroll County, and Gibson will be charged for wearing and carrying a loaded weapon. Gibson is also being charged for theft for possession of various library books from the Towson University, Pratt, and Hoover Libraries. No other charges have been filed at this point.

This was Gibson's first year at WMC; he was a transfer student from Towson University. He grew up in Baltimore, MD, and had military experience. According to Brewer, he had been "medically released" from the military after 2 years.

The basic reaction of the campus community was one of surprise. Webster released a letter to students, faculty, and staff on March 31 informing them of Gibson's suspension. Webster said that students are not usually identified by name, but in cases where he determines a threat to the community, he is "ethically bound and legally mandated to inform the students of the threat." Webster also stresses that the threat did not come from "general environment problems" at WMC, but was an isolated incident.

In the letter, Webster also reminded the community of important steps to take in order to maintain a safe campus. Some of those safety precautions included not propping open doors or allowing others to prop doors, not allowing strangers into residence halls, and reporting any suspicious activity to Campus Safety (x202).

Student director takes on 'The Dining Room' as final theater project

Sara Gruber wasn't sure what major to pursue when she came to Western Maryland College four years ago. But she did know that theater was out of the question.

As far as she was concerned, her stage career ended with a final curtain call in high school.

Fast forward to spring semester 1999, and Gruber is putting the finishing touches on a WMC resume with roles in most student productions, including becoming the first female student ever to complete four performance labs for advanced acting students with theater arts professor Ron Miller.

To top it off, Gruber is directing this year's final student production, "The Dining Room," which opens Thursday, April 15.

And, of course, the senior from Media, Penn., a Philadelphia suburb, is a theater arts or communication dual major and is pursuing a career in theater management. She is also picking up a minor in information systems to help with the ever-changing technology she will use in the field.

"I swore up and down that I wasn't going to get involved," she said. "I let theater consume too much time in high school, and my grades slipped to B's and C's, and I didn't want that to happen in college."

But she did get very involved, and her grades didn't waver from near perfection. She is a consistent Dean's List student, usually earning highest honors for grades between 3.8 and 4.0.

Gruber stepped on stage almost immediately when she followed her new college friends to tryouts for "The Cherry Orchard." She earned a part and then kept trying to convince herself that theater wasn't going to



Sara Gruber, center, is pictured with two cast members from the one-act play which she directed in December. Her most recent directorial endeavor opens April 15.

take too much time after all.

Since then about the only play bills with her name in the cast were those for the musicals. Instead, she worked behind the scenes and left the singing parts to her friends who "have really good voices."

"I would sing in high school," she said, "but I knew it wasn't my strength, and there are people here who can really sing. For those shows, I decided to get experience in other areas behind the curtain."

That diversity was perfect training for her current chase as stage boss of "The Dining Room," a two-act comedy with eight actors, four male and four female, each playing seven different roles. She puts in about five hours each day, including a nightly 7-10 pm rehearsal. The director, she said, also reads and re-reads the script, blocks the scenes, and meets with stage crews, as well as the actors. Gruber earns two credits for directing

the play.

"I'm pitching in where I am needed and even helped build the set one day," she said. "Our department is growing, but it is still small enough that you have to work at everything to get a show to go up."

"And I can definitely tell you that there are much easier ways to earn credits," she added. "I just really wanted to do it now because I didn't think I'd ever get the chance to direct a full show after graduation. Of course, if I do go that way in my career, then I already have that experience, too."

The fast-paced show, written in 1982 by A. R. Gurney, examines the lives and relationships of several decades of what is known as the great American WASP, or White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, but only the upper crust WASPs.

"These folks aren't in a league with the Rockefellers," Gruber said, "but let's just say they do have servants and you will never hear them say they can't afford something. That is never an issue."

"The Dining Room" will be performed nightly at 8 pm, Thursday, April 15, through Sunday, April 18, with a Sunday matinee performance at 2 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All shows are in the understage, the Dorothy Eldridge Studio Theater in Alumni Hall.

Gruber's parents and a host of friends are coming down for the show and so far, everything is on schedule, she said.

"But I won't be satisfied until I hear that first laugh in our first performance," she said. "Then I'll know that I've done my job."

Courtesy of Public Information

What to do in April/May

April 15 - May 7

Student Art Show, To May 7, Mon.-Fri., noon-4 pm, Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, free.

The juried Kathryn E. Wentz Art Show features work by WMC's art majors and includes sculpture, printmaking, drawing, photography, painting, and computer graphics.

Books Sandwiched In, April 15, noon, McDaniel Lounge, free.

Tom Wolfe's "A Man in Full," is being hailed by many as the literary event of the year and local book enthusiasts can discuss the long-awaited novel at this review and discussion session with Henry Reiff, associate professor of education and associate dean of academic affairs.

Chamber Music on the Hill, April 18, 7 pm, The Great Hall, Carroll Community College, \$10 adults, \$5 seniors, free for students.

The concert, "Those Prolific French and Germans," will feature Dr. Kreider, piano, and WMC faculty musicians Katherine Barrett, cello, and Kyle Engler, mezzo soprano, as well as area musicians cellist Esther Mellon-Thompson and violinist Melissa Zaraya, both members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Eye 6, April 18, 7 pm, Gill Center, \$15 general admission, \$12 WMC students.

Monday Night Music Series, April 19, 7 pm, McDaniel Lounge, free.

The concert will highlight jazz and other compositions from The Eric Byrd Trio's "The Fire Within the Heart," which is set for release in early May.

Love Gun, April 23, 8 pm, Alumni Hall, \$7.

A KISS tribute band performs. The concert is a fundraiser for the Commuter Students Association.

Spring Concert Series, April 25-May 7, all performances are free.

Spring means end of semester concerts at Western Maryland College and this year musical groups celebrate the season with eight programs highlighting classical, jazz and gospel, as well as Broadway show tunes and opera classics.

College choir, April 25, 7 pm, Big Baker Chapel.

The Madrigals, April 27, 7:30 pm, Little Baker Chapel.

Student Chamber Music Ensembles, April 29, 7 pm, Little Baker Chapel.

College Band, May 2, 7 pm, Alumni Hall.

Music Theater/Opera Workshop, May 3, 8 pm, Alumni Hall.

Student Solo Recital, May 4, 7 pm, Levine Recital Hall.

Jazz Night, May 6, 8 pm, Decker College Center Forum.

Gospel Choir, May 7, 7:30 pm, Baker Memorial Chapel.

Courtesy of Public Information

Honor and Conduct Board Cases

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on March 22 involving two students who used a slingshot to shoot pellets at college property and break a window. The two students received deferred suspension from college through the end of the Fall 1999 semester, were required to move off campus, and were to pay \$150 restitution for the damage.

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a second case on March 24 involving three students alleged to have possessed or distributed marijuana. One student was found responsible for possession with the intent to distribute and suspended from the college through the end of the Fall 1999 semester and placed on disciplinary probation upon returning as a student. The other two students were cleared of all charges.

The Honor and Conduct Board heard a case on March 31 involving a student accused of discharging a fire extinguisher. The student was found responsible and required to move off campus through the end of the Fall 1999 semester. The student also had to pay \$272.90 restitution to the college.

Courtesy of Student Affairs

Little Hawk shares heritage through traditional art forms

Ironically, Kenneth Little Hawk began to discover his Native American roots while serving in the US Army, the same military unit that last century punished his people and other tribes and then pushed them onto reservations.

A later, full-time search for those ancestral ties has led him to put together a program for non-Native Americans giving them a glimpse into his Micmac and Mohawk heritage, including storytelling, dance and mu-

known all my life."

He has made some of the instruments he now uses in his program, including several sizes of Native American flutes. He also plays drums and rattles, composing much of his own music. His stories come from his grandparents, as well as other Native Americans have told him.

Little Hawk has performed throughout the country, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and Lincoln Center in

I went back looking for my roots, learning the music and the history, and it just seemed to fit like a glove. Now it's as if this has been something that I've known all my life.

sic featuring native instruments.

Little Hawk will perform at 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, April 20, in McDaniel Lounge.

Assigned to a base in Oklahoma as a paratrooper in the 1950s, Little Hawk encountered local Native Americans while in town on a leave pass. He went back to their reservation where they urged him to explore his past. After getting out of the service, Little Hawk attended college and "bounced around" in the job market.

"I went back looking for my roots, learning the music and the history, and it just seemed to fit like a glove," he said. "Now it's as if this has been something that I've

New York.

A member of the Inter-Tribal Indians of New Jersey, which is where his grandparents settled after leaving Canada, Little Hawk has appeared in several stage productions, as well as earned television and film credits.

However, Little Hawk presents more than just a performance; he has a message to spread through his program. "We're all human and all one family," he said, "so we have to show that we love each other, unconditionally. The boundaries we have are only set up by ourselves."

Courtesy of Public Information

KISS tribute band rocks WMC

The makeup, the smoke, the fire, the crashing guitars, and even the spitting "blood." It's all there, and it sure looks like a KISS concert from the late 1970s.

And that's exactly what it's supposed to be. Except the band is called Love Gun, and they don't want audiences to think they are the famous rockers. Instead they want everyone to know that the KISS-like performance is a tribute to their favorite band of all time.

Traditionally called a copy cat, Love Gun is celebrating its fifth year on the road, having played venues throughout the East Coast, including most of the major KISS conventions and collectible shows. But the band has never done a gig near its Carroll County practice base until now.

Love Gun is bringing its professional stage show, which recreates the KISS album and tour of the same name by the band's original members, here for the first time ever at 8 pm, on Friday, April 23, in Alumni Hall. Admission to the concert, a fundraiser for the college's Commuter Student Association, is \$7 for all seats.

"We spent about 18 months practicing and making props and costumes," said George DeCampo, a grocery store produce worker who morphs to lead guitarist "Space" Ace Frehley for concerts. "We wanted everything to be perfect before we went out."

The band, which rehearses at DeCampo's Manchester home,



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Love Gun will perform locally for the first time at WMC on April 23.

formed nearly 7 years ago after he met fellow fan Rick Kunkel at a KISS convention in New York. Kunkel, a feline twin to drummer Peter Criss, lives in nearby Hanover, Pennsylvania.

After the convention, the pair got together to compare KISS memorabilia collections and DeCampo, who was already playing guitar in another band and currently plays without makeup in ITBOX, also discovered that Kunkel was a good drummer.

"Since we were musicians, we decided right then that we could do more for KISS than just collect memorabilia," he said, noting his collection is top-notch and includes original stuff that Hard Rock Cafe would love to get its hands on.

Fellow memorabilia collector and musician Steven Atkinson became the lone for rhythm guitarist Paul Stanley, but the band didn't find its permanent bassist and band

lead man Gene Simmons until Chazz Harding, who had played in the area band One Wish with DeCampo, stepped up in 1995.

Visually and vocally, Love Gun recreates the KISS show from 1977-78 with a song list that includes, among many others, "Rock and Roll All Night," "Detroit Rock City," "Deuce," "Hotter than Hell," "Firehouse," "Strutter," "She," "Love Gun," "I Want You" and of course, the love ballad "Beth," complete with a flurry of roses for the ladies in the audience.

"We don't do this for the money," DeCampo said. "In fact, we've even done it for free once in awhile. We are just huge KISS fans, and this is just a heckuva lot of fun."

Actually, if the band gets too big—meaning there's too much money coming in—the real KISS can pull the plug on Love Gun or any of the other copy cat bands.

Courtesy of Public Information

SGA in Brief

Courtesy of Matthew J. Gribbin

Congratulations

Current Topics of Discussion

Student Bill of Rights: The SGA is currently working on a new Student Bill of Rights. If you would like to be a part of this task force, contact Jeremiah Kelly.

New Class Schedule: A new class schedule was proposed and passed by the faculty without the input of the student body. This schedule is expected to be in effect next semester.

Academic Clusters: A proposal has been made to form Affinity Housing for various majors.

Welcome to Our Family

The SGA has recently added several new faces to our organization. Erin Williams and Jeff Ciesla have been appointed as Class Senators for the Class of 1999. Chris South and Wally Santillo have been appointed as Class Senators for the class of 2000. Dana Jacobson has resigned as Treasurer and will carry out the rest of the school year as Secretary. Allison Kleiner will shift from Class Senator for the Class of 2001 to the position of Treasurer leaving a position available. If interested in this position, contact Jeremiah Kelly.

The SGA would like to recognize several organizations for their outstanding work and activities for the month of February. Congratulations to the BSU, recognized for their Multiple Cultural Activities, and to Circle K and S.E.R.V.E., recognized with the Dynamic Duo Award for their successful 2nd Annual Auction.

Coming Attractions

Concert: Eve 6 will be performing at Western Maryland College on April 18. Tickets cost \$12 for students and \$15 off-campus.

Drive-In Movie: This year's Drive-In Movie will be on April 22.

4th Annual Campus Cleanup: The SGA's 4th Annual Campus Cleanup is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 1, but may change. Further information will be available soon.

SGA meetings are every Thursday at 7:30 in Hill Hall 104; all are welcome. Also, if you would like to have your voice heard on any of the topics we are currently discussing, or any new topics you would like to discuss, contact one of your SGA Representatives, or email us at sga001.

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HLA sparks race relations discussion on campus

BY KRISTEN G. FRASER
Commentary Editor

The Hispano-Latino Alliance (HLA) hosted a program on Thursday April 8 in the Forum aimed at open discussion. The program, entitled "Dispelling the Myths," brought together many groups on campus for a frank, open forum to discuss race relations, stereotypes, and cultural differences.

The HLA decided to hold the program to "start race discussions on campus" and "value diversity," said senior communication major Kim Bloch.

The event boasted a discussion panel from many different cultural organizations. The members were representatives from the Office of Multicultural Services, HLA, Asian Community Coalition, Black Student Union, Sounds of Silence, and the International Club.

Each representative spoke of common American misconceptions concerning each cultural group. These members also cor-

rected the myths, creating a more open-minded approach.

Another important activity concerned discussion of assumptions and judgments made based on the ethnicity of certain names. A story was presented with many characters and a series of seemingly immoral and unethical decisions and was followed with discussion concerning many aspects of race relations.

Lastly, a discussion on race relations ensued. Audience members struggled with the misconceptions associated with race. Another hot topic was the difference between race perception in small towns versus big cities.

Although there was not a large turnout, Bloch said that there "still was dialogue and people learned new things."

This program was part of an ongoing effort to heighten multicultural awareness on campus.

Doyle receives praise at forum ceremony honoring promotion



TRANG DAM

An ROTC cadet salutes Lt. Col. Doyle, right, at the April ceremony honoring her promotion.

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
AND ALEXANDER MCLEAN
Staff Writers

In a ceremony held April 1 in the forum, Major Karen Doyle, US Army, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. In the US Army, a promotion like this one means not only a raise in pay and a new name plaque on the front of her desk but also an increase in responsibility and respect.

The entire ROTC company showed their respect by way of a sharp-looking formation that was ready to come to attention at the command of Liz Clark, Cadet Company Commander, upon Doyle's arrival. While the cadets had to wait patiently for a few minutes before the actual ceremony took place, in order to give ample time for members of the campus community to arrive, it was not long before they could personally congratulate Doyle.

Immediately after the company was called to attention, the official orders granting Doyle's promotion were read by senior cadet Patrick

Douglas. Doyle was called to stand before the formation as her new rank, a silver oak leaf, was pinned on by her husband John, her parents Ken and Agnes Helmeley, WMC President Robert Chambers, Lt. Col. Bozeman from Morgan State, Lt. Col. Fox from Loyola, and Lt. Col. Roller from The Johns Hopkins University.

After being pinned, the new lieutenant colonel gave a short speech because she said her mom had advised her not to take more than five minutes. Yet, during this time she was able to pack in plenty of praise for those who had helped her along the way. She too was an ROTC cadet and said she still keeps in touch with some of her instructors from her college.

Lt. Col. Doyle was quick to point out that it was the people that she had encountered along the way that had made this promotion possible, and she thanked several WMC faculty and staff members for their help, including the ROTC cadre.

"I knew that this was what I was supposed to do ever since my parents got a report card in second grade, and it said 'bossy,'" Lt. Col. Doyle told the cadets.

The crowd present for the promotion included not only cadets from WMC but those from ROTC's sister school, Mount Saint Mary's, professors of military science from around the region, and the colonel's invited guests. After her speech, Doyle invited her guests to stay for cake and punch and to watch the rest of ROTC's leadership lab.

"It is impressive to see the support that the college gets from around the region," said Rob Schoppert, a junior ROTC cadet. "We're all very happy for Lt. Col. Doyle."

"It's a great event for cadets and staff," agreed Master Sergeant Sonia Proileau, part of the WMC ROTC cadre.

"We new she could do it," said Lt. Col. Doyle's father. "She's been in charge since second grade."

Campus Saftey Blotter

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•On 3/31 at 1:01 pm DoCS documented a suspicious conditions alert at Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 3/31 at 11:35 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Whiteford Hall.

•On 3/31 at 11:50 pm DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 4/1 at 12:32 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

•On 4/1 at 9:39 am DoCS documented a theft in Levine Recital Hall.

•On 4/2 at 1:50 pm DoCS documented a vehicle accident on Pennsylvania Avenue.

•On 4/3 at 12:20 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Rouzer Hall.

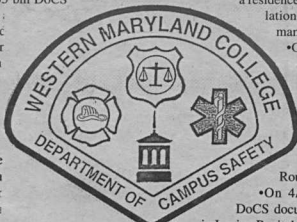
•On 4/3 at 12:47 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Rouzer Hall.

•On 4/4 at 7:34 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment.

•On 4/5 at 9:47 am DoCS documented an officer's report for obstruction/disruption at the DoCS office.

•On 4/5 at 11:30 am DoCS documented a felony theft at Lewis Hall of Science.

•On 4/6 at 1:00 am DoCS documented an officer's report for threatening or dangerous conduct (physical abuse).



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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

As a very concerned and somewhat offended Greek student, I am writing in response to the articles printed about Gamma Sigma Sigma in the February 18th issue of the *Phoenix*. Although the tone of both articles bothered me, I found the most offense in the short paragraph found in the commentary section.

When I joined a sorority, I was fully aware of the stereotypes that went along with such an association. However, I find it pitiful and astonishing that our own campus newspaper could help fuel such stereotypes. Up to this point, how many positive articles have you published about the nine social fraternities and sororities on campus?

Granted, you were only introducing this new organization to the campus community, but do you have to do so by portraying the other organizations in a negative light. It seems like the only time positive news about us is in your paper is when people contribute letters to the editor.

Perhaps the thing that offends me most is the constant reference to social Greeks and alcohol. I won't deny that there are fraternity and sorority members who drink far more than they should and they may not see studying as a huge priority, but why does this automatically have to be attributed to

the fact that they are Greek?

Drinking is an unfortunate pastime of many students here. The reality is that there are countless students who do these things and are not affiliated with any fraternity or sorority.

I am personally offended so much because I'm tired of the *Phoenix*'s constant negative portrayal of social Greeks. As hard as it may be to believe, there are social Greeks who have done hundreds of hours of community service, have excellent GPA's, participate actively in other campus organizations, and... who aren't alcoholics! I know that this may be a shock to some of you, but it's true.

Perhaps the reason our massive amount of community service isn't known is because the media (including the *Phoenix*) only wants to point out and exaggerate the negatives. In reference to the commentary, maybe the reason why "our nation's newspapers are plagued with horror stories of college drinking," is that they just don't publish articles that mention the percentage of college students who don't drink trouble-making drinks.

Don't misinterpret my frustration and concerns: I am thrilled to welcome Gamma Sigma Sigma to our campus! It's great that students have shown enough initiative to start such an organization because I'm sure it's not an easy task.

I am disappointed in the tone of the articles and in the *Phoenix* staff for providing such a biased and stereotypical view of the rest of the Greeks on campus. I also hope that the new members of Gamma Sigma Sigma realize that they can promote their goals and values without disgracing and attacking those of the nine social organizations which have been a valuable part of the WMC community.

Stephanie Craven

Dear Editor,

In response to Ron Mojica's letter printed in the previous edition of *The Phoenix*, I'm forced to admit that as I began reading, I agreed with what Mojica had to say. Shock in response to the sort of ideas presented in Andrew Ryan's article is understandable. However, as I continued to read, I found myself absolutely horrified. His scoffing at the notion that the government has the power to stifle minorities and saying that such a belief is caused by "paranoia" is bordering on ignorant. While it's true that one cannot yet be locked up for being a Nazi, it's perfectly legal to deny a minority the rights most Americans enjoy.

For example, in Delaware and many other states, it is legal to deny a homosexual a job because of his or her sexuality. It is a form of illegal discrimination.

Based on that, how can one argue that we should give the government the "benefit of the doubt?"

Although I am completely against the ideas presented by any hate group, as a minority student I am comfortable enough with my own beliefs that I don't think it is necessary to deny anyone a voice. Finally, I am thoroughly disgusted and outraged by the statement that "They [members of volatile groups] need to be shut up and locked up just for being who they are and what they believe." Please remind me why the Nazis were stopped to begin with.

Michael Baker

Dear Editor,

"Don't blame me. I voted for that other guy." Who that other guy was is irrelevant when the alternative is Class of 2001 President Jeremiah Kelly.

Recently, Kelly proved just how little respect he has for the student body he would have folks believe he represents. He blatantly lied to the Class of 2001. What's more, he lied on official-looking letterhead, and he signed not his name, but "Administration."

The lies referred to here concerned a class meeting that was scheduled for the purpose of taking a yearbook photo. Kelly felt the

need to send a fraudulent memo to students on fake letterhead concerning issues that were never addressed. Not only did he mention the usual stuff, meeting time, date, place, and the yearbook photo, but he also wrote:

"Important housing information for the 1999-2000 academic year will be given out. There will also be information for the renewal of college grants and scholarships. Any student who has received money from the college must attend to renew scholarships."

No one mentioned either housing or scholarships at the meeting.

For those of us in the Class of 2001 who had, for whatever reason, more important things to do than pose for a yearbook photograph, Kelly's lies kept us from those prior commitments and forced us to say "Cheese!" That cheese stinks. I pay tens of thousands of dollars to go to this school; whether or not I want to pose for a yearbook photograph is my business, especially if the business at hand is leaps and bounds more important than attending a relatively unimportant class meeting.

Class of 2001, refuse to be take for granted by those who represent you. Consider all of the information at hand when voting for next year's class officers.

Nathan Francis Carter Williams

Don't bother me now, I'm having a bad day: PMS and you

Let me start out by warning you.

If you can't deal with what you are going to read, don't read it.

You know, girls and boys, that there are some days that things just don't go your way.

Days when you wake up for class fifteen minutes late.

Days when you run out the door in your slippers, with your skirt tucked into your underwear, only to find it is raining, and you don't have time for sneakers.

Days when the lack of money in your bank account makes your I.Q. look good.

Well, those days are just stupid luck; catastrophe after catastrophe dropped on you with the predictability of a bird pooping on your head.

But for those of us of the more "delicate sex," bad days are as predictable as full moons.

I am writing of the dreaded "period" of time when a girl is condemned to four to eight days of discomfort, moodiness, and even pain.

We, as women, have a regular cycle and predictor of bad days.

Like clockwork, I mean like the irritating ticking of a bomb slowly getting closer to exploding) we have days when we literally can't get out of bed.

Lisa Dale-Van Auker
offers advice to the victims of PMS.

Akin to having a monthly flu, we drag ourselves to work and smile, often doing our best to act like nothing is wrong.

We try to explain ourselves. "I have PMS," we say.

On some days the equation expands into the more meaningful "I AM PMS."

But mostly, we're just annoyed with everything that comes with being chick in general. (Chicken General?)

If we do complain, as sometimes happens when your body mutinies against your brain in an uncontrollable riot of swirling hormones, chances are we are not looking for sympathy, just relief.

I bet you are sick of hearing people complain about PMS and other related problems.

Well, do something about it. Here's my plan.

I think it will make the world a better place.

1. One excused day off a month for women: Why, when you're sick as a dog and ready to accuse the entire world of anything, should you have to go to work?

Just because we get sick on a regular basis doesn't mean we

should have to ignore it.

2. More chocolate rations: I hate to admit it, but the rumors are true. It is possible to eat solid chocolate Easter Bunnies in an hour.

3. In general, all Hallmark commercials should be banned. Those sappy, frilly, injections of pure pathos are real tear-jerkers. (Not that it takes much.)

4. We need a way to identify ourselves as PMSing. Sometimes, the "don't-mess-with-me-I-will-hurt-you-if-you-breathe-wrong" looks are not enough.

Maybe big red warning pins saying "unstable material: handle with extreme caution" would be suitable.

5. Finally, we need PMS education month.

I know you're probably thinking we already had that in February, but trust me, they're different.

And if you have a problem with that, you can come take it up with me.

But I think it would be in your best interests to wait until the mysterious ticking sound has gone away.

Otherwise just lie low for a while. And remember, it'll all be over soon.

At least, until next month.



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Do you know about the crisis in Kosovo?

Kristen G. Fraser
laments American ignorance concerning international events.

Kosovo is the regional name that commands the attention of our nation, media, and world. There is no doubt that this region is on the minds of all American people. And that includes college students as well.

But, with all of the information available, it would be expected that every American citizen would be aware of the crisis, or at least knowledgeable of the fact that the cri-

College students, and many other American people, were clueless about this war.

sis was impending.

This is not the case.

College students, and many other American people, were clueless about this war.

The information about the ethnic Albanians, KLA, and refugee countries is all crucial to understanding these current events.

But, before President Clinton started the air attacks in conjunction with NATO, there was hardly a whisper about this topic.

The negative actions that happened as a result of this are devastating. Americans have become frightened over the possible use of American military troops overseas.

And, it was not uncommon to see on the news or in everyday conversations the reaction of complete surprise by many citizens.

This surprise is not a new phenomenon. Newspapers are filled daily with events of the world, explaining the global situation of our times.

But, the average person pays no heed. It takes strong military action to receive any kind of interest.

But, that does not mean that the problem does not exist.

For the Kosovo incident, many prominent newspapers followed the events leading up to the bombing.

It is doubtful that many people could even identify all of the countries in Europe, much less be appraised of such situations.

The people are not entirely to blame. The media chooses what to print, for sometimes unethical reasons.

If news does not directly sensationalize or catch the eye of many readers, then it is often deemed uninteresting.

As a result, the American people remain uninformed. The first day of the bombing, WJZ Channel 13 news talked to several people on the street, getting their opinion about the bombing.

What followed was a stream of rushed judgments based on five minutes of knowledge.

Now, ignorance itself is not a bad thing. But, if people watched these citizens speaking about a topic which they knew nothing about, they would walk away perhaps accepting the view of the speakers.

While this is not the end of the world, it is not a good idea to propagate false ideas.

Perhaps this is simply worry over another

Before President Clinton started the air attacks in conjunction with NATO, there was hardly a whisper about the topic [about the injustice in refugee countries.]

Vietnam War. That horrible war was marked by a huge amount of misinformation and confusion.

Anything to avoid that scenario again would be beneficial to everyone.

This is not really any way to change this situation. Just hope for the best, and hope that leaders of NATO will make wise decisions.

For if the decisions are left up to the uninformed American people, the result will be unimaginable.

To criticize is easy

Megan Martin takes a look at what criticism means to *the Phoenix*.

"Look at that, they spelled his name wrong again," someone sighs in disgust.

"The Phoenix never writes anything positive about my organization."

"The Phoenix never writes anything negative about that club."

"Why are your pictures so dark, and did you notice you spelled 'students' wrong?"

These are just some of the things editors and staff of *the Phoenix* hear after an issue comes out. Numerous people complain, but no one ever steps in to help out.

As I learned at a media conference sponsored by WMC's Society for Collegiate Journalists, however, *the Phoenix* is not alone.

Did we forget a sport? Sports isn't the only section under-staffed, meaning you have a chance to see your story in print. But only if you write one.

Think we don't give fair coverage to your organization? Let us know when your organization is up to. We don't always know everything that goes on around campus. We'll send someone out to cover the event or ask you to write something. But only if you let us know about it.

Do you question the quality of the paper in regards to typos and other errors? We certainly hope you don't, but an extra set of eyes proofreading the copy always helps. But only if you want to learn what it's like to work on the paper.

Sometimes it is easier to criticize. Working on the paper is tough. Layout for the paper usually lasts four days. This past layout weekend, our editorial staff logged in over 80 hours working to put out this issue.

That doesn't include the weekly meetings we have that can last as long as an hour. Nor does it include collecting story ideas, assigning stories, doing interviews, and researching articles. That's not to forget the actual writing of the stories by staff members.

When you do the math, *Phoenix* staff members and editors work a total of 10 hours a week, sometimes more, sometimes less.

We are also all students. We have classes, significant others, jobs, and other organizations in which we work. While some of us get academic credit through the independent study program to work on *the Phoenix*, not all of us do, and none of us get paid a cent.

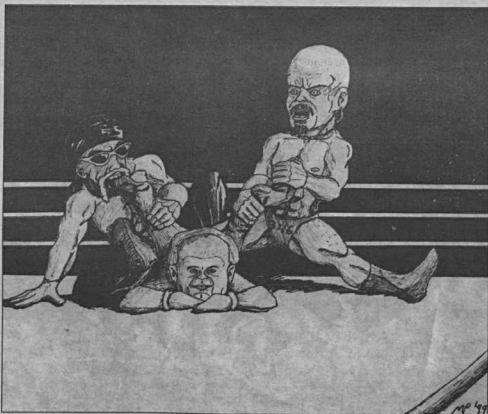
Yet we are here doing the work. We work to the best of our abilities to put out a paper that is interesting, professional, and informative. If we slip, and it does happen, it is because we are students, and we are learning.

Despite all the hard work, there are rewards. We get recognition on campus and off for some of our work; *the Phoenix* was a nationally honored college newspaper last year. We get to see our names and our ideas in print. We have something tangible to look back upon and say, "I did that."

It's discouraging to realize that our collective hard work is overlooked for technical problems, for a few proofreading oversights, or for an event we missed because no one told us about it.

If you are going to criticize, either make your criticism constructive or do something to help solve the problem.

In short, I would like to invite those of you who criticize to join *the Phoenix* and work with us for a semester. Then you will understand.



Quirks: Men in Black in Glar part II

Jay and Kay are agents of the Western Maryland Branch of the Men in Black, a top secret organization following the movements of extraterrestrials living on this campus.

Earlier, they foiled an attempt to remove a ham sandwich from Glar. The perpetrator, a registered alien named Jacko, ended up exploding and covering the agents in slime. But of course, you don't remember any of this, do you?

Kay searched the secret compound of WMC's MIB headquarters for his partner. Eventually, he found Jay in the lounge speaking with Siouxsie.

"And so the fifth line of Wordsworth's poem, The Ruined Cottage, reveals a deep understanding of human nature," Siouxsie said.

"Are you sure? I mean Coleridge was so much more effective with getting..." Jay stopped when he noticed Siouxsie was looking behind him. "Unless there's a big huge monster behind me, cat, I'd appreciate if you paid attention to me."

"It's rather close," Siouxsie told

him, giving him her best Cheshire grin.

"Kid," Kay said, "We gotta roll."

Jay turned around in surprise. "What up, Kay?"

"Jacko's back," Kay replied matter-of-factly. "He reassembled himself."

Jay gasped. "You serious? That means..."

Kay nodded. "Yeah. We're going to Glar."

Jay and Kay entered Glar and found Jacko seated in the back with another person. They approached quietly. Jacko was engaged in eating one of the ten ham sandwiches on his plate (his species needs ham to live), while listening to his friend discuss the TV station.

Kay put his hand on Jacko's shoulder to get his attention. Startled, Jacko looked up with half a ham sandwich trailing from his mouth. When he saw who it was, he cringed and swallowed to clear his mouth.

"Um, uh, hi guys..." he said his voice taking on a higher pitch out of fear. "Can I help you with something?"

Anne Butler revisits cafeteria creditibility in Englar Dining Hall.

Jay sat down on an empty chair and Kay did the same.

"Yeah, you can," Jay answered, "What the hell do you think you're doing?"

Jacko gulped and looked at his companion who was watching the scene. He turned his attention to the agent.

"I'm, uh, eating, is that wrong?"

Kay spoke, "You caused a major problem last time you were here. We just want to know if you're going to again. You still can't take ham out of here, you know."

Seeing he wasn't in any immediate trouble, Jacko relaxed. "Nah, the new Glar lunch hours allow me to get lunch now! I had classes all before."

Kay's eyes narrowed. "New hours?"

"Yeah, Kay, it's open til 3 now. You didn't know that?" Jay asked his partner.

Kay shook his head. "No, I

avoid this place when I can."

"That's kind of a shame. I mean they have all of these events now too, like the Beach Bash and Pez Jacko, so it's even fun to come here sometimes."

Jay snapped his fingers. "That's right! Jacko, you know you can get the fourth meal from 7-12 now, right?"

Jacko nodded happily. "I know! It's great! I can have ham whenever at night!" He absentmindedly picked up a sandwich and started eating it.

Kay shrugged. "I guess they're doing some stuff right. But, how's the food?"

Jacko frowned in between bites. "It's okay. Pretty much the same as before."

Jay watched Jacko for a minute then remarked, "Hey, Jacko, I didn't know you liked turkey too."

"Turkey?" Jacko stopped chewing and looked at the sandwich he'd been munching on. Indeed, it was turkey.

"NO!!!!!!!"

Suddenly his body expanded

and then burst in a shower of slime. "Aw, jeez, what happened this time?" said Kay.

Kay prodded the sandwich. "Jacko's species can't digest turkey. It reacts negatively and causes them to have, er, indigestion."

Jay wiped the slime out of his hair.

"Jacko's from a damn screwed up species."

Kay chose not to comment. He picked up his communicator and requested a clean-up unit.

"We gotta flash the students in here?"

Jay nodded, then inclined his head toward Jacko's tablemate. "What about her?"

He glanced at the girl who was watching them with mild amusement.

"Anne? Oh, she's cool. She's with the squirrels."

Jay gave his partner a look. "Sometimes you're just too weird, even for me."

"Just use the flasher on em, kid," Jay pulled out the device. "Yeah yeah... Hey everyone! Smile!"

Fighting violence

James Gasparo implores campus support for ending domestic violence

I had been debating whether to write a story on this matter or not. Two weeks after a significant event occurred, I was still debating as to what to do. Then when I was in my room, thinking about the matter, I looked at pictures of friends.

I thought about my mother, my sister, high school sweethearts, and best friends. I looked at their pictures and came to my decision.

Two weeks ago, my friend and I had just gotten out of class, and we had gone to my dorm room. We soon left and noticed that a couple was in the hall arguing. Feeling embarrassed, we walked by quickly. We saw some friends in the hall and waited for a few minutes talking. While saying goodbyes, the male came running down the stairs soon followed by his former companion.

She was yelling after him that should he ever hit her again she would press charges. She spoke of previous incidents in which the male had hit her.

She continued to follow him, and in order to ensure she did not anger him again, I stopped her. I took her up the stairs, and we sat on the steps and talked. A few minutes later, the male came up the stairs and told me to leave. He then grabbed me, and we argued. After a minute or so, we stopped and shook hands. At this point, my friends, who had previously left, returned and the situation calmed.

I made it clear that I was not leaving and that the young lady might leave if she wished. He re-

sponded by leaving. I escorted the young lady to her car and gave her my name and number, as well as other options from which she could obtain information.

And that is how the matter ended. However, the incident bothered me. I was worried that the female would return to a relationship that was bad. I thought about the many options that I could take. Quickly becoming frustrated, I did nothing more than talk to Campus Safety and Susan Glore, an employee of Smith House. The issue died there.

However, last night, I was looking at a photograph of a sweetheart I had. I thought about if that had been her in the relationship. Then, I looked at photographs of my close friends and the members of my family. I felt as if I needed to do something more. If this had happened to anyone that I hold close, I feel that I would have acted in a more determined fashion than how I did with that woman.

If you would like to talk about a problem, there are several places you may go, for example, the police, campus safety, and Smith House. Smith House is confidential and equipped to offer options for students. They do not ask you to do anything that is not wanted.

I ask anyone who is abused in any way to not feel fear from talking out. There are ways to seek counseling. Keep smiling, and struggle through a difficult situation. To Western Maryland College, I ask that you heighten awareness concerning this problem. Everyone else who is reading, make a stand against this issue.

Overworked and underpaid

Lisa Dale-Van Aken applauds the diligence of WMC's security force

might find out that they are regular people trying to get a job done.

Campus Safety does what they have to do to keep this campus safe and legal.

Consider this: would you feel safe if they weren't around all the time?

Okay. Maybe you don't feel

Of course we think they're annoying. It's the age-old conflict of the authority versus the proletariat.

Even if they do manage to bring fun, they pretty much never bring beer, just a fat wad of paper to write you up for alcohol violations.

If you think about it, you just might realize that although DoCS is annoying, they do their jobs well.

But, the care with which they carry out their duties translates from corporate adult-speak into our language as bothersome.

Of course we think they are annoying. It's just the nature of things. It's the age-old conflict of authority versus proletariat.

And as if that isn't 1984 enough, consider the rumors about video cameras installed in Rouzer.

But DoCS isn't big brother. I would think that in the end, they are about as interested in busting your party as you are in marching over to the Campus Safety office and asking them about how their day went.

But maybe you should.

If you talk to an officer, you just

aware of what is going on around you. If you were totally comfortable, you would be completely vulnerable.

But you're not, if you're aware of what is going on and if you take full advantage of all DoCS has to offer.

This also includes their medical facilities. I know many people who have been rescued by Campus Safety because of miscellaneous medical emergencies.

DoCS also deals with extreme drunkenness when students cannot.

Sometimes the people they are trying to help are more inclined to punch them than thank them.

Their jobs pretty much suck. And the pay is insultingly low.

But after talking with Mike Webster, I am left with the impression that DoCS is just trying to do the best they can to make this school safe.

Whether we like it or not, this includes breaking up parties and leaving the office understaffed until qualified people can be found to fill positions.

If you talk to an officer, you just might find out that they are regular people.

alone during the day.

This is a small school (as if you couldn't figure that out).

When you do have to walk alone at night you are usually in shouting distance from other people, and DoCS makes sure that almost everywhere is well-lit.

Besides, doesn't it make sense that you should always feel a little on edge.

Being scared makes you more

Surveillance in Rouzer halls: true or false?

Ron Mojica quashes the rumor that Rouzer is being secretly videotaped

Brighter lighting replaced the dim lights of north wing, second floor hallways in Rouzer about a month and a half ago. This change coincided with the numerous drug busts that had occurred. Speculation arose among students. Questioning and debate would soon follow.

A rumor circulated among Rouzer residents as to what the reason was for the new lights. Students thought that the change was to accommodate Residence Life's plans of mounting surveillance cameras on the second floor hallway. Why cameras?

Answers among students were simple. It was obviously so there could be more successful busts. It was said that the old lighting was not providing accurate pictures, that cameras could only pick up figures but faces could not be differentiated. The other Rouzer hallways would soon follow suit.

All the hearsay aroused my curiosity. One night, I went to the newly lit hallways. Residents were gathered around the door which leads to the center stairwell. Right above the exit sign, an enigmatic hole the size of a penny was drilled.

This resembled the opening for the hidden video camera mounted on the third floor Rouzer last semester due to the racial graffiti incident. To other students and myself, at the time, it seemed what we were seeing was a positive indication that it was the site of what would monitor our every move in the hallways.

Questions came to my mind. I tried to find justifications for RLC's plans to place video cameras in our hallways. Does our

campus have such a serious drug and alcohol problem that the rule-abiding students themselves have to be watched all the time?

Is Western Maryland College that distrustful of their students? Do they have the legal right to take that course of action without intruding on my privacy?

Some of the answers that I arrived at were of disbelief and rancor. A single drug or alcohol violation for some constitutes a problem. Even so, doesn't the idea of surveillance cameras on every floor seem extreme?

What about the innocent students? I know many would attest to the fact that just the simple idea of being watched, even if they had done nothing wrong, makes them feel violated.

Another answer was that of frustration. Even with student debates such as these, there would be no chance of winning. The hallways are public areas. They could mount video cameras, bugs, or have spies hiding in trash cans, and they still would not be invading our privacy.

However, I was tired of hearsay and decided to find the real reasons. After a few phone calls, Assistant Dean of Residence Life Scott Kane informed me that there were no surveillance cameras mounted nor would there ever be. The new lights being installed were a part of the renovation process which began five to six years ago. They had only started on it late due to financial reasons.

Assistant Dean Kane also stated that the only situation in which video cameras would be installed are if certain areas have repeat violations. He said they have more efficient ways to correct alcohol and drug problems than watching every container of alcohol which passes through Rouzer.

So, speculation ceased, rancor dissipated, and faith was reassured. There are no surveillance cameras nor will there ever be. Maybe there is more trust in students than we thought.

Students or spies?

Matt Thomas challenges SGA's addendum to the Honor Code.

It seems that the whole point of the Honor Code is that one should do one's own work. One should mind one's own business, be a Johnson, according to William S. Burroughs. As a student, I do not go out of my way to find out if I fellow classmates are cheating. I abhor cheating, but I am too busy with my own work to spy on others.

The language in the SGA's Honor Code proposal would make a malevolent spy out of every student at WMC. The SGA suggests an addition to the Honor Code pledge signed by students on all exams.

The pledge is now: "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work."

The SGA wants to tack "nor have I tolerated others doing so" onto the end of the pledge. So, instead of minding my own business, I must actively seek out cheaters.

For missing one, I could be penalized with an infraction of the Honor Code!

Consider the following scenario:

There I am, minding my own business, taking a test, not cheating, when I look up to see the Administration breathing down my neck. One hazy-looking individual in a dingy grey blazer says, "We just caught a cheater in the black box. Why didn't you inform us?"

"Well, uh, I'm having trouble remembering this quote from a Leon Russell song that I really want to use in my essay. I've been staring at my paper for I-don't-know-how-long. Look, I've only got five minutes left," I reply. "Do you mind?"

"Actually, we do mind," the hazy-looking fellow tells me. "You're as guilty as sin, or at least as guilty as the cheater."

"What? Cause I can't remember Leon Russell lyrics? I don't understand," I say as the Administration drags me off for further questioning with a lead pipe and some battery acid.

What was originally a sensible statement to which most people paid little heed in writing but upheld in practice will become the Green Terror Inquisition if the SGA has its way.

First of all, who in the world is going to spend their valuable test-taking time making sure others are not cheating? That should not be the job of the test-taker. Nor should one be put into the compromising position of "her word against his" that would result if one did witness cheating and reported it.

Currently, one is responsible for oneself when signing the Honor Code pledge: "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this piece of work." To extend it further takes it out of the realm of the work it is signed on; an Honor Code pledge should concern one's own work and nothing else.

Put simply, an Honor Code pledge that does not concern just the work the pledge is written on is sinister. It pits student against student.

If students were adhering to the original pledge, minding their own business, and just taking a test, they would now be required to make sure that the person on the other side of the room, whose name might be Bob but it's probably Todd, doesn't cheat. That should not be an issue come exam time.

I am here at WMC to read some books and dance to some music and kiss some girls and try to figure out what it all means. Nowhere in the job description is espionage mentioned. I am not out to get my fellow students, and I refuse to be required to spy on them.

For all of the problems with the Honor Code, the pledge is just fine. It nicely sums up the full extent of what the Honor Code should be about.

Please, do not change the Honor Code pledge, especially into something that would turn WMC students into such an overt vision of Orwellian youth.

Slicing through the myths: Shaving in America

Imagine yourself naked.

You are precariously balancing on one leg while the other is stretched yoga-like in front of you.

As a chlorinated waterfall rushes over your body, you run a sharp steel razor blade up the inside of your leg, desperately trying not to fall.

Unshaven women are labeled repulsive and unrefined because they refuse to conform.

If you loose balance, blood will gush out of you, trickle over the wall, and swirl down the drain, as in the shower scene from *Psycho*.

Sound familiar? It's shaving, and American women have been doing it for years.

Hair removal is a ridiculous, time-consuming, needless beautification ritual that only adds to society's preoccupation with body image.

American women are constantly aware of how hairy they are by the gawks and comments of hairless people.

Unshaven women are labeled repulsive and unrefined, simply because they refuse to conform. Society often forgets, however, that women can be attractive and feminine without being hairless.

Society tells American women to be

Contributing writer Danielle Loiacono argues against an age-old practice.

dangerously thin, painted, and hairless. If a woman does not fit into this "pretty" stereotype, then she is "unappealing," or she is "unkempt."

This superficial belief is long overdue for a makeover. Being hairless has nothing to do with being attractive or hygienically correct.

Women's body hair is an extension of their bodies, and removing it says that they are ashamed of themselves and dissatisfied with their bodies. Shaving only gives them something else to be self-conscious about.

Hair removal can also be painful. Waxing, which involves pouring hot wax on your legs so the hair can be ripped out with a piece of cloth, isn't exactly pleasant.

Electrolysis, another system of hair removal, involves little electric shocks which burn the hair off down to the root.

Maybe some women need electrocution added to their schedule, but most women could probably do without it.

Remember the Epi-Lady? This depilatory

torture device consisted of a tightly wound metal coil used to tear out hair by the roots.

Do women really need to put themselves through such painful rituals in order to be "pretty?"

Although shaving does not hurt, costs less, and is a faster way to remove hair, it's still inconvenient.

Busy women should be able to live their lives without worrying about whether they shaved or not.

Depilatory creams are available as a convenient alternative. These creams are less

ing time by shaving.

Modifying schedules for beauty is asinine. American women should be able to have the freedom to be completely natural.

All over Europe, women have accepted that their body hair is natural and that natural beauty is true beauty.

Although the thought of female body hair may seem odd to some Americans, it has been accepted by Europeans.

If American women stopped shaving, over time they would feel comfortable with it, and eventually, they might find it beautiful.

Women should be able to live their lives without worrying about whether they shaved or not.

painful, but they are also time-consuming, awkward, and annoying.

A woman must leave these creams on for about 20 minutes, holding her legs in the air so the cream does not slide off. If the cream is not left on long enough, it will not work. If it is left on too long, the woman risks chemical burn.

Women's body hair probably has nothing to do with their agendas, so why bother removing it? They should be able to live without worrying about whether they are clean-shaven or not.

Women have been taught by society to always look their best, even if it means wast-

Women shouldn't feel that they are not acceptable or attractive if they have body hair; they should feel normal.

All people have body hair, and we should not feel self-conscious about it. Women cannot fit into one man's vision of beauty.

A beautiful personality creates a beautiful woman. Hair should be thought of as a character trait which should be accepted and celebrated.

Many Americans already have a distorted body image.

Women are not made of plastic; they should not have to look like Barbie to be beautiful.

Unsung Heroes: Part of a continuing series highlighting the contributions of WMC's staff, students

Herndon delivers packages and smiles to WMC community

BY JACKIE LEAZER
Contributing Writer

Driving a school-owned van, Allen Herndon has had to pick up rats and frogs and deliver them to the WMC biology department. He has even handled hazardous chemicals during his years of making deliveries.

Don't worry, though, because this isn't what he usually does on a day-to-day basis.

Herndon, the college's only receiving and delivery clerk, is in charge of picking up packages and taking them to the departments on campus.

He spends his mornings at the school post office helping to sort through the college's incoming mail and business replies with four other employees. Once the sorting is finished, he must do his main duty, which is delivering the mail to all departments outside of Decker Center.

After picking up an average of 40 to 70 UPS deliveries from a warehouse on campus, he takes these and the regular mail to each department. These deliveries will take him the rest of the morning and into the afternoon to complete.

"You never know what you are delivering around here," Herndon said. "I have had to deliver hazardous chemicals to the science departments, but the strangest thing was when I had to pick up a shipment of rats from a pet store for the biology department."

Herndon works a 40-hour

week, but once his deliveries are finished he doesn't relax; instead he heads home to his second job.

He still lives on the same 200-acre Frederick County farm where he was raised and works during the evenings devoting time to the crops he grows.

He has raised dairy and beef cattle but now harvests corn and alfalfa, and makes hay. During this time of year there isn't much to do, but come spring and summer he will spend over five hours a day planting seeds and caring for the crops.

Herndon is the father of three children and his middle daughter, Elaina, is a junior social work major at WMC. Between their hectic schedules, they have to set a specific time just to see each other.

"Having my daughter on campus and coming in contact with so many students helps you develop a great relationship with people," he said.

He recalls an incident when a panicked student did not have her schedule in her mailbox at the beginning of a semester. Early on the first day of classes she came knocking on the post office door in tears.

"She didn't know where to go for her classes," Herndon said, "so I took her up to the Registrar's office and saw that things got straightened out."

Though he has been here for almost 10 years, Herndon hasn't always worked at the post office. His first job on campus was on the grounds crew where he was an equipment operator. At that time, Joan Stickles delivered the on-campus mail. The grounds crew job de-

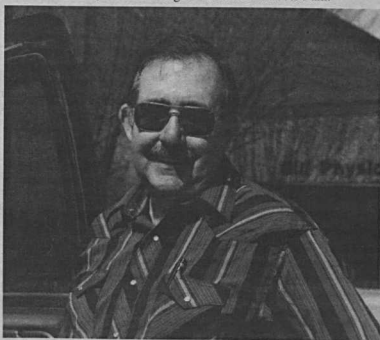
manded a lot of overtime work, though, which made it hard for Herndon to tend to his farm.

He would also be called in during the night to solve problems that came up on campus. Soon he developed a vertebrate disk problem in his back from the bouncing of the machinery. So when Stickles became the support services coordinator of the post office, her job became available, and Herndon got

campus.

"I enjoy it here very much," Herndon said. "I work with a lot of nice people, and it's a fun place to work."

For Herndon, growing up on the farm has not been easy. Before working here, he would wake up about 3:30 am and work until late at night, trying to complete a day's work. Now, he doesn't have to be at WMC until 7:30 am.



Allen Herndon enjoys a rare moment of rest in his hectic schedule.

it. This move was convenient for him in many ways. Not only was he able to stop working with machinery, but he also liked the fact that it was mostly an indoor job and involved less physical labor. Between these two positions he has developed close ties throughout

"I thought I had died and went to heaven when I started here," he said, laughing.

It is rare that Herndon misses a day of work, but when he does or when things get backed up, he relies on his friends on the grounds crew or the housekeeping staff to assist him with deliveries. He also

has vacation time, but instead of using it for a break, he takes off in order to devote more time to his farm.

"Allen always goes above and beyond the call of duty," said Margaret Bell, head of the purchasing department. "Many people on campus have told me how pleased they are with his work."

"It helps that everyone works together around here," Herndon said of his fellow employees.

He displays a selfless attitude as he tells more stories of students in need that he has helped, including his daughter Elaina.

She has her car on campus and has relied on her dad to fix flat tires and jump-start dead batteries.

"It just makes you feel good to help anyone, any way you can," he said, recalling the countless times he has directed a lost visitor, helped a student in need, or made a special delivery.

The central services staff, otherwise known as the copy center, work closely with the post office, and both Bev Carroll and Libby Long have high regard for Herndon.

Both stressed how hard he works at his job yet always seems to have a smile on his face.

"A lot of times you don't even have to ask him to do something," Long said. "He'll just do it without telling anybody."

"He is one of the most considerate people I know," agreed Carroll. "He treats everyone the same, with kindness and generosity."

Manager Dionne Cooper provides order to Glar's chaos

BY PHILIP VOGT
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There may as well be a giant bullseye painted on the wall in Engin Dining Hall. Glar is probably the target of more complaints than any other place on campus.

What is often overlooked in the barrage of criticism, however, is the fact that the complaints are all listened to, and the cafeteria seems to be getting steadily better as a result.

Dionne Cooper, Glar's first of the house manager, deserves much of the credit for these improvements.

Cooper, who arrives at Glar at 10:30 am and often stays as late as 10 pm, is in charge of everyone in a purple uniform.

She is also responsible for the decorations in Glar (such as the recent Chinese New Year display), creating and adjusting the special events (such as the midnight breakfast or Casino Night), and the Napkin Suggestion Board,

which encourages students to write their suggestions and complaints on a napkin.

The suggestions are all read, and a response is promptly posted on the board along with the original message.

"I think Glar is the only place in the college where [students] can say 'I don't like this' and have it changed," Cooper said.

She says the criticism and negativity don't bother her, and if the complaints are valid, she and her staff will go out of their way to try to fix the problem.

Cooper, who has been with the Glar staff for almost five years, has steadily worked her way up to her current position. She began as a cook, but was promoted first to kitchen supervisor, then to production manager, and finally to her current position.

"[Director of Food Service] Alan Dolid likes us to be well-rounded," she explained, suggesting that she will probably change positions again

sometime in the future.

Although she admits she sometimes misses the kitchen, she also enjoys being up front and interacting with students.

Cooper can often be seen chatting and joking with Glar patrons, and she has befriended many students.

"I have fun with the kids, especially the Gamma girls," she said. The "Gamma girls," the newest members of WMC's Greek community — Gamma Sigma Sigma — see Cooper as a friend and ally, and they share the opinion of many students that she simply makes Glar more fun.

"She makes us laugh — she can be very sarcastic," said Gamma Sigma Sigma President Carrie Newman. "But if you need anything, she'd be there for you."

"I love Dionne," added Amanda Cline. "She has a lot of great ideas and enjoys her job. She offers a lot to the campus."

Among Cooper's ideas for fu-

ture Glar activities are a bagel day, with different flavors of bagels and cream cheese, and an English Day, with several British dishes and possibly featuring British comedy shows.

She admits that the ideas she has are all subject to a "can we get it?" test and that she must often start with big ideas and work them down into something feasible for Glar.

One idea that is beginning to show signs of success has been the "Taste of Home" program. Started last year, it encourages students to submit family recipes to be added to the menu.

In its first year, the program had about 10 responses. This year, Cooper said at least 60 people submitted recipes.

"She is really interested in making Glar a community instead of just a cafeteria," said Cline.

Her job is not without its difficulties, however. In addition to deserving much of the credit for the steady improvement of Glar, she is

also held responsible when things don't go as planned.

"If something goes wrong, I get yelled at first," she said.

She is also responsible for making the schedule for her employees, a task that occupies much of her time.

Personal obligations, illnesses, and other circumstances force her to change the schedule constantly, trying to accommodate everyone.

Perhaps worst of all, she has to deal with the mess left behind by a day's worth of hungry college students.

"Some days are fine," she said. "Other days, you find stuff everywhere. Cleaning an accident is okay, but when you deliberately do something, you have to wonder."

Still, Cooper seems to enjoy her job and interacting with students, and she is enthusiastic about the future and her chance to bring her many ideas to life.

Aries (3/21—4/19)

Apple juice is the least nutritious of all juices, Aries. You're not a hummingbird. You need sustenance. Find it in a good book, and I don't mean *Cotton Mather*.

Taurus (4/20—5/20)

Grapefruit juice is probably the best juice for you, but it tastes like grapefruit. Moderation is the key, Taurus. Check out Rabelais. Drink.

Gemini (5/21—6/20)

There's something blocking your colon, Gemini. Drink some prune juice pronto. Then read *Fifth* by Irvine Welsh and be glad you don't have a tape-worm instead.

Cancer (6/21—7/23)

Pear juice is often used in fruit punch. Don't water it down, Cancer. Keep it real, like Eminem.

Leo (7/24—8/23)

Orange juice is the most popular juice. Leo, you don't need a pop culture or literary reference to realize what that means. Just don't drink o.j. after brushing your teeth.

Virgo (8/24—9/23)

Mel Blanc, voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots. But he bit and spit for the love of his art. Don't let minor setbacks keep you from fulfilling your destiny, or self-actualizing, or whatever, Virgo. Check out some old Looney Tunes and appreciate that carrot crunch. From now on, the crunch will be your mantra.

Libra (9/24—10/23)

Libra, you know that grape juice stains horribly. So why do you drink it standing on your head on the living room carpet? What is this nonsense? There's a time and a place for keg stands, Libra, and also a beverage of choice. For more in-

formation about grapes, check out Ralph Steadman's book on wine. Just be sure not to read it while driving. Honestly, Libra, sometimes I think you're as bad as a Scorpio.

Scorpio (10/24—11/22)

Just because cranberry juice is good for treating urinary tract infections doesn't mean it'll cure the clap, Scorpio. I'd recommend a book, but you probably can't read.

Sagittarius (11/23—12/21)

If you leave peach juice around long enough, it'll turn to schnapps. "I'm just an old chunk of coal, but I'm gonna be a diamond some day." Hang in there, Sagittarius, just like that annoying cat on the poster on the wall of your high school guidance counselor's office.

Capricorn (12/22—1/20)

Like lemon juice, Capricorn, you taste awful without sugar. It's a tart word; sweeten it up with the beautiful prose of Tom Robbins.

Aquarius (1/21—2/19)

You can do a lot with clam juice, Aquarius. The possibilities are endless. Read some haiku; like the ingredient ratios at Westminster's Taco Bell, they're different every time.

Pisces (2/20—3/20)

Pisces, if you wash your cat in tomato juice, it'll make the skunk smell go away. If you wash *The Cat in the Hat* in tomato juice, it'll make the book hard to read.

Matthew Thomas



Horoscopes

Smith House team offers variety of services

BY JOAN FAULKNER

Features Writer

For many students, the first trip to Smith House can be a negative one. Many freshmen can be found on their first days of school at Smith House taking numerous tests and checkups over again, or for the first time, because their health forms weren't filled out correctly when sent in.

Smith House is just like stepping into the doctor's office but this time alone, and with no parents to help out. Though the feel and aura of the place may be similar, however, the purpose of Smith House is not to scare students, or make them dread going there. It is to get them to the next level of health services.

The function of the health services is, as certified physician assistant Joan Lusby says, to act as "a great go-between" before students go to the doctor for a second opinion.

"You can be initially evaluated and then given an outside scope. We work it up to a certain point and then guide it to another perspective."

Lusby and her team supervise many services, like most doctors do. These include: allergy shots, immunizations, women's health care, and other primary care problems. There is also a women's health clinic for birth control.

But another, more important, part of the health services is educating the students.

Bonnie Bosley, the health education coordinator, oversees a huge variety of activities on campus.

They include Bacchus, ASAP, Alcohol Awareness Week, OCTAA, the play "Choices," freshmen orientation, World AIDS Day, Confidential AIDS Testing, and the annual Health Fair.

There are also course surveys that look at drug and alcohol attitudes across the nation and dorm



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Smith House is home to a team of career, counseling and health professionals who work hard to bring WMC students quality services. They include (left to right): Joan Lusby, Physician Assistant; Bonnie Bosley, Health Education Coordinator; and Karen Arnie, Career Advising Director. Not pictured: Susan Glorie.

programs that deal with different health issues.

But health services isn't the only thing that Smith House offers. Counseling is another big part of Smith House.

Susan Glorie, the director of counseling services, deals with everything from relationships (the biggest issue) with roommates, partners, and parents, to stress, anxiety, sexual assault, eating disorders, drugs, and alcohol.

There is also a psychiatrist that comes in one or two hours a week and an intern counseling graduate to help her.

If coming for counseling, students can expect complete confidentiality. Glorie believes that the "contact with individual clients" is very important and is what she enjoys most about her job.

Although her clients' problems can be tough, the only thing Glorie finds stressful about her job is her "fairly heavy client load" and having to fit a lot of people in to see her.

Sometimes, Lusby and Glorie work together with students. This ensures that their problems are looked at from both the mental and physical standpoints. The two can look at the overlaps between the different areas and see the whole picture.

Career advising is also set up very well to fit students' needs. Karen Arnie, the career advising director, conducts numerous programs and workshops.

Arnie graduated from Western Maryland College in '83, a major in English, and worked as a reporter for a few years but decided that she would rather do career counseling because, "I found I really like helping people."

Among the many activities she conducts are criminal justice and communication programs for those with or deciding on that major, in-class presentations, and leadership lunches. Says Arnie, "You name it, we do it."

Individual appointments are also a big part of her job. Many students need help with getting summer jobs, writing resumes, getting internships, job searching, deciding what they can do with their majors, or just general career counseling.

Although it may seem to be just a minuscule doctor's office, Smith House contains a dedicated group of professionals committed to serving the students' needs; so take advantage of all of its free services.

Some of the events that are coming up are as follows: April 20 is the communication's career lunch; April 27 is an interview workshop.

History of the Pink Triangle

The pink triangle is a proud symbol of the gay and lesbian movement, but its roots go back to World War II. Homosexuals were among the groups targeted by the Nazis. Each prisoner was required to wear an identifying symbol—a star of David for Jews, for example—and the pink triangle designated gay prisoners. At war's end, most of those in concentration camps were liberated, but those with pink triangles were considered, even by the Allied forces, to be criminals and were transferred from concentration camps to prison cells. Today, the pink triangle signifies "Never Forget" and "Never Again." Courtesy of Allies. For more info., call Dr. Barrett at x479.

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60 Seconds

What is a favorite pick-up line that you have used or heard?



"The cheesiest one I've heard was: 'I lost my phone number, can I have yours?'"

Richard Tillman
Art '99

"A guy once asked me how I was doing, and when I replied, 'fine,' he said, 'I didn't ask you how you looked, I asked you how you were doing.'"

Rasheeda George
Sociology '01



"If I told you that you had a nice body, would you hold it against me?"

Dana Jacobson
Biology '00



"You must be a parking ticket, 'cause you've got 'fine' written all over you."

Michael Pulido
Undecided '02



"Do you wash your pants with Windex? 'Cause I could sure see myself in them."

Jeanne Chamberlin
Social Work '01



by Trang Dam

Creative Voices: Showcasing Student Writing

"Georgiana" by Matthew Thomas

The first time I realized not all little kids worship God was in fourth grade.

My sister and I had this friend, Georgiana Jones. Ostensibly named after George Jones, she was somehow very exotic. She had just moved to the area. She was tall and dark and had an older brother who was in a rock band.

She lived across the street from my grandparents, in a house occupied by (in my eight year old mind) shady characters — transients, pit bulls, colored people.

My grandmother called blacks "colored people." She still does.

The only black girl I knew in elementary school was Leesea Fields; she lived in the house across the street from my grandparents.

She was the sweetest child, but she always got into fights. She was tough, but she got a bloody nose easily. She would always be a mess, blood streaming down her face, waiting on some redheaded boy.

Leesea moved away, though, and Georgiana moved in.

One beautiful early summer day, the kind where the air is just so but the sun doesn't know the meaning of just so and keeps shining brighter, Georgiana, my sister, and I decided to go for a journey.

Like kids go on in movies. Be it

Neververland or to the end of the street. Our destination was a little creek south of my house. There was a cave by this creek.

I had never gone into the cave, but I loved to stand under the rock overhang at the cave's entrance and watch the creek.

There was a small pool directly in front of the overhang; reaching that pool was our goal. We made it without incident.

We rolled up our pants and

The first time I realized not all little kids worship God was in fourth grade.

waded into the creek. A crayfish pinched my sister's toe.

Eventually, we all got bored and decided to go back to my house. My sister knew a shortcut. My sister thought she knew a shortcut.

Three little kids were lost in the woods — many, many hundreds of acres of woods. My first reaction was to pray.

My sister began to pray with me.

Georgiana did not.

Now, every kid knows that three people praying is better than two; that is why everyone has to say grace at the dinner table. I asked Georgiana why she was not praying with us. Georgiana told me that she did not believe in God.

I never knew you had the option until then.

Everybody prayed everywhere — church, school, ball games. The only time you could get away with not praying was when you went to a restaurant or to the shopping mall.

Georgiana could not be convinced to start believing in God right then and there. Not even so we could get home, at least.

She said that she would pray to her father, if she would help.

Eventually, I tired of praying. We were as lost as ever, and my mind wandered. It kept coming back to the creek.

"I know the way."

Something inside of me had remembered how to get out of the woods. All we had to do was follow the creek downstream.

The path would not take us home, but it would take us to one of my uncle's cornfields.

We would have a long walk; at least I knew how to get home from there.

Rat's Web

BY ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Last time I discussed where to go to find a webpage and how to figure out what to put on it. Well, this time I'll actually tell you how to do it.

There are two basic approaches you can take in choosing programs to use:

1. The graphical editors that don't require knowledge of HTML (the code used to write web pages). These are good for beginners and quick pages.

Geocities and Tripod offer online versions of this type of editor. Netscape (<http://www.netscape.com>) has an option to download the "Composer" package which includes their Navigator, a graphical editor, and some other features.

Finally, some of the computers in the library offer Claris Home Page, which is fairly easy to use.

2. The other option is to learn HTML. It takes quite a while to learn, but once you understand it, you have a lot more control over your pages. You can do a lot more and can write a page with nearly any word processor program.

for learning HTML:

The "Home Page" Homepage—<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/2090>

Meant mainly for Geocities users, nonetheless, it is one of the best resources out there for learning the language. This is what I learned from.

A Beginner's Guide to HTML—<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Interest/WWW/HTMLPrimer.html>

HTML Guide in Portuguese—<http://www.dcc.ufal.br/~arfml/HtmlGuide/GuiaHTML.htm>

Wacky HTML—<http://www.wackyhtml.com/>

After you learn HTML, go here for some fun things to do with it.

About images: some images are copyrighted, and stealing images from other people's pages is considered bad form. The following places offer a variety of free clip art:

www.caboodles.com

Literally thousands of images to choose from. There should be something here for every taste.

Barry's Clip Art Server—<http://www.barrysclipart.com>

Nice page with a lot of art.

And finally, the most important site of all, seriously: Web Pages That Suck—<http://www.webpagesthatfuck.com>

This site will show you examples of bad web page design and help you avoid the mistakes that most beginning designers make. This is the MOST IMPORTANT site to visit. By avoiding common mistakes, you will enhance the quality of your page and draw more people to visit it.

Weird Ass Site of the Issue: In Da Bird, this column consisted of websites that don't exist, with one exception. That exception was:

Squirrel Fishing—http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~yaz/en/squirrel_fishing.html

They literally fish for squirrels in the pursuit of rodent evaluation purposes. Did you all guess right?

Some good online resources

Caboodles—<http://www.caboodles.com>

CAPBoard Corner

Upcoming Spring Events

**April 18th Eve 6 Concert
7pm**

April 21st Bingo Night

**April 22nd Drive-In Movie
9&11pm**

April 23rd Hypnotist 8pm

April 24th Spring Fling



Eve 6 will be appearing April 18 at WMC. The group Angry Salad will be opening for them. Tickets are \$12.

Investigation: Where does all the Housekeeping money go?

BY RICH SUCHOSKI
Staff Writer

It's that time of the semester when fines for the damage done to the floor and the dorm students live in are posted. This semester-end ritual causes much malice towards Housekeeping, but it's a necessary evil to living in school-run housing.

Housekeeping for the dorms and academic buildings received \$800,000 from the budget this year, yet students are charged extra for excessive cleanup.

\$80-\$140 to replace an exit sign? \$15 an hour to sweep and vacuum extra? What constitutes extra cleanup?

Mel Whelan of Physical Plant defined it as "when we go onto a floor and find busted bed bottles thrown in the hall, condoms on the floor, beer cans and food thrown all over the place. Basically, cleanup that Housekeeping should not have to clean under normal conditions."

Normal Housekeeping procedures include just scrubbing down the showers, toilets, sinks in the bathrooms, taking out the trash, vacuuming or sweeping the halls, general chores you would do at home.

This is what Housekeeping does every weekday on their rounds. The RA or RLC can also call for extra cleaning or repairs, in the form of a work order, if necessary.

When the cleanup is excessive

Housekeeping writes down the date, what they had to clean, and reports it to Barry Bosley, Director of Facilities Management (aka Physical Plant). He then sends a copy of the bill to Residence Life where it is reviewed and decided upon whether the damage was just normal wear and tear or if the student(s) should be billed for it. The bill is then sent to the Bursar's office and billed to the student(s) involved.

Just two months ago, Residence Life sat down with Physical Plant and renegotiated the prices from 1995.

"Some prices went up, some went down," Scott Kane, head of Residence Life, said. For example, the price for replacing an exit light went down from \$170 to \$140 and replacing a loft bed rose \$70 to \$285, mainly due to cost of materials.

To avoid some of these costs, students were allowed to repair things on their own. The quality of the repairs wasn't as good as Housekeeping does, so this policy was discontinued.

One of the prime examples of student workmanship was stuffing newspapers in a hole in the wall and spackling over it instead of using plaster.

With extra maintenance there is also the cost of labor. Housekeeping charges \$15 an hour plus materials with a one hour minimum for all work.

Residence Life sometimes imposes an extra fine to discourage students from creating a potentially hazardous situation. This happens when someone sets off or steals a fire extinguisher, for example.

In addition to services Housekeeping provides, outside vendors are also used for specialized jobs.

The vending machines around campus are maintained by the companies who stock them, though the card readers on the machines are Physical Plant's responsibility.

For pests, every Wednesday an exterminator is brought in to keep the war on bugs at bay.

Every year it's a different building affected by a different pest. Last year there was a steam line replacement outside of McDaniel which brought ants streaming into the dorm. They went along all the pipes, spraying and setting traps, and relieved the problem.

One year Whiteford had a problem with ladybugs. "The resident of the room had about 40 of them around the light in her room before she called us," Whelan reflected. "She said, 'I wanted to call, but I don't want you to kill them! Can you just shoot them out?'"

This year has been good so far, just isolated incidents. Nothing like the frequent defecations in elevators or fire extinguishers set off in laundry rooms.

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School track records fall at Division I meet

BY MATT THOMAS
Assistant Sports Editor

WMC track and field left Division I opponents in the dust at the April 2-3 Bucknell Invitational and broke records in both that event and the April 10 Colonial Relays at William & Mary.

At Bucknell, All-American Kerry Wilson won the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.35 seconds. Sophomore Jamie Falcone broke a school record for the 200 by a tenth of a second. She finished 2nd in both the 100 and the 200 with times of 12.57 and 26.10.

The men fared well thanks to

freshman Dave Evans, who placed in three events.

The Green Terror beat Canisius and Buffalo, but they finished behind Bucknell and Towson.

WMC did not fare so well at the Colonial Relays. They had no medal winners in a field of mostly Division I athletes.

However, Dave Evans equalled the school high-jump record, flopping over a 6'5" bar to match Mark Cockerill's jump in 1981.

Thea Bayly, Kerry Wilson, Aleya Horn, and Jamie Falcone broke the 4x 200 mark set a year ago at the same meet by over a half of a second with a 1:48.68 time.

Terror golf team well under par for spring season

BY MATT THOMAS
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Ryan Reid's 6th-place finish led the Green Terror golf team to a 4th place showing in the 12-team Glenmaura Invitational on Sunday, April 11.

Reid was in third place after the first round, but he sliced and hooked his way through the second round to finish eight strokes behind the victor, Wesley's Jim Gardina.

Terror sophomore Seth Aldridge, who recently placed 4th in the 100 golfer Blue Jay Classic at the Hershey Country Club in

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Elizabethtown, tied for 14th at the Glenmaura Invitational. Ken Doyle and John Wheeler finished 18th and 23rd, respectively.

Reid, and junior Craig Zabora each shot 79s to tie for 11th in a field of 74 golfers.

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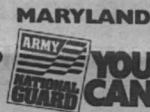
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Pro Wrestling Commentary: Top Rope Report

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA
Staff Writer

What a time to be a wrestling fan, huh? The big two are constantly pulling out all the stops to win the ratings war while smaller outfits get exposure unheard of in Sports Entertainment history. Let's take a look at what the big two (WCW, WWF) have in store for the fans in the coming weeks.

WCW: With a new set and design for their flagship program "WCW Monday Nitro," as well as appearances by all of their major stars, WCW inched closer in the ratings to their competition.

The much anticipated re-appearance of Sting to WCW TV was well received by fans and helped WCW to hype their latest pay-per-view "Spring Stampede."

This all being said, WCW still has problems. Their major storylines are dominated by the oldest wrestlers in the business. WCW champion Rick "Nature Boy" Flair is 50 years old, and the number one contender for that belt is 45+ old "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan.

These wrestlers are still loved and enjoyed by fans but, in my opinion, hold down the growing young talent in the company.

It seems that a push of younger stars in WCW like Chris Jericho, Chris Benoit, Raven, and Bill Goldberg could only help WCW attract the coveted 18-25 year old demographic loved by advertisers.

Grade: B- (but improving)
WWF: The number one wrestling organization in the business still is rolling along at breakneck pace, exhorting new viewer at all times. Of the strength of their pay-per-view extravaganza "Wrestlemania XV," Vince McMahon and co. are setting the bar high for their competitors in the field of Sports Entertainment.

Powered by the Madison Ave. appeal of stars like "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Sable, and "The Rock" Rocky Maivia, the WWF has gained an audience unheard of on cable TV.

The new, raunchy attitude adopted by McMahon has gained an inquisitive look from mainstream media outlets, while these stories are intended to have a negative look on the WWF, they seem to only increase the interest in the show.

The show's ability to go into uncharted ground with its storylines has given the WWF the advantage over their competitors. A recent angle has The Undertaker "living his gimmick" and leading a Satanic takeover of the company.

Couple this with the standard boss vs. employee angles (McMahon vs. Austin) and establishment vs. youth (The Corporation vs. D-generation X), and you have a hybrid show mixing elements of soap opera, action-adventure, and talk show into a slick, flashy ratings winner.

Grade: A- (This is not your parents' wrestling show, but two hours of solid entertainment that keeps them coming back for more.)

News And Notes

It seems that Sid Euly's career with the ECW wrestling promotion is over. Euly, better known as "Sid Justice, Sid Vicious and Psycho Sid" in his wrestling career in both WWF and WCW, felt that he was misused by promoters in ECW and asked out of his contract.

Rumors have swirled about the possible

next stop for Euly in either promotion. In my opinion, it is doubtful that Euly will return to WCW since he has real life problems with wrestler Arn Anderson (he stabbed Anderson with scissors in a hotel while both were in WCW years ago.)

This leaves WWF as an option and a very

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viable one at that. WWF is always looking at gaining new headliners, and a former champion would look very nice in their stable. Either way, it looks like a once-dead career for

Sid Euly is defiantly alive and well.

Best wishes and prayers go out to Dave Smith (British Bulldog) as he is in the hospital with a rare spinal infection. This infection stems from an injury Smith suffered in the ring for WCW when Smith was powerslammed (ironically, Smith's own "Finishing Move") onto a trap door secretly placed in the ring.

The injury and infection are very serious and could result in the removal of up to four inches of Smith's spine and the replacement of the section with Titanium.

This would definitely end the career of Dave Smith, a career that saw him gain acclaim in wrestling organizations in America and his native England. Again best wishes for a speedy and full recovery for Dave Smith. Our prayers are with you.

This concludes this issue's Top Rope Report. Next issue, we will see if WCW can close the gap in the ratings with WWF. We will also take a look at second generation wrestlers and their success. Until then, I will see you between the ring ropes.

Carpenter resigns

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second-team all-America honors in baseball and captained the football team. He was named all-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference four times in baseball and twice in football.

Carpenter arrived at Western Maryland in 1969 as a physical-education instructor and coach of track, swimming and football. He took a leave of absence in 1978-79 to complete work on a doctorate in sports psychology from West Virginia. After his return, he served as head track coach for another 12 years and as head cross-country coach for six.

"When I became athletic director in 1984," Carpenter told his staff, "I wanted to see Western Maryland be competitive at the conference level across the board, and I think we're about there. I also wanted to see us meet the broad-based needs of our students and to become a well-funded program, and we've made good progress in those areas as well."

Carpenter helped found the Centennial Conference in 1992, putting Western Maryland in league with Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Franklin & Marshall, and other top-notch academic institutions.

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Player-Goals-Asssts-Pts-SOG			Player-Goals-Asssts-Pts-SOG			Player-	Avg	R	RBI	2B	3B	HR
M. Giorno - 20 - 9 - 29 - 38			Rob Witte - 16 - 5 - 21-77			Steph Bell-	.526	18	24	6	1	4
Amy North - 14 - 2 - 16 - 23			Tom Caldwell - 11 - 5 - 16-31			Julie Develin-	.405	9	15	7	1	0
N. Hannibal - 6 - 4 - 10 - 17			Tom Brown - 13 - 7 - 20- 44			Jacie Mathias-	.419	14	13	5	0	2
Amy Bittinger - 7 - 2 - 9 - 19			Jeremy Kober - 9 - 8 - 17-33			C. Wunderlich-	.444	20	25	6	1	6
Camey Brian - 3 - 0 - 3 - 5			Charlie Heinzer - 6 - 1 - 7-12			January Scott-	.381	14	11	3	0	1
Kim Adams - 3 - 2 - 5 - 9			Jared Albert - 4 - 1 - 5- 8			Erin McGrady-	.154	3	3	0	0	0
S. Benson - 6 - 1 - 7 - 13			Brett Sweeney - 4 - 5 - 9-11			Jen Geiman-	.361	20	13	1	0	1
Alaina Filo - 0 - 2 - 2 - 0			Dave Riley - 2 - 0 - 2-12			Lauren Henry-	.393	14	10	2	3	2
Erin Mulhern - 3 - 2 - 5 - 11			Gaelen Cross - 0 - 1 - 1-7			Stacey Seward-	.450	26	13	10	3	0
			Joe Alex - 4 - 4 - 8-9			Christa Farrar-	.333	2	0	1	0	0
Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%			Jason Goodman - 0 - 1 - 1-1			Katie Swierkos-	.391	5	5	1	1	0
J. Guinan - 300 - 48 - 44.44						Tracy Moquin-	.286	7	4	0	1	0
			Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%			B. Brennenman-	.000	1	0	0	0	0
			Bob Bennet - 450 - 128 - 50.39									
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Muhlenburg	W	14 - 10	Ben Albert - 21 - 1 - 20.00			Katie Swierkos-	4.17	4-4	.500		23	
F & M	L	6 - 15				Amy Cipollini-	4.63	5-3	.625		14	
			Results			January Scott-	4.20	1-1	.500		3	
			Gettysburg L 4-28									
			Widener L 10-15									
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Golfer-Spring Avg-Placement						Results						
Ryan Reid - 80.7 - 3			Swarthmore W-ot 12-11			Messiah	L 1-5	F & M		W	9-2	
Craig Zabora - 82.0 - 4			Salisbury L 4-29			Messiah (2)	L 4-9	F & M (2)		W	11-6	
Seth Aldredge - 79.3 - 2			Lynchburg L 9-16			Ursinus	L 3-11	Elizabethtown		L	4-5	
Tony Santillo - 85.3 - 7			Randolph-Macon L 8-11			Ursinus (2)	L 10-11	Elizabethtown (2)		W	8-3	
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Carpenter announces resignation as director

Dr. J. Richard Carpenter announced his resignation as athletic director at Western Maryland College Thursday after 15 years in the post, effective July 1. Carpenter, 52, will retain his other post as professor of physical education and exercise science and will also coordinate the department's graduate program.

Western Maryland will begin a national search for a successor and break precedent by hiring a full-time administrator. "There has been an evolution in college athletics

over the past several years," Carpenter told an athletic department staff meeting in announcing his decision. "The days of the professor-coach and the coach-athletic director are over."

Carpenter has spent 30 years at Western Maryland, including 21 as track coach, seven as swimming coach, six as cross-country coach, and eight as a football assistant.

As an undergraduate at West Virginia Wesleyan (1964-68), James Richard Carpenter Jr. earned

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Men's lacrosse defeated by alumni coaches

BY WILL SMITH
Contributing Writer

Since the rivalry began in 1971, the Green Terror men's lacrosse team had beaten the Pioneers of Widener fourteen straight times, but the game on April 7th had a special twist. Roaming the sidelines for Widener were two Green Terror lacrosse alumni, Bo Schrott '98 and Stephen Hallowell '97.

The two Western Maryland graduates help to coach the Pioneers to a 15-10 victory over their former team.

Schrott and Hallowell were both former captains of the Green Terror and contributed a great deal

in making the Terror a quality program.

Hallowell was a second team All-American defensive midfielder and the Centennial Conference player of the year his senior season.

Bo Schrott won conference honors for attack and holds records for scoring. "It made me want to win the game a lot more," said junior Tom Caldwell. When asked what it was like playing against former teammates, "I wanted to play the best I could to show them how much I have improved since they have graduated," Caldwell had two goals in the game.

"Definitely made me want to win more than usual," recalled junior Charlie Heinzer, "It's always nice to beat somebody that used to be on the team."

The Green Terror (2-5) came out in the first quarter of the game scoring the first three goals only to let up twelve unanswered goals.

Widener (8-2) came out after a 4-3 halftime time lead in the third quarter to score eight unanswered goals.

With time running out in the third quarter, freshman Tom Brown stuck a goal in the back of the net for the Terror, making the score 12-4.

The start of the fourth quarter saw the Green Terror convert on man-up with Caldwell scoring two goals assisted by Sweeney and Brown.

Solid ground ball play by sophomore Dave Riley and 29 saves by freshman Bob Bennett helped the Green Terror come back within striking distance of the Pioneers.

Western Maryland outscored Widener 6-3 in the fourth quarter, but that was not enough to win the game.

Widener's returning Middle Atlantic Conference player of the year Justin Jones had six points in the game which proved to be the key in winning the game.

"Things which made them [Schrott and Hallowell] successful on the field was definitely seen in some of the Widener players," said Caldwell. "Widener has two great assistant coaches."

Women's tennis team backhands opponents

BY JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team swept Catholic 9-0 on Thursday, April 8, improving their record to 6-1 overall.

Juniors Lara Henderson and Alethea Desrosiers remained tied for the Centennial Conference lead in winning percentage at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, boosting their records to 7-0.

Also posting singles wins for the Terror were No. 3 Amy Sheridan, No. 4 Becca Lyter, No. 5 Kali Hosford, and No. 6 Jami Maxcy.

The women visited Ursinus this past Saturday in a Centennial Conference matchup, which the Terror won by a score of 8-1.

Henderson and Desrosiers both posted singles wins, remaining undefeated this season. Lyter,

Sheridan, and Hosford also posted singles victories.

The Terror swept the doubles with wins from Henderson and Desrosiers, Lyter and Sheridan, and Maxcy and Jamie Conelly.

Earlier in the week, the Terror swept host Washington College 9-0.

Henderson, Desrosiers, Sheridan, Lyter, and Maxcy all earned victories in both doubles and singles match-ups.

The sole Terror loss came at the hands of Haverford by a score of 6-3. Henderson and Desrosiers won their doubles and singles match-ups, but it wasn't enough as the women fell from the ranks of the unbeaten.

The Terror will compete against Gettysburg, Notre Dame, and Bryn Mawr this week.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Alethea Desrosiers is one of two undefeated women's tennis players.

Softball defeats Washington and Franklin and Marshall

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Terror softball team has been on a roll as of late, most recently sweeping a double-header against Washington College with scores of 11-3 and 9-5.

Sophomore catcher Courtney Wunderlich homered in the second inning and hit a grand slam in the third to help the Terror stay in second place in the Centennial Conference.

Right-handers Katie Sweirkos and Amy Cipolloni were the winning pitchers for the night.

Earlier in the week, the Terror split a double-header with Elizabethtown College by a score of 4-5 and 8-3.

The Terror swept another double-header from Franklin and Marshall this past week with scores of 9-2 and 11-6.

Sweirkos and Cipolloni both pitched seven hitters on the night.

The Terror suffered their lone setback this past week by dropping a double-header to host Ursinus by scores of 3-11 and 10-11.

A late rally tied the second game to send it into extra innings, but to no avail as Ursinus ended the game two innings later.

Ursinus and Western Maryland have either won or co-held the Centennial Conference Title since its inception in 1994.



The Terror softball team celebrates another victory.

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Working to combat AIDS apathy

BY JENIFER SIKKIS
News Editor

When students are asked if they are worried about contracting HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, a frequent response is, "AIDS? That won't happen to me." Although several groups attempt to educate WMC students on HIV and AIDS, it appears that protecting oneself from AIDS is not a top priority.

However, WMC students may have reason to be worried. In the spring of 1995, a survey was conducted of WMC students by ASAP: AIDS Support, Awareness, and Prevention, an AIDS peer education group on campus. The survey found that 80 percent of students surveyed admitted to being sexually active. Of them, only 43 percent used a condom consistently, and 43 percent had four or more sexual partners.

In addition, according to the AIDS Information Center, an online version of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, it is estimated that one in every four new HIV infections occur in people under 25 years of age.

These statistics concur with a national trend in AIDS awareness. "We are seeing across the nation 'AIDS apathy,'" explained Bonnie Bosley, health education coordinator at WMC. "The AIDS movement has cooled down recently."

Bosley explained that people are not as interested in hearing about AIDS anymore; this has led to not taking the possibility of contracting AIDS seriously. She said that a general feeling of "AIDS apathy" is especially true in college-age stu-

dents. "College students have a feeling of invincibility," she said. "They don't believe that HIV or AIDS is going to affect their world."

Janet Keymetian, past-president of ASAP agrees. "[WMC students] don't seem to realize that they could become infected themselves. The problem may be that HIV/AIDS is not a trendy topic anymore. A lot of young people seem to think that the [HIV/AIDS] crisis is over. Or worse, they seem to think that AZT and other drugs are a cure."

In order to combat this notion of invincibility, the WMC community has taken several steps in hopes of promoting AIDS awareness on campus.

In order to help increase awareness Bosley was named Health Education Coordinator, ASAP has developed a peer education program, an AIDS testing clinic is present on campus, and Resident Assistants have condoms available for students who ask for them. As the health educator, Bosley frequently lectures to classes about AIDS education and serves as the advisor to ASAP.

Lecturing to students is important because it provides the students with current and accurate information, Bosley said. "There is a lot of misinformation out there," she added. It also takes away the stigma of asking questions about HIV/AIDS. Students are in an academic setting, so they can ask a question for "academic purposes" when a question may really be for "personal ones" Bosley said.

Her lectures include a description of the difference between HIV and AIDS, the progression of HIV to AIDS, and the ways that students can practice safer sex. "Some students do know a lot, but some don't. It depends what [high] school or county they come from."

In the past five years, ASAP members have worked to develop a comprehensive AIDS education program. Members of ASAP accompany Bosley when she lectures, as well as perform the peer education program when asked. ASAP members are educated on AIDS at the beginning of every school year and are available as a resource for students for accurate information about AIDS, as well as to distribute condoms.

The peer education program
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Student dealer addresses drug problem at WMC

Student drug dealer claims to make over \$30,000 a year selling drugs, disputes administration's view on drug issue

BY MATT THOMAS AND
JULIE DEVELIN
Staff Writers

Editor's Note: The story below is the second part of a two part series on drug use at WMC. Part one, which did not appear in its entirety in the April 15 issue due to a computer error, appears on page 2 along with a related story.

A WMC student who claims to be the "biggest drug dealer on campus" told *The Phoenix* last week that he made an estimated \$30,000 this year selling drugs.

The student spoke to *The Phoenix* on the condition of anonymity. He also requested that it be made clear that his intention in being interviewed is not to brag, but to clarify questions of drug use at WMC.

He claims that he sells only psychotropic drugs, ranging from pot to shrooms, ecstasy to pot.

"I don't sell physically addictive drugs," he said. "You can get them at the [local] high school,

though." He added, "I do know kids on campus who use drugs like coke, crystal meth, and heroin."

Some may suspect this self-proclaimed drug dealer of exaggerating his story, but five students familiar with his activities confirmed

"I don't think that any controlled substances [other than marijuana] are used to an extent that they become a problem."

Mike Webster, Director of Campus Safety

his claims in separate interviews. The students spoke to *The Phoenix* on condition of anonymity. *The Phoenix* in no way means to insinuate that these students are custom-

ers of the supposed dealer.

Efforts to contact Campus Safety Director Mike Webster for comments last Friday were unsuccessful. In an earlier interview, he said, "I don't think that any controlled substances [other than marijuana] are used to an extent that they become a problem."

However, the self-proclaimed drug dealer stated that he sells almost half as much shrooms as he does pot in a week. "I sell roughly two ounces of pot in a week, and an ounce or more of shrooms," he said.

While a few ounces a week might not seem like a lot of drugs, the supposed dealer said, "It's put me through school." Though he admitted that some of his college costs were taken care of via other sources, he claimed revenues of about \$70,000 from selling drugs last year.

Contacted before the alleged dealer was interviewed, Westminster police Captain Dean Brewer
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WMCR Fest rocks Red Square

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Editor in Chief

The music of the first annual WMCR Fest called the students of Western Maryland College out of their dorms and into Red Square on Saturday, May 1, into the sunshine of one of the most beautiful days of the year so far. The day-long event, sponsored and organized by WMCR radio, provided non-stop musical acts from 4 pm until midnight.

Ten bands created the lineup of the music festival. The acts represented a variety of ties to the WMC community, either with current students, alumni, professors, or in the case of two of the bands, friends of WMCR. The headlining act of the day was the popular local band Spitsville.

The afternoon kicked off with Pariah and Second Thought, each featuring WMC students. They
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TRANNG DAM

Studio pimpin' ain't easy: Eric Barry aka Cheazy-E drew one of the biggest crowds of the WMCR-Fest

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was asked if he thought that increased drug arrests at WMC meant that drug use had increased here. "I'd say this year we've had a few more calls than normal. The number of users is a small handful," he said. He added, "Most of them are connected with each other in some way. A small handful shouldn't reflect in a negative manner upon the campus itself."

Webster concurred. "There are certain groups more likely to go to church, or get a

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-President Chambers

3.0, or engage in recreational marijuana use."

The supposed drug dealer disagreed. He told *The Phoenix*, "People from all groups do drugs. There is no one clique. Usually one person will buy for Honors, ROTC, frats and sororities." He added, "As for drug use increasing, when I got here, people were selling a lot; when I leave, other people will sell a lot."

WMC President Robert Chambers, interviewed before the supposed drug dealer made his allegations, isn't convinced that drug use on campus is up significantly.

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Despite WMC's zero tolerance drug policy, which requires Campus Safety to inform the police immediately of suspected drug activity on campus, the dealer claims dozens of customers in the last year.

Survey reveals drug use among WMC's first year students

Nearly one-third of WMC freshmen have smoked pot according to a December 1998 survey of first year students administered by Dr. Lauren Dundes and Bonnie Bosley of Health Services.

Out of a class of 332 students, 265 responded. Thirty-two percent admitted to smoking pot in the past year, and 21 percent have used marijuana in the past month, according to the survey.

Fifteen percent of respondents reported using another controlled substance within the past year, while eight percent stated that they have used drugs other than mari-

juana in the past month. These drugs include hallucinogens such as LSD, psilocybin (mushrooms), ecstasy, and PCP; amphetamines such as speed, crystal meth, and Ritalin; and opiates such as heroin and opium.

It is important to note that these statistics do not necessarily represent drug use on the campus at large due to the size and nature of the sample, as only freshmen were polled. According to Dr. Dundes, those who did take the survey probably under reported due to the subject matter.

-Text by Julie Develin and Matthew Thomas

The following data on arrests for drug abuse violations are compiled from reports to the Department of Campus safety.

Year	# of arrests
1991	1
1992	2
1993	2
1994	3
1995	4
1996	9
1997	5

out. He added, "A third offense carries as a minimum expulsion."

Those are minimums, though. Kane was quick to note that the minimum sanctions, formed in conjunction with SGA, were written with the understanding that the minimums were for low-level drug offenses. The alleged drug dealer would almost certainly face harsher penalties if caught.

Kane personally felt that, "From a hearing officer's standpoint, I find sanctions helpful. They give me an idea of how the community feels. These guidelines help remove personal judgment."

"On the other hand," he said, "it's not getting talked about, like the Honor Code, so you wonder if it's effective."

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Director of Residence life

Kane concluded by saying, "There have been only two or three repeat offenses in the last couple of years, so the policy seems to be effective."

"That the police are called shows that we take this seriously," said Kane.

President Chambers said, "We cannot, and do not, encourage lawbreaking on campus."

The self-proclaimed drug dealer has no plans of stopping sales, though. "I have more opportunity than time," he said.

He's focusing on getting his GPA up this semester. It's hovering around a 'B' average. He would like to graduate with a 'B' average. "I'm not trying to be cocky," he said. "I'm a student first, and a drug dealer second."

Students debate drug use Campus clean-up beautifies WMC

The first story in The Phoenix's two-part series on drug use at WMC

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In light of the recent drug arrests here on campus, one wonders, is there a drug problem at Western Maryland College? Ask a student and he or she will probably say no. However, while they may say there is no problem, most agree that drugs, especially marijuana, are readily available to those who pursue them.

A group of WMC students told *The Phoenix* that the recent drug arrests do not necessarily reflect a problem in their eyes.

"I think it's blown out of proportion," said sophomore communication major Lauren Henry. "Certain people do drugs, but that doesn't mean the whole campus does."

An English major from Gaithersburg, MD, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed. "I don't think there is a problem, I think [authority figures at WMC] are being uptight," she said. "I think they're over-focusing and searching [users] out."

Senior Tokx Okorie, a resident assistant, agrees that the idea of a drug problem is blown out of proportion. "I don't think this is a drug zone," he said. He added, "I believe a lot of students smoke marijuana but not on campus."

While that may be true, junior philosophy major Chandra Westergaard said, "It happens but if you are not part of a group that does it, you don't recognize that it happens. If it's not in your face you don't think about it. It depends on your opinion," she said.

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Anonymous student

The opinion of most students may be that any idea of a drug problem on campus is over exaggerated. What do those responsible for enforcing the drug policy on campus think? See the next issue of *The Phoenix* for answers to that question as well as statistics and analysis.

A handful of sleepy students spent Sunday morning, May 2, working around campus as part of the SGA's annual Campus Clean-up event. Approximately 20 students spent the hours between 8 am and 11 am preparing the campus for Senior Invention and Honors Convocation, graduation, and "keeping the campus we live on... beautiful," according to SGA Vice President and President-Elect Matthew Gribbin.

In its fourth year, Campus Clean-up is designed to get students and student groups to work together "with and for the campus," said Gribbin. The event is supposed to build community spirit while beautifying the campus.

While attendance was low this year, most years attendance is about 80 to 90 people, there was enough work to go around. Teams of two traveled to the residence halls to check on recycling bins and transport recyclables to the recycling center. Afterwards, students ventured into Red Square to pick up cigarette butts and other trash.

The rest of the morning was spent on the campus grounds. Students split off to paint speed bumps, to plant flowers in front of Old Gill, outside Rouzer, in front of Smith house, and around Red Square, and to water the newly planted sod in Red Square. In conjunction with the afternoon's Senior Inven-

ture and Honors Convocation ceremony, students also tied ribbons to the trees outside Big Baker.

In the past, there has been more work for students. In addition to this year's activities, past Clean-ups have included trimming trees and shrubbery, painting fire hydrants and curbs, sweeping leaves and trash, recycling, and planting trees. Most of this work was done prior to the Board of Trustees's April meeting and the campus concert. Gribbin also notes that Phil Boob and physical plant keep the WMC "looking nice" all year long.

Since most of the work usually done during Campus Clean-up was completed prior to the event, SGA did little advertising, and Gribbin and SGA secretary Dana Jacobson blame low attendance on this. As of April 29, he said, SGA was not even sure Campus Clean-up would take place this year.

"We'd like to get ideas and participation from [more] students," Gribbin commented. "Considering the number of people... [the event] was successful," Jacobson said. Gribbin agreed: "What needed to be done was done."

Besides increasing publicity for next year, ideas for more activities for Clean-up day are being sought.

While the new SGA is looking for more student participation and input on all aspects of campus life, Gribbin hopes that Campus Clean-up especially will continue to be a big deal among the students.

Students complain that campus-wide roach problem has not been solved

BY SEAN POND
Contributing Writer

As Jeff walks down the hallway in a sleepy daze, he looks forward to getting into the shower and being revitalized before a long day of classes. As he enters the hot streams of water and begins to rise from the slumberous clouds he had been in for hours, he sees something through the blur of his eyes: something dark - it moved! Quickly focusing on the spot he sees that an enormous cockroach has made its way into the shower with him.

The roach, as it is known to most, has lived among humans for centuries. This prehistoric "bug" has also found many dark spaces on the WMC campus, and many students have found roaches to be a serious problem.

Whether it be Blanche Ward, ANW, or Daniel MacLea, cockroaches have invaded this college and made quite a home here. According to junior Jeff Cree, "There are cockroaches in every building on campus... I just killed one this morning."

Cree, who lives in a first-floor suite in Daniel MacLea, gets up every morning at 6 to go to physical training, and once the light is flicked on in the bathroom, he always sees a couple of roaches scurry away.

"I think even if we kept the suite extremely clean, there would still be roaches," he said, "but I feel

that the trash room below us contributes to much of the problem."

Cree later told numerous stories of past roach sightings in the dorm and elsewhere.

"One time last year, I saw a gigantic roach right outside of Glar," he said. "That was the most disgusting display I have ever seen on this campus. It makes me wonder what is going on inside Glar."

Along with Cree, there are many other students who have reported roach sightings. Sophomore Trisha Swiderski lives on the second floor of ANW and has battled roaches all year. She explained that she kills three to four roaches a week, and that her room is one of the cleaner rooms on the floor. They seem to reside on her walls and ceiling, and reach sizes up to about one and a half inches, she estimated.

"I shouldn't have to jump out of bed to avoid roaches falling on me from the ceiling," she explained. "I don't understand why more hasn't been done to get rid of them."

Apparently Swiderski went to her RA and complained about the insects, and soon after, the physical plant came in and exterminated a plant came in and exterminated after spring break.

"I think that I have seen more roaches after they exterminated. I think the situation is ridiculous," she said.

There have been many complaints over the existence of cockroaches in the dorms, but the big

question still is lingering: what is the college going to do to try to fix the situation?

WMC's building services coordinator, Mel Whelan, feels that there is no roach problem on campus. Because of the construction on the new science building, there have been some rodent-type consequences, he said. Due to the disruption to the soil, McDaniel Hall has been overrun with ants, according to Whelan.

The same type of problem has occurred in ANW, with an infestation of mice because of the dirt brought in for the lower parking lot. Whelan and his staff have dealt with these problems and they are apparently gone, but it has been brought to his attention this semester that roaches are running rampant through many rooms in various dorms.

"If students call, then I go over and spray around, but if it is before Wednesday," he said, "then I will send over the professionals of Terminex to deal with the large insects."

Whelan feels that much of the problem stems from the cleanliness of the rooms. Every Wednesday, the Terminex workers, come in and spray where Whelan has gotten complaints. If there have been no complaints, then the crew makes its rounds of the dining hall and the offices in an attempt to combat the roaches.

During spring break ANW was

completely sprayed from top to bottom, and there were over 100 roach motels set up, but when the motels were collected there was only one roach found dead.

Although the college seems to be making a legitimate attempt to overcome the obstacle at hand, there is still some question of how thorough a job they are doing.

Orkin, a local company and competitor of Terminex, had a slightly different view of how the roach issue should be dealt with. Jim Brown, a technician for Orkin, felt that roaches could, without a doubt, be eliminated.

"50 percent of the problem is sanitation. It may be difficult and a long process, but it can be done," Brown said.

He was aware that WMC has many German roaches (the most widely distributed roach in the United States), American roaches, and Oriental roaches. In his 15-year career Brown has experienced and seen many roach situations.

"Usually the female roach will live for one year and stay deep within the walls and lay up to 400 offspring. They are hard to stop because they reproduce so fast," he said.

Here at WMC there has been a conscience effort to solve the roach invasion, but there are varying opinions that things should be done differently.

Results of the SGA election for 1999-2000

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Computer labs to make transition to PCs

BY ABIGAIL D. ENOEL
Staff Writer

WMC is working hard to keep up with the trends of a continually changing era. It is necessary that the college begin taking steps to assure that the graduates of this institution are technologically compatible with business and industry. In order to assure they keep technologically current, they are beginning to transition from a primarily Macintosh-based computing environment to more of a PC-based environment.

This summer, they will begin this transition by converting Hill Hall Writing Center and Hoover General Writing Center to PC's with a few Macintoshes remaining in the Hoover Lab. This transition is not intended to hinder the progress of Macintosh-oriented students. It is the goal of administration officials to better prepare students for employment after graduation; also, most incoming students more often than not bring PC-based systems with them. This transition will make it easier for students to use the writing centers and their personal computers in conjunction.

Most people want the luxury of having the same type of computer system at home as they have at work or school. Students that prefer Macintosh-based systems have no desire or are very reluctant to switch to the more widely available and supported PC-based systems.

Those students who stay with Macintosh systems will be able to use the computer labs in Lewis Hall, in the Howard Hughes Lab and the Math and Computer Lab, also the Maggie Computer Lab on the second floor in Hoover Library as they will remain Macintosh labs for the time being. The Peterson Hall Graphics Arts Lab will remain a Macintosh facility as well. The Registrar and Finance offices will also begin to progress over to a Windows-based PC environment.

Most students and faculty members who were interviewed felt the transition to PC's will be a positive change. They all agree that the college should do all it can to keep up with the computer trends outside of the school system to ensure that students are prepared for employment after graduation.

Campus Safety Blotter

•On 4/6 at 1:00 am DoCS documented physical abuse for threatening or dangerous conduct at Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 4/9 at 8:00 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Englar Dining Hall.

•On 4/10 at 11:28 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Rouzer Hall.

•On 4/10 at 12:00 am DoCS documented a property crime at Rouzer Hall.

•On 4/11 at 1:20 am DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation at Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 4/11 at 7:11 pm DoCS documented a theft in Decker Student Center.

•On 4/11 at 9:31 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at the DoCS office.

•On 4/13 at 2:20 pm DoCS documented a felony theft at Decker Student Center.

•On 4/15 at 6:19 pm DoCS documented a theft at Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 4/17 at 5:00 am DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance at Whitford Hall.

•On 4/17 at 6:47 am DoCS documented a theft at Hoover Library.

•On 4/17 at 1:44 pm DoCS documented a felony theft at Lewis Hall of Science.

•On 4/18 at 12:49 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at the DoCS office.

•On 4/18 at 3:01 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 4/18 at 6:49 pm DoCS documented an officer's report at Gill Gym.

•On 4/18 at 10:30 pm DoCS documented harassment at McDaniel Hall.

•On 4/19 at 9:33 pm DoCS documented a theft at Englar Dining Hall.

•On 4/22 at 10:35 pm DoCS documented an officer's report for a rule/policy violation at the Pennsylvania Avenue Gravel Lot.

•On 4/24 at 3:30 am DoCS documented tampering with fire protection devices in the basement of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 4/24 at 7:15 pm DoCS documented reckless behavior on the quad at Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 4/24 at 7:20 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at the DoCS office.

•On 4/24 at 9:28 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report on the 3rd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 4/24 at 11:55 pm DoCS documented assault on the 2nd floor of Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 4/25 at 12:08 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Smith House.

•On 4/25 at 12:45 am DoCS documented disruption at the Decker Student Center Forum.

•On 4/25 at 2:05 am DoCS documented the possession of weapons at the Decker Student Center Forum.

•On 4/25 at 2:15 am DoCS documented a medical report at the Decker Student Center Forum.

•On 4/25 at 3:06 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at the Garden Apartments Building 1.

•On 4/25 at 5:30 am DoCS documented a theft at McDaniel Hall.

•On 4/26 at 7:35 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Whitford Hall.



WMC Unity adopts family to get in touch with community

WMC Unity is an organization that was started last year by a group of WMC students who wanted to get involved in the surrounding community. The girls came up with the idea of adopting a family and opening up to the school for support, thereby uniting the community with the WMC campus.

Several major events were held this semester. A clothing drive was held the week before and after Spring Break. WMC Unity asked students to clean out their closets, and they went door to door in every dorm collecting the bags.

Clothing was given to a local homeless shelter in Carroll County called Second Chances, where people living in local shelters could come and "shop" for free clothing. Over thirty bags of clothing were collected.

Additionally, a speaker was held on March 25 to discuss child abuse. The speaker, who was a priest from a church in Baltimore, discussed the life of a boy who committed suicide because of the effects of sexual child abuse. The young man accused was an artist, and his artwork was presented to teach people the damaging and everlasting effects of child abuse.

One of the most successful events of the semester was the Easter Extravaganza held

on March 28. Over thirty children from various organizations on campus joined in for the first event.

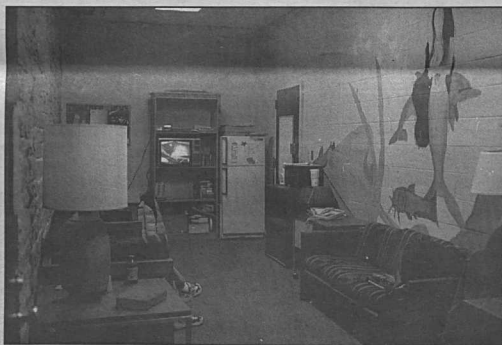
Children not only met the Easter bunny, but they also had their faces painted, hunted for Easter eggs, entered a coloring contest, and participated in egg relays. STAY, TACI, Big Sisters, and Alpha Nu Omega co-sponsored the event. Local businesses donated over \$70 in prizes to the children. This event helped to bring children from Westminster onto campus to enjoy a day of fun with WMC students.

Along with these events, WMC Unity is involved in tutoring twice a week for the girls of the family they are sponsoring.

Current WMC Unity members are Brianne Bray, Jen Clarke, Erica Colton, Christa Farrar, Alison Kleiner, Courtney Krasowski, Jennifer Martin, Taylor Redding, Corinne Brinnier, Maribell Calderon, Christa Doitsoun, and James Gasparo.

Next year, WMC unity is hoping to help more families and to expand their membership. Please call Alison or Erica at x8638 to get involved or find out what WMC Unity is about.

Submitted by WMC Unity



The commuter lounge provides a place for commuter students to relax during the school day.

CSA designed for students' needs

BY ABIGAIL D. ENOEL
Staff Writer

Although few students know that it exists, the Commuter Students Association caters to the unique needs of those who must commute to and from campus each day.

The purpose of this organization is to "promote interaction of commuter students with resident students on campus in order to promote positive college experiences," and "to promote cooperation among the college faculty and administration in order to be recognized as a vital instrument of campus life."

Any nonresident status student is eligible to become a member of the CSA. Students with concerns or ideas to express that would make their time at this school a better experience are invited to attend the CSA's bi-weekly meeting to ask their questions, voice their concerns, and meet other people who can relate to their col-

lege experience.

The Commuter Student Lounge is another perk of CSA membership. It provides a place to relax, a refrigerator to store food and sodas in, a microwave to heat food in, a television, and two sofas for relaxation.

One CSA member, Genny Clark, stated that the lounge has improved her college experience as, "It is a good place where I can drop my books, eat my lunch, socialize with other students, and especially nontraditional students. Because I commute from Annapolis, I like having a place where I can rest my sore back while I study and eat my lunch. I really like meeting students other than the ones in my classes — students with different majors and at different levels. This helps me to be able to see that I am not the only person who works hard and goes extra miles to get a valuable education."

WMCR Fest

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were followed by Insight II Life, featuring vocalists Rafael and Carl Taylor and Prakash Wright. Insight II Life has already established a following on campus and is set to release a CD entitled *Let's Not Wait* shortly.

Lynus and .30.30 followed, two Frederick-area acts invited to take part in the festival by WMCR staff members. WMC alumni Pocket Full of Change also re-

turned to the school to perform.

As the sun started to set over the square, Cheazy-E took the stage to entertain probably the largest crowd of the evening. His unique rap performance is legendary at WMC, and the added bonus of a Michael Jackson dance number, made Cheazy's set the highlight of the evening for many in attendance.

The crowd stuck around for The Shelly Coats, featuring WMC Mas-

ters Student Eric Evitts and Professor Tony Kirschner. Kirschner even promised a raised grade to a particularly complimentary student in the audience.

The hip-hop act of Mr. Sinister & Lefty Larsony w/DJ Chuchio, featuring students Marcus Helton, Eric Larson, and Jack Sorto, directly preceded Spitsville, the headlining act of the evening. In their button-up suits, the trio provided a set full of energetic power pop numbers. The last act of the evening, Seven Hills of Guam, offered a bit of "space rock" to end the evening on a unique note.

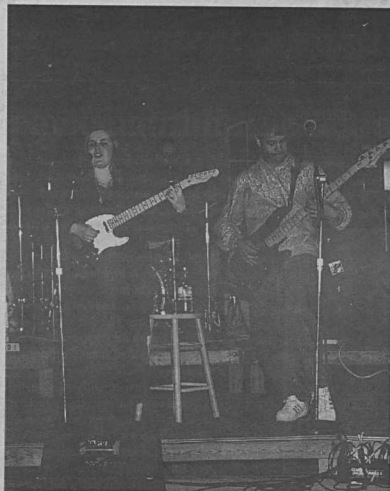
"I thought it was a good turn-out for the first year," said Junior Martin Wisor, who was at the festival for most of the day, and picked Cheazy-E as his favorite act.

He said the turn-out definitely warranted another WMCR Fest next year, possibly with a bit more advertising to draw a more diverse crowd. "I think the main reason people showed up was because they knew someone in one of the bands."



TRANG DAM

Headliners Spitsville performed songs from their debut album, *Repeater*.



TRANG DAM

The Shelley Coats feature WMC's own professor Tony Kirschner on bass.

ASAP

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consists of humorous fictional skits presented to raise issues concerning the AIDS epidemic. The topics in the skits presented include: abstinence, safer sex, and how to get tested for HIV. A discussion period follows the skits.

"Many people have questions about AIDS and condoms but are too afraid to ask," said ASAP member Shauna Dominguez. "If they see our skits, it often answers their questions without them feeling embarrassed."

The confidential AIDS testing clinic was started in the spring semester of 1995. Currently, the testing is performed every other Thursday at Smith House and is a satellite AIDS testing station for the Carroll County Health Department.

Bosley, who performs the testing, says that approximately six to seven students are tested in the two hours that the clinic is held.

The testing process is confidential, and students who make appointments at Smith House for the test do not have to give their name, Bosley explained. The only thing used to identify the person being tested is a number called a unique identifier, a combination of an individual's birthday, social security number, and race. It is enough information so that the number can't be traced to the person, but it is enough so that the state can keep an accurate record of who gets tested, and the result of the test, which is not reported to WMC, Bosley said.

Although there has been a strong effort to raise awareness and prevent the spread of AIDS on campus, it is hard to tell whether an impact has been made.

Some students say that they care and are concerned about being infected with HIV and pay attention

to various AIDS education programs, but when it comes down to it, they just seem to ignore using safe sex methods. "I am very concerned about HIV and AIDS," said a male student who has seen ASAP presentations. "But, I don't always think about using condoms, though, because I don't think that I could really get AIDS."

Still, others say that they are trusting of their sexual partners, so they don't pay attention to AIDS educational programs. "I trust my sexual partners when they tell me that they are not infected with HIV, AIDS, or any sexually transmitted disease," a sophomore female said.

In a survey conducted last month of 50 WMC students, 80 percent claimed to know "a lot about HIV/AIDS and how it is spread and how to protect oneself." Twenty percent claimed to know some about the spread and prevention of AIDS. None of the respondents claimed to know nothing about HIV/AIDS.

Additionally, 90 percent were aware of the free AIDS testing program on campus, and 86 percent were aware that they could get free condoms from their resident assistants.

However, only 8 percent have taken advantage of the AIDS testing clinic, and only 22 percent have requested condoms from their RAs. The responses were evenly distributed among the sex of the student. When asked what could be done to promote AIDS education on campus, most students did not answer the question.

In response to these statistics, Bosley was pleased that students were taking advantage of the services on campus, but she would like to see the numbers increase.

ASAP members have various

opinions about the impact of their organization. "We can do as much as we can to increase awareness, but in the end it's up to each individual to take it on himself or herself to make sure they are safe," said member Lisa VanAuken. "We can only point the way. It's their decision whether or not to listen."

Stacey Myers, president of ASAP agrees. "No matter what we say or do... a lot of the kids have the attitude that 'HIV doesn't happen to people like me.'" Myers said that from talking to people, and watching responses to skits and programs ASAP members put on, she feels the general campus attitude is that HIV doesn't infect WMC students.

"We can educate until we're blue in the face, but it won't do any good unless individuals care," VanAuken added.

ASAP plans to continue their peer education program, bring a speaker infected with HIV or AIDS to campus, and become involved in freshman orientation, according to Myers.

Bosley plans to continue lecturing to classes in order to raise awareness on campus. She also hopes to use *The Phoenix* to frequently publicize accurate AIDS information and statistics for students.

Although there is a general feeling of not caring about AIDS on campus, ASAP members intend to continue their educational programs even if it only reaches out to a small number of people. When students think about ASAP, they just think about a place where they can get condoms, said ASAP member Sara Gruber. "That may seem 'beneath' our higher goals of awareness, but that's enough for me if we save one life."

Undergraduate Spring 1999 Awards Recipients

Academic Awards

Jean Alpaugh Award for Interdisciplinary Study:

Amanda Sue Leshner

MACPA Outstanding Achievement in Accounting Award:

Lubomir Kassovic Ondercin

James P. Earp Sociology Award: Jaime Marie Rauser

Ralph B. Price Scholarship: Laszlo Farkas

The Wasyl Palijczuk Art Award: Pamela Sheree Murrell

Outstanding Sophomore Art Award: Lori Kristin Hansch

Wentz Most Promising Art Freshman Award: Leah T. Dantine

Barry A. Winkelman Memorial Award: Sean David Pond

Harry Clary Jones Scholarship (Physics):

Michael Anthony Morgan, II

Harry Clary Jones Scholarship (Chemistry): Gaelen Patrick Cross

James D. Essig Memorial Scholarship: Lindsey Melissa Drager

Isabel Isanogole Royer Biology Scholarship: Diane Elizabeth Grove

The Felix Woodbridge Morley Memorial Award:

Andrew Jackson Forney

Caroline Ann Rodgers

Charles J. Miller Award for Excellence in Mathematics:

Laura Michelle Boesler

Anna J. Trefl Award for Excellence in Pre-Medical or Biological Studies:

Michael Robert Duns

The Gordon B. Shelton '68 Award for Excellence in the Life Sciences:

Kenneth Brian Fischer

Millard Milburn Rice Non-Fiction Writing Prize:

Sarah Elizabeth Radice

Activity and Leadership Awards

SGA Undergraduate Leadership Award:

Amanda Joy Cline, Kelly Underwood Dunnivant,

Stacey M. Myers

The Ralph Candler and Dorothy Prince John Award:

Kristine Louise Knox

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Letters to the Editor

A misunderstanding?

Dear Editor,

We all make mistakes, and often in our lives, we interpret or perceive things differently from others. Is this wrong? Are we bad people because we do these things?

No, we are not.

Recently, in a letter to the editor, a student voiced his disgust for the actions taken by Class of 2001 president Jeremiah Kelly.

The letter claimed that Kelly blatantly lied to the student body without any regard for them and their concerns.

He did this by writing a letter, which stated that a class meeting would be held at which a variety of important information that almost every student would want to hear would be presented.

In reality, this was nothing more than a ploy to gather the class for a picture.

There are several key points which the letter failed to address. I would like to discuss them now.

First, the meeting only took fifteen minutes out of the daily class schedule of students, no more time than it takes to register for classes.

The event, as explained to students when

they had arrived, was part of an April Fools' joke, which Kelly asked to be taken in the light and jovial nature in which it was intended.

However, realizing that not everyone was pleased, Kelly issued a formal apology to the Class of 2001.

I believe that the writer of the letter to the editor dealt with the situation in a way which is not conducive to the community we have here.

While I certainly respect his point of view, this is not the "Washington political scene" and personal attacks on individuals in our seemingly friendly community have no place. We must maintain the unique nature of our community.

I would ask the writer of that letter if he actually spoke to Mr. Kelly at all about his concern and distaste for what happened. To say that Mr. Kelly does not respect or care about the class he represents is unfounded.

Mr. Kelly put his reputation on the line in order to get a class picture, not for himself but for the members of the class.

It would have been much easier for him to take the apathetic stance of most class officers and do little or nothing for the class.

However, Mr. Kelly holds monthly class meetings, and he organized and helped with the building of the Class of 2001's first place homecoming float.

Beyond that, he has listened to students' concerns on the orientation process, the honor code, the plus/minus system, the student bill of rights, and many others.

He has been someone who has constantly wanted to press on when others were willing to allow the administration to have their way with the students.

Yes, what happened was wrong. But those who went—ask yourselves, would you have come if the letter had not been written?

I believe that Jeremiah Kelly is a good person, and while he should be the subject of criticism, what was done does not discredit all the hard work he has done for our class and our school.

Everyone who knows him here at WMC, knows that he is a man of good moral and ethical standards, who strives to do what he believes is best.

He always has the best intentions, and he is someone who they would be proud to call a friend... I know I am!!!

Matthew Burger

Roommate survival tips

Danielle Loiacono advises students on the roommate experience.

Okay. So by now most of us have gotten used to living with someone. Tight quarters and minimal privacy have their drawbacks, but having a roommate can actually be a rewarding experience. I mean it.

If you are one of the lucky ones who have gone all year without trying to kill or at least sabotage your roommate, congratulations.

For the rest of us who have to be confined to close, cramped quarters again next semester, I've come up with a few helpful hints that should make dorm life a little easier next year.

First off, remember that there really is someone else living with you. And that person (or persons) has a right to privacy. Going through their stuff or listening to their conversations violates that right. Diaries have locks for reasons.

You also have a right to privacy. Let your roommate know of any, um, additional "guests" that may be over. A code or system of operations may be needed. No one likes to walk in on a party they weren't invited to. And remember, if you want an audience, sell tickets.

Morning is a sensitive time for a lot of people. Some of us find it irritating to be greeted with sunshine and birds chirping. It's not that 8 am isn't a fun time for the energy deficient, it's just that we would rather be sleeping. So please, keep the morning happy time at a low volume.

The same also goes for those who go to sleep at night. After a hard day, when you've been working all day and you lay down to go to sleep, the last thing anyone wants to hear is noise. Late-night phone conversations and next-door parties aren't exactly bedtime stories. There's a noise policy, follow it.

There's also a policy against harboring illegal animals. Even if you don't know if that's her pet or her boyfriend living in the corner of the room, it shouldn't be there.

I'll be the first to admit it—I'm a slob. I have absolutely no motivation to make my

bed, or put my clothes away, or throw food out that's been in my refrigerator for three weeks.

I'm not perfect, and I know I have to work on that. Someone once said that cleanliness is next to Godliness—one day I might listen and clean my room. A messy room is a smelly room, not to mention an unhealthy one.

Every now and then problems will arise. There are a few things you shouldn't do, no matter how pissed off you get.

Plotting revenge against your roommate sounds like fun, but results in minimal gratification.

Tarring and feathering your roommate looks a lot better on paper than it does in reality. It's your room too, and you have to live with whatever mess you make.

The middle of the night may be the best time for sabotage, but setting your roommate's alarm clock for 3:45 am to a salsa station may backfire. Some people get angry when awoken for no apparent reason.

Whatever you do, don't go crazy and shave off your roommate's eyebrows. You may be susceptible to retaliation.

Your roommate's personal property probably never did anything to you. Breaking it would just be vindictive.

Also, trashing the room may be cathartic, but like I said before, you have to live with whatever mess you make.

Communication always helps when trying to maintain a civil living environment.

If you have a problem with your roommate, let him or her know. Ignoring them or letting the things that bother you slide will not make your problems go away. Talking things through usually helps when problems arise.

If you are having irreconcilable differences, consider getting a new roommate.

Your roommate can be your best friend, or your worst enemy. I'm thankful that I have the roommate that I do. We get along great. Most of the time, anyway.

Anyway, good luck next year, and remember, your roommate knows where you live.

Drugs and financial aid

To the editors:

The Higher Education Act of 1998 (HEA) contains a provision automatically prohibiting anyone convicted of a drug offense from receiving federal financial aid for college.

One could reapply for financial aid only after satisfying vague rules on rehabilitation in addition to satisfying the criminal penalties assigned by the court.

I, for one, find this an ineffective way to deal with our nation's drug problem.

Before this law was passed, judges had the discretion to determine on a case-by-case basis who should be denied financial aid based upon the severity of the crime, the history of the individual, and the circumstances of the event.

This provision of the HEA supersedes judges' discretion about punishment.

All drug offenses, whether it be distribution of heroin or possession of marijuana, are now lumped together for the purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid.

To put this in perspective, people that are convicted of murder, rape, or theft do not automatically lose financial aid upon conviction and regain their eligibility after completing their sentence.

However, someone found guilty of misdemeanor possession will lose his aid.

This may be the beginning of things to come. Who knows when the federal government might move to restrict financial aid based upon, say, alcohol offenses.

The line must be drawn here. Contact your U.S. Representative at (202) 224-3121, and tell them to support H.R. 1053, a bill introduced by Rep. Barney Frank to overturn this provision.

You can sign a petition at www.RaiseYourVoice.com or find more information about the HEA at www.u-net.org.

If you are interested in getting involved here at WMC, contact me at x8205 or via email at dm003.

Dennis Lucey

Troubled teens and non-conformity in Littleton, CO

Compared to all the 'soap boxes' I've waxed prolific from, this one is the largest by far. I am very upset about some aspects of the press coverage of the school shooting in Littleton, Co., and about how reporters are handling the problem of school shooters.

What really makes me worried is the emphasis the press has given to the way the shooters dressed. Yes, they may well have had a tendency to wear all black and trench coats, but that is a popular style among non-conformists.

Because all members of my family are different, we had a difficult time in school. Our peers didn't appreciate our high vocabulary, learning disabilities, or our different way of looking at the world.

I've heard my friends making disparaging remarks about revenge for teasing being a powerful enough motivation for such a tragedy.

It is. I was relatively lucky - when my peers teased me, it was only psychological abuse.

Nobody here knows that I didn't trust any of my peers until my senior year of high school. My response to this was to hide behind a mental wall, not letting anyone in to where they could hurt me.

My teenaged brother, the one

who wore black, got physical abuse, in addition to psychological, making me wonder if my gender protected me from physical abuse. He was beaten, regularly, and virtually nothing was ever done about it. Finally, we were able to get video cameras installed in school buses.

As soon as my brother and his friends heard about the shooting in Colorado, they decided not to wear black until all of this passes. They do not want to be associated with the students who were responsible.

Unfortunately, their reputation preceded my brother and his friends, and I know that my brother was harassed because of it.

Whereas he was able to tell us when he was beaten and abused, before he and his friends found each other, he would not tell anyone except Dad. He only told the rest of us that the other kids were harassing him about the shooting, claiming that they thought he and his friends would bring guns to Howard High, and shoot everyone there.

My brother said he was so angry that, when the class ended, he bolted out of the room to find one of his friends, because if he didn't, he may have punched the taunters. What were they trying to do? Cause a shooting?

Contributing writer Robin J. Sinex searches for meaning in Littleton.

This isn't an isolated reaction. When I was attending that school, I ran into trouble with some of the teachers and guidance counselors because I'd accidentally written something that is a very evil symbol in Christianity, but as a non-Christian, it had represented only random numbers to me.

The way that the guidance counselors and teachers treated me could have caused me to do something drastic. Thank God, I internalize, so the worst I would have done was to commit suicide in that guidance counselor's office, where that woman would have to deal with the repercussions.

I don't think that "guidance counselor" even realized that she had made a mistake in assuming that the numbers were intentional. She had been too busy telling me that I was evil to even ascertain that I hadn't a clue.

Now, at least my brother knows why people are harassing him. It still is unacceptable, and I can't help wondering how many other people are being harassed by their classmates. Not all non-conformists come from as stable a family as we did.

How many of these people, who are known for a habit of wearing black, are going to be pushed over the edge? And how will these people over the edge react? How many will end in suicide? How many will start fights, giving in to the anger? And how many will reach for guns and bombs?

What makes me so ANGRY is what commentators and interviewees are saying and implying. From what I've seen, a non-conformist isn't a threat, but the minute the non-conformist does something wrong, they're called an outcast. Are all non-conformists outcasts, or just the bad ones?

As for the idea that movies cause people to react this way, that's wrong. If you've seen an overview of past school shooters, one thing that ties them together is that they were all teased. Teasing is a form of abuse!

These abused students, pushed beyond the edge of rationality, may use movies to help form their plans, and video games, like that James Bond game, may have helped make the idea of shooting people less real, less final.

Nobody seems to have made the connection between this form of child abuse and the shootings. Yes, they admit that being teased is one of the constants, but it seems that

these commentators and politician think that it is the teased person's fault that they are being teased.

Is a victim of child abuse responsible for their abuse? NO! Does it matter if the abuser is an adult or child? NO!

Yes, psychological help is good for those being cut down, but it is even more important that the teasing stops. Stop the abuse, and you will cut down, or stop, these shootings.

I'm not talking about efforts like that black box on the bus that sometimes has a camera, or that was sometimes on. My brother's beatings on the school bus continued for some time before it was caught on videotape.

Yes, these gunmen are responsible for their actions. What I'm saying is that their peers are not totally innocent. We must stop the teasing because it is abuse, sometimes physical, but always psychological.

And the media is responsible for the raised levels of abuse heaped upon students who wore all black, before or after the shooting. Rather than emphasizing the way these shooters dressed, the emphasis should have been on how hateful they were.

The joys of a semester in France

Former editor Kate Hampson praises the experience of travelling abroad.

As most students know, two and a half years of living in WMCland can get pretty monotonous. After even sitting in Glar and complaining about this became boring, I thought it was about time to experience student life somewhere else. So, armed with a beret, a wine glass, and my dictionary, I headed for the distant shores of LaBelle France.

I've now been in Dijon (yes, the place with the mustard) for three months now as part of a program at the university of Burgundy. Any wine buffs out there are sure to know the name of this region; some of the best wine in the world is grown here. This isn't a great study aid but it's certainly a lot of fun.

I'm living in a residence hall for international students. The mixture of cultures makes for an interest-

a drinking age here, they're usually too drunk to do anything at all!

Life in France has its ups and downs. The food here is great, lots of baguettes, croissants, and cheese. Being a vegetarian, I've had to refuse the local specialties of snails and frogs legs, but I can't say that I'm too upset.

Food plays such an important place in French culture that we even have a course on the history of gastronomy - in one class the professor talked for two full hours on the subject of cheese.

The two worst things about France are the drivers and the cigarettes. Crossing the road is a life-threatening task, and eating in one

many local vineyards, I was invited back to the family's home to spend an evening.

The social opportunities in Dijon are a lot better than in Westminster. There is actually more than one club, and there are even several nightclubs! Like at WMC, Thursday is the main party night, and most of the international students tend to go out en masse. The locals don't really seem to know what to make of us, and we must appear to be an odd mixture.

One of the best things about

If you are even remotely considering studying abroad, go for it.

studying in Dijon is its proximity to the rest of Europe. Paris is less than two hours away, and London is only five hours by train.

I have just returned from two weeks traveling when I visited Florence and Rome in Italy, Monaco, Nice, Marseille, Avignon, and Aix-en-Provence in the south of France, and Geneva in Switzerland. Other students from here went to, among other places, Prague, Madrid, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam.

Classes here are all in French, no matter what your level of fluency. Some students didn't know a single word when they arrived, while others are almost fluent.

I have some homework but nowhere near as much as I am used to, so I have a lot of free time. Plus the fact that I don't have class on Fridays, nor on Monday mornings, means that life really isn't too hard

here!

It's hard to believe that the semester is almost over, it feels like it's still the beginning. I'm not ready to come back to the States yet, there's still so much I want to do here. One thing I will be glad to see again is my car. While there is good public transport in France, I think I have walked more in these last months than ever before.

The campus is a 25 minute walk from where I live, and I usually go there and back at least twice a day. The town center is 35 minutes on

foot and the last bus stops at midnight.

So whenever we are too cheap to pay for a taxi, a night out involves a bracing walk home in the early hours of the morning. This is a great way to sober up, but it makes for some huge blisters.

I also miss TV, the sun - the weather in Dijon is not the greatest, and Walmart, which I never appreciated until it wasn't there. Oh, and I miss my friends and family too!

I think this semester has been one of the best experiences I have ever had. I've seen many new places, made some great friends, and improved my French at the same time.

If you are even remotely considering studying abroad, go for it. You'll have the time of your life, I know I am.

The end

Lisa Dale-Van Auker comments on commentaries.

Well folks, it's been a year, and we at commentary are pleased to say that we have survived.

We have done our best to boldly bring you the opinions of members of our community.

And sometimes, you haven't liked them. Okay. Maybe more than sometimes.

You probably have thought, "Why is she writing about that," or "I bet the writer of that article doesn't get enough fiber."

And you probably thought that the opinions you read were not even worthy of lining your closet let alone being published.

But if you ever thought anything about any article you read in this section, you got the point.

If what you read makes you mad, good. Everyone should feel strongly about something.

These articles are meant to make you find out about how you feel. We write them to make you think.

Sometimes we piss you off, and sometimes we show you that there are others who have the same opinions as you.

If you do have opinions, consider this: *The Phoenix* is an open forum for expression, or at least, commentary is.

If you've liked or hated what you've read here, consider writing for us.

We'll take your opinion, even when it pisses us off.

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ing time, and it's amusing to watch the different habits of various nationalities while I practice the art of cafeteria-chilling.

The Japanese students are incredibly polite, they bow if you hand them something and always seem to be giggling behind their hands.

The Scandinavians love to discuss issues; it's impossible to mention a topic without it becoming a full-blooded debate.

As for the Americans, once they discover that there really isn't

of the school cafeterias leaves your clothes and hair smelling like you just spent a week in a jazz club.

However, the French people's reputation for rudeness is pretty much unfounded. They wouldn't win an award for the friendliest nation ever, but once you get to know people they are really very generous and nice.

Many of the families in town participate in activities with foreign students. I went on one such outing a few weeks ago. After taking part in a wine tasting in one of the

ASAP: A strong benefit to the WMC community

AIDS: Support, Awareness, and Prevention (ASAP) has always prided itself on the fact that we are an organization at WMC that actively educates the student body on STD's and HIV/AIDS and passes out free condoms to students.

As part of ASAP's efforts, a "safe sex" party was held last February in the Forum. By holding the party, we had two goals in mind. First, we wanted to provide an alternative to events that occur on weekends that may include alcohol and/or drug use.

Second, we wanted to advocate safe sex and passed out free condoms as a way for students to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS. Approximately \$125 was spent on the condoms.

Our advertisements for the event posted around campus read: "Safe Sex Party: Free condoms!" In response to our advertisements, several letters were written to Dean Sayre and President Chambers protesting the advertisements and the need for a "safe sex" party and questioning the wisdom of ASAP.

We are writing to inform you that there is a need for ASAP on campus, and our "safe sex" party did not promote or advocate students having sex. Rather, passing out free condoms allowed ASAP to spread a safe sex message and encouraged those having sex to do so safely.

*Janifer Sirkis and
Janet Keymetian defend ASAP to
the college community*

We guess that it is hard for some people to accept the fact that college-age students are having sex. It does not matter that WMC is a small, liberal arts college located in a generally conservative town. Students at WMC are having sex. It's an undisputable fact.

In a survey conducted by ASAP within the past five years, 80% of WMC students were sexually active. Of them, only 43% used a condom consistently.

What is more astounding about this survey is that 43% of those having sex have had four or more sexual partners, and 45% have had sex under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

That being the case, we don't see anything wrong with promoting prophylactic use at our party.

Although we preach abstinence for those who choose to wait, it is not a realistic choice for many students. How many students do you think would actually attend a seminar on self control? Should we choose to emphasize this point further?

The fact remains that students at any college in any location are having sex. In ASAP's

peer education programs, we stress the fact that using safe sex methods, such as the use of a condom, will significantly reduce the risk of HIV/AIDS infections.

We also include in our presentations that abstinence is the only way to fully protect oneself. But we know most students don't choose to abstain. Additionally, all ASAP members have been trained in AIDS education and are available for students as a resource.

In response to some of the letters received, it doesn't matter what "type" of student you are. We can't tell you how many stories we have heard from typically "academic" or "moral" students who have engaged in unsafe sex. Having sex is human nature. We don't understand the taboo against talking about what goes on every day. Choosing to abstain doesn't necessarily make one "moral" either.

ASAP has taken the responsibility to say, "If you are going to have sex, use condoms." We have become a strong presence on campus, winning the Griswold-Zepp Award and national grants in the past.

Students know that they can come to any ASAP member for condoms and reliable information. We feel that this is more effective than saying: "You must not have sex!"

In the letters, some thought that prospective students might choose other colleges if

they saw our signs with their parents when visiting because of the embarrassment the signs may cause the prospective student.

However, parents and prospective WMC students should be proud to walk around campus and see signs promoting safe sex. Parents can be confident that the message of safe sex will be spread throughout the WMC community.

If you're still not convinced that ASAP's presence is needed on campus, or that our activities are important, we're sorry, that's unfortunate.

Perhaps those offended by our tactics will someday realize that activism is better than maintaining the silence that equates with ignorance and new infections. The crisis is not over. Beating us back into a closet because others are uncomfortable with sexuality will only spread this plague more.

For those of you that are interested, we invite you to become involved in ASAP. Come to our meetings and become involved next year. We know that it is the end of the year, but ASAP is already in full swing planning next year's activities - that, for now, includes a "Safe Sex" party.

Or better yet, maybe you will decide that you want to be involved in organizing the event. Come see for yourself about ASAP. You might be surprised.

Us, Conservative? Is this a liberal arts college?

*Lisa Dale-Van Auken argues
that college students are not as
conservative as studies show.*

A few weeks ago, a recent Associated Press survey judged college kids, specifically freshmen, to be more conservative than they've ever been. Supposedly, when it comes to recent issues, students are proving themselves to be more conservative than their parents.

Well, ya' coulda fooled me.

In my experience, college has been anything but conservative. I've found it all here. All the clichés that make us college kids fuel for media bonfires. All the horror stories that make the front pages shine with sex, and drugs, and violence.

*It just goes to show you that we're not as irrational as
many people think.*

I know, I know. You don't want to hear about underage drinking, unprotected sex, or other non-conservative things again. And I don't blame you.

So I promise (sort of) that I won't bring them up.

I don't have to. You already know about them. Casual sex, underage drinking, and the like happens whether I talk about them or not.

And unless you live in a hole, you probably see those things every day.

But the survey says the majority of us are more conservative, especially when it comes to casual sex.

Well, maybe we are. I mean, surveys never lie, right? We can trust the media, right?

If we are more "conservative" - and I think we are not - there's probably a reason for it. I personally am slow to attribute our rising morality to a collective revela-

tion to become more conservative.

I think that if we are being more and more "conservative," it is because we have no choice.

The results of the survey showed that last year, 40 percent of college students said that having sex with someone you hardly know is fine, while in 1997, 42 percent said that it is okay.

That's a two percent drop, if you didn't figure it out. So, in this, we are more conservative than other generations.

But the survey doesn't say why, so I am left to guess.

Hmm, let's see. My sister knew how to use a condom in sixth grade thanks to her immature sex education teachers.

Could it be that people have become more

reluctant to engage in casual or unprotected sex because of better sex education? I think it's a possibility.

So maybe as education gets better, it's not that we get more "conservative," just more realistic.

Reality is what stops us from doing whatever we like. If dealing with reality cautiously makes us conservative, then so be it.

There are conservative college students. Good for them.

But I don't think that opposing casual unprotected sex makes someone conservative.

It makes them seem intelligent, and more importantly, it makes them safe.

It just goes to show you that we're not as irrational as many people think. We are capable of making good decisions.

In the end, we're not more conservative. We're just smarter than we used to be thanks to education.

Wake up call: Kosovo where?

*Jennifer Yi draws student's
attention to the reality of the
Kosovo tragedies.*

At a time when the daily news is filled with details on the NATO bombings in Serbia, pictures are splashed over magazines and newspapers depicting the plight of the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is being compared to Hitler, yet, college students seem to be apathetic about the entire situation.

Historically, the Balkans have been an area of great tension.

World War I started in the Balkans; in the city of Sarajevo, nationalists assassinated the heir to the Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

The millennium-old ethnic tensions between the Muslim-Albanians and the Orthodox-Slavs is also worth mention.

To any student involved in history, political science, or the course "Western Civilizations," this could be seen as the revamping of the World War I scenario, especially when the NATO bombings aren't proving to stop the situation.

Although the world seems poised to go to war to stop the ethnic cleansing of the Serbians, students seem particularly removed from the issue.

Enclosed in a comfortable bubble where our principle worries are "What am I going to do this weekend?" and "I have a paper due," we seemed to be unfazed by the entire situation.

And it is not that we don't care, but the entire issue seems to be a drama from the outside - something like another reality.

I don't blame people for feeling this way. I feel the same way, too.

But at the same time, PEOPLE ARE DYING OUT THERE. People like you and me.

They are having their lives torn apart, and there is a certain guilty feeling about carrying on nonchalantly while the media is centered on this fact.

So, what is the big deal? People have died before.

The West didn't care about the Armenians dying prior to World War I, the Allies didn't bomb the railways leading to the German concentration camps, and little was done to stop the ethnic cleansing that went on in Rwanda.

Even now, the bombs have not deterred the Serbians from "evacuating" the people in Kosovo.

The big deal is that fact. We're not stopping this. And bombing is not going to stop the problem either.

What this is about is people hating other people. It could be very well you hating me.

That's what it has to do with us, college students.

We're not going to live in a bubble all the time - and this would be a good time to learn how to deal with people that are different.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to live in a world where I know my neighbor hates me and hates me enough to kill me and my children.

So, maybe you can live in a two story house, with 2.3 children, and own 1.7 of a car and never have to encounter an armed militia ready to shoot you.

But, what if you do? Maybe you might shoot back.

But what have you gained? A couple bullets in your body.

Another bloody mess that needs to be cleaned up.

Star Wars mania begins

As the summer season approaches, many anticipate the flood of hit movies. This trend began years ago, and movie producers aim to show their blockbusters in the warm months, knowing they will receive more success. This is no different for George Lucas.

His new movie, *Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace*, seems to be a little different than the others. It stands to be historic and record breaking, but has it gone a little out of hand?

I knew that it was a bad sign when I first saw the preview. Everyone in the movie theater was so excited. Finally, another Lucas film would hit the big screen after all these years. It promised new technology, as opposed to the inferior special effects of the 1980's.

I watched the preview, and laughed as C3PO swore he "would never set foot on a spaceship."

I certainly did not see what all the fuss was about. I left the theater not giving the movie a second thought.

Then came an article in the newspaper that George Lucas was negotiating with many theaters as to how his movie should be shown. It seemed interesting that he was concerned with what previews could be shown with his film. He placed demands on the theaters that

Kristen Fraser explains the phenomenon of the true Stars Wars fan.

would be showing his film. Wasn't this getting a little out of hand?

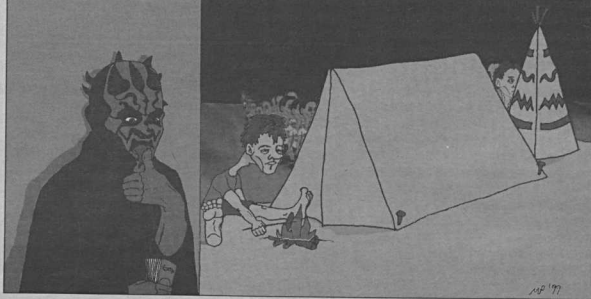
Then came the announcement about the movie opening. By scheduling the movie late in May, it seemed to me a little early. But, I respect publicity and marketing. This was followed by the fateful day in early April.

I was listening to 99.1 on the radio. The DJ was on the phone with a young man who was stationed outside of the Chinese Theater in Hollywood. He was waiting to buy a ticket for the show: 6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE! Does anyone else think that this is just a little bit odd?

He continued to explain that he stayed camping out, with computers, DVD movies, phones, food, and everything else he could possibly need. He even states that it is better than his apartment. There were many other people waiting with this fine young gentleman, all *Star Wars* fans.

I think the icing on the cake came when I heard that the *Star Wars* sensation had reached Europe. Travel agencies are currently setting up special airfares to the

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OPENS IN 6 WEEKS



United States to view the opening of the movie. But, beware, this airfare does not include a ticket to the show.

Apparently, that flight plan includes arriving 6 weeks early and waiting out the duration of the time.

I think my opinion has been made clear by now. Last time I checked, this was a movie. Not the end of the world. Not even Y2K.

Apparently I am wrong.

So, this summer should be very interesting. I do not expect to see this movie; I'm not sure that I even want to see it. I am sure that I will see more newspaper articles, toys, and TV ads for this "phenomenon" to satisfy any and all of my *Star Wars* needs.

So, America, brace yourselves.

I hope those poor people who

have been waiting for weeks and weeks find that the movie is good enough and worth wasting thousands of hours of their life.

I think Liam Neesam, one of the stars in the film, summed it up best when he said, "At the end of the day, it's still just a movie."

So, keep that thought in mind when all the *Star Wars* junkies get together to burn me in effigy.

Quirks: The other side

I was surprised by the squirrel Mob, blindfolded, and taken to a secret hiding place on campus. Once they removed the blindfold, I was able to take in my surroundings.

I was surrounded by armed squirrels, all pointing the business end of a gun at me.

I considered how I got myself into this mess when the crowd of squirrels parted. They revealed an elderly grey squirrel dressed in a well-made suit.

The old squirrel was flanked by two big mean looking squirrels carrying violin cases. Behind the trio came a human, Eric "The Mole."

I gasped. It had been rumored that Eric had been working for the squirrels, but I hadn't believed it up until that point.

How could any self-respecting human work for these sneaky and horrible rodents? Eric must have been brainwashed by them, forced to do their menial labor.

The elder squirrel stopped in front of me and gestured toward Eric. The boy came forward and stood next him.

The elder squirrel mumbled and Eric translated, "Don Nutkin wishes to know who you think you are."

"Um..." I answered looking from Don Nutkin to Eric. "I'm no one special, really, I'm just Anne."

Don Nutkin mumbled, and Eric again addressed me.

"No, he wishes to know what gives you the right to go disrespecting the Family in your column."

Anne Butler suggests a new perspective, as seen through the squirrels.

Puzzled, I replied, "Uh, what exactly do you mean?"

"You are disrespecting the squirrel Family," Eric answered, "You always insult them and call them cowardly, drawing attention to them."

I frowned, "Well, that's just how I get my point across. People pay attention if I go overboard about squirrels. I guess they think it's funny."

Don Nutkin became irate and began mumbling angrily and gesticulating wildly.

"The Family is not something to be laughed at! We are real living, breathing beings. We are not to be trifled with!"

I pulled back at this display of anger. "Um... I know that, I just... I'm sorry."

Don Nutkin calmed down and straightened his Armani suit. "Wherefore did you get this impression of us?" Eric again translated.

"Well, from watching you all I guess. I mean you guys are always looking like a you're deer caught in a pair of headlights. And if someone comes near, you run up the nearest tree in about a second. You don't even consider seeing what the person wants; it's always flight for you all."

Don Nutkin mumbled and gestured to Eric.

"Did you ever stop to consider," Eric said in Don Nutkin's words, "That that may just be a survival

instinct? That maybe we would like to fight, but we become so overwhelmed by fear that we have to flee? And did you ever consider that maybe we need to do that because there are predators that chase us, even on this campus?"

I scratched my head. "Um, I guess I didn't really ever think of it that way."

Don Nutkin gestured, and Eric interpreted.

"You need to look at both sides of an issue, and try to understand the other point of view. You didn't try to understand ours."

I nodded. "All right, I'll try to do that from now on."

Don Nutkin shook his head and gestured to his two goons. "I'm afraid it's too late," Eric clarified, "You see, you've hurt the Family, and reparations must be made."

I backed away. "But... But I apologized!"

The two goon squirrels opened their cases and pulled out miniature tommy guns. Don Nutkin frowned. "Too little, too late. Guido and Joey, make sure she doesn't hurt the Family ever again."

The goon squirrels nodded and advanced on me. As one, they clicked off the guns' safeties. "Uh, guys," I pleaded, "This isn't the way to show me a positive image of your species..."

"Yeah," Eric translated, "from your point of view, it isn't. Get her, boys!"

BLAM!! BLAM!!

"That'll teach her to mess with the Squirrel Mafia."

Helping hands

Ron Mojica commends faculty on their efforts to aid refugees in Kosovo.

When someone mentions Kosovo, a picture of unrest and perpetual dissent comes to mind. Sides no longer matter. Whether the land is pelted with bombs or excavated for mass graves, one thing seems certain: it appears that the disregard for fellow human beings has infected humanity and will mutate into a crippling, universal disease. The rest of our history is plagued.

On this side of the Atlantic, within our campus, however, a different picture of humanity comes to mind. The disgusting acts and mind set of Slobodan Milosevic and his followers took it's toll on Albanian civilians. This has been the fourth war that Milosevic has started.

Now, from the refugee's plight, sympathy and hope emerges from the WMC community.

Led by Foreign Language professors Dr. Cathy Bodin and Dr. Thomas Deveny, a group of five to ten faculty members showed *Monty Python's The Holy Grail* at 10 pm and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at midnight inside Decker Auditorium. The fundraiser was for the Kosovar Relief Fund, sponsored by the Red Cross.

Organizing the event required time and effort outside the teachers' regular lecture and office hours because of the necessary advertising via posters, flyers, and word-of-mouth during their classes.

There was no cover charge for

the movies; money contributed was from the attendant's own free will, according to Bodin. The event made a profit of around \$100, and they are still accepting contributions of cash or checks through the Bursar's Office. But despite the small profits, the results of the evening are largely inspiring.

The magnanimous and sympathetic gesture of the faculty clearly displays that this is not a problem confined within the Balkans. In times of war, those involved are not the only ones affected. We are all affected.

While the crusaders fight for justice, the suppressed call for a voice. Although not everyone has to direct missiles or shoot soldiers in war, people outside the battlefields cannot just stand idly by.

This is a fight for the preservation of human rights, a principle which transgresses any boundaries of politics, creed, sex, or other societal borders that we have imposed upon ourselves. The war in Yugoslavia is not only for ethnic Albanians but for the welfare of our future existence.

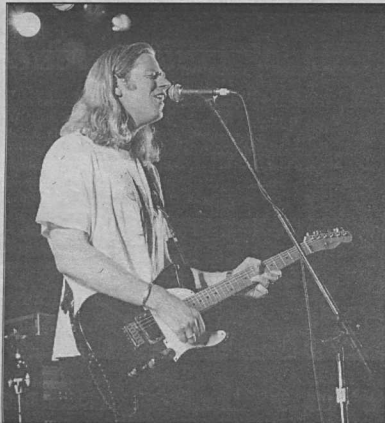
The faculty members recognize this, as their actions in response to the conflict have portrayed.

Although I cannot speak for the refugees, the fundraising event is undoubtedly appreciated.

I will, however, speak for those who stand witness to such cruelty and then see these types of efforts. We take off our hats and bow in salute to those faculty members, in the name of hope and humanity.

Eve 6 featuring Angry Salad:

WMC's Campus Concert 1999 Draws Sizeable Crowd and Rocking Response



TRANG DAM

Repeat WMC openers Angry Salad ready to make jump to stardom

BY ABIGAIL D. ENGEL
Staff Writer

Angry Salad absolutely loves playing to college audiences. They say college crowds have been very good to them, and have appeared at Western Maryland College twice in the last five years.

Their most recent WMC appearance, opening for Eve6 on April 18th, entertained approximately 600 students and members of the community.

Angry Salad got their start performing at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Since then, the band has had the opportunity to support other bands such as Soul Coughing, Barenaked Ladies, The Goo Goo Dolls, and Rusted Root.

Angry admits that they deliberately waited quite a while to record their music because they wanted to be backed by a major record label, and now Blackbird/Atlantic Records has agreed to back the band's first release.

Angry Salad's first single, "The Milkshake Song," was scheduled to start getting airplay on April 20th. Their first album

is due to be released on May 25th.

Their personal musical interests cross a variety of musical genres. The band considers their sound to be pop power with depth. Bob, the tall blonde lead singer, writes the songs. He is like a poet in that he takes an idea and creates lyrics and music to match the idea.

How does a band get a name like Angry Salad?

Bob explained that while he and some friends were on vacation in the Virgin Islands during their high school days, they spent a lot of time sitting in the hotel bar trying to come up with a good name for their group. A voice from another table said, "Why don't you call it Angry Salad?"

This voice, to their surprise, was that of Freddie Mercury, the lead singer for Queen.

Needless to say, they took his advice and now are getting ready to hit it big with an album backed by a major recording label and an audience of loyal fans trailing after them from event to event - every star's dream, in reality.

From high school students to stars

Four years ago, at La Crescenta Valley High School in California, two freshmen huddled in the corner of a gym, deep in conversation.

While their peers clamored to shoot the next basket, Max Collins and Jon Siebels talked about their dreams of becoming rock stars, musing over their chances of one day being signed to a major label.

"The belief is that you sign a contract and then everything starts rolling. With us, things were different. RCA signed us for what we'd turn into."

Max Collins, lead vocalist

Today, Collins proudly boasts that his dream is coming true. He and guitarist Siebels, along with drummer Tony Fagenson, formed Eve 6 (RCA Records). The trio was signed to a recording contract two years ago, whitts its members were still in high school.

"There were times when I was really afraid it wouldn't happen," Collins said. "The belief is that you sign a contract and then everything

starts rolling. With us, things were different. RCA signed us for what we'd turn into."

RCA's investment is paying off with the release of Eve 6's self-titled debut album, featuring the single "Inside Out."

"That's a song that is interesting because it starts out insecure and ends up being very sure of itself," Collins says. "It takes you through the progression of heartbreak and hating everybody to the point where it's all okay and you're screaming it out and letting it all go."

Eve 6's name comes from an episode of "The X-Files." "There were eight Adams and eight Eves in it," he says. "They were all insane. And Eve 6 is in a straight jacket in a cell and above her cell there's a plaque that says her name on it. She bit her guard's eyeball out because she liked him. I thought it was a cool twist. Anyway, I saw the plaque and thought it would make a cool name."

Collins, the oldest of five children, was born on August 28, 1979 in New York City, where he lives for four years before moving to Miami with his family and, finally, to Los Angeles.

"I have these vivid memories of New York," Collins said. "They're like still shots in my head. I don't remember much. I remember the playground and the in-

terior of the apartment that we lived in. That's about it."

Los Angeles, Collins' current residence, is where he fostered his talent for music. "I really fell in love with music the summer between my seventh and eighth grade years when I bought a Dead Candy's record. That totally turned me on to the punk rock scene."

Gone are the days of Collins and

"I really fell in love with music the summer between my seventh and eighth grade years when I bought a Dead Candy's record."

Max Collins

Siebels sitting in PE class fantasizing about their futures. Their dreams are coming true, something Collins is not taking for granted. "I knew that it would be an amazing thing if we could do this."

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Eve 6 bring youthful pop-rock sound to the the PELC stage

BY EMILY STAMATHIS
Editor-In-Chief

At around four in the afternoon it started: a group of four girls milling around outside PELC, trying to look inconspicuous in their Eve 6 t-shirts. They were just too young to actually attend Western Maryland College, but for the show, they'd come here. They had all seen the band before. One had a guitar pick of theirs around her neck.

Soon after, the merchandise guy started pinning t-shirts, stickers, and hats to the wall for sale. The Eve 6 fans excitedly rushed to his table, not to buy anything because they undoubtedly had it all already, but to talk to him, for he was almost part of the band.

As showtime drew nearer, the hoards of WMC students in staff t-shirts had to make the fans leave the building and get in line. They were first of course, behind the others who would eventually queue up outside the gym, across the front of the building, and down toward the parking lot.

"It's not so bad that we can't walk down the street yet," said Eve 6 guitarist Jon Siebels of his burgeoning fame, which may not have quite reached Beatlemania-status yet but has no doubt exploded since the release of their debut self-titled album and the attention its first single, "Inside Out," has received across the country.

Lead vocalist Max Collins, guitarist Siebels, and drummer Tony Fagenson had dreams of being famous rock stars growing up together near Los Angeles, California. The realization of their dream has led to a record contract and scores of tour dates. Although WMC is the only college stop on their current tour, Eve 6 has previously participated in MTV's Campus Invasion tour, performing at schools across the nation with Third-Eye Blind.

According to Siebels, there are plenty of perks that come along with playing on college campuses. "They always have the nicest gyms," he added.

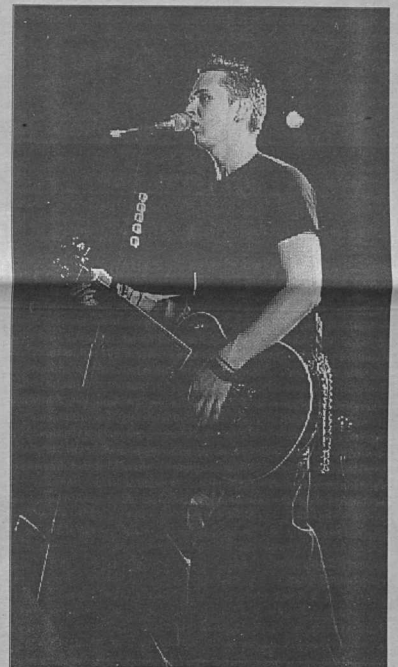
Eve 6's youthful combination of rock and power pop drew an impressive audience as WMC's campus concert this year. Siebels may have claimed to enjoy using the state-of-the-art college gym facilities for working out, but the PELC was transformed into an equally impressive one-night concert hall for himself and his band.

Ranging from ages 19 and 20 themselves, their crowd ranged from the post-college crowd, to WMC students who came out in impressive numbers compared to their showing last year, to fans from the community or further away that were younger than the band themselves and had a parent or guardian in tow.

When opening act Angry Salad (see related article in this spread) left the stage after a very well-received set, there was an even more palpable feeling of excitement in the air. The die-hard Eve 6 fans who had been waiting all day had run directly to the front and were bracing themselves for the show, and even the security staff in their bright yellow t-shirts came down out from the balcony and doorways for a better view of the stage.

Over the course of their 45-minute set, Eve 6 blasted through the material on their debut album with energy and exuberance. The influence of the Southern California punk bands like Social Distortion that Eve 6 grew up listening to in their hometown is obvious in their songs.

A variety of bands from many different genres inspire the music Eve 6 produce, according to Siebels. He cites influences from the aforementioned Social Distortion to



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"[Our fame] is not so bad that we can't walk down the street [without being bothered] yet."

Jon Siebels, Eve 6 guitarist

grunge pioneers The Pixies. Currently, Siebels said that his favorite recent albums are "Echo" by Tom Petty and "Utopia Parkway" by Fountains of Wayne.

The boys rarely slowed down, except for a few lighter paced numbers that were still far from slow. They took a brief breather to do an entertaining acoustic portion that included "Face the Muzak" and a hilarious cover of the Divinyls' "I Touch Myself." That wasn't the only cover Eve 6 performed that evening, however; later when they were plugged back in, they did "Leaving on a Jet Plane."

Other highlights of the show were the introduction of a "brand-spanking new" song, as lead-vocalist Collins called it, and their most popular song, "Inside Out," which had the entire audience on their feet, bouncing up and down in unison.

Siebels may claim that he and his bandmates can still walk the streets virtually unnoticed, but judging from the size of the crowd that gathered around them as they attempted to board the tour bus and leave WMC, that last bit of anonymity may be slipping away as the fame of Eve 6 continues to rise.

WMC Budapest program offers unique cultural experience

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Assistant Sports Editor

WMC Budapest is a study-abroad option unique to Western Maryland students. But is it a sojourn worth sojourning? *The Phoenix* interviewed a group of students who participated in the WMC Budapest program for the Fall 1998 semester. Read the comments of part-time Hungarians Melissa Donner, Jeanne Dowell, Kate Esposito, Nick Johnson, and Dave Stylsley to find out if WMC Budapest makes a nice trip.

Since you're participating in a study abroad program, I guess the first question would be: How does the study part of WMC Budapest rate?

Melissa: I wasn't expecting the school to wow me. And it sure didn't! They don't have a strong curriculum. Luckily I went in there able to take some of the lower level classes, since I had only completed my freshman year. I especially liked the art history class because

Toilet paper was kind of rough, but not steel wool. You could buy regular if you wanted.

Kate Esposito

we learned about various things I had opportunities to see later on during my travels that were absolutely amazing. Most of my classes were taught by competent teachers, actually all of them, but there was one in which the teacher couldn't control the class. As a learning experience, I almost felt like I was regressing back to middle school with how loud and rude everyone was.

Nick: Classes were lax. The workload was pretty minimal. The students pretty much ran the school. They were wealthy and powerful. The teachers were pretty much just there to help the 100 or so students.

Kate: There was no real campus, just one floor of a building. A lot of people here don't understand that. The professors were really nice, and they were excited to see us. The college was cool because I met people from all over the world who had experienced things I never would have imagined.

Jeanne: Art history was great. I actually got to see the Mona Lisa.

Dave: The classes were good but maybe a little too relaxed. If I had to choose the one I liked the most, it would have to be Understanding Europe II. If you want to know how Europe operates, that is the class to take.

How was the housing situation?

Nick: Housing was a half-hour bus

ride from the campus. The hotel was pretty nice; it was in the Red Light District, and you had your own bathroom.

Kate: The hotel the school found for us was in a really bad area of Budapest. It wasn't very safe, and we got harassed by people on the street.

Dave: The place we stayed wasn't very glamorous, but it worked out nice. It was near the train station, which made travel easy.

So where did you go?

Kate: I went to London for Thanksgiving.

Dave: The school took us to Prague and Vienna. For fall break, we went to Munich and celebrated Oktoberfest. We went on a ten-day trip to Italy. Others went to France, Belgium, and Switzerland.

Melissa: I was lucky enough to get a Eurail pass, which enabled me to ride on the trains unlimitedly for ten days during two months, split up however I wanted it to be, and I took advantage of that! [Travel] is a major incentive for anyone, I think, to study abroad.

What about when you didn't leave the city? What was getting around in Budapest like?

Kate: The busses were really crowded. Sometimes you were plastered against the window next to an old man.

Nick: Transportation in Budapest was great. It was much safer than using public transportation in the United States. \$4 a month gave you unlimited public transportation.

What did you do for fun in Budapest?

Dave: There is an active night life in Budapest. Mainly, Vaci Street is the strongest commercial center. Although I did go to Vaci frequently, I also toured the museums. Also, the legal drinking age is 18, so that provided its own fun, on occasion.

Jeanne: Cover charges at clubs were low, even upscale clubs like The Duck. I took advantage of that. **Melissa:** I shied away from clubs, but I did go to a pub on my birthday, which was fun. I would just go all over Budapest, seeing what there was to see and absorbing myself in everything. I took millions of pictures while there.

How were prices?

Kate: Food was pretty cheap by our standards, except at the touristy places. Books in English and clothes were really expensive.

Nick: A large beer was \$11.

What could you buy? Was there anything you took for granted in the US that was tough to get in Hungary?

Kate: Toilet paper was kind of rough, but not steel wool. You could buy regular if you wanted. A lot of people had never heard of

peanut butter.

Dave: Not so much that, but buying anything American there was liking buying something Chinese here. A Western pizza was topped with scrambled eggs and bacon.

How was food other than the Western pizza?

Nick: Cheap. It was cheaper and better than eating at Glar.

Kate: I couldn't eat any Hungarian food except for fried mushrooms because I'm a vegetarian. They also have Pizza Hut, KFC, and Wendy's, although the food and soda tasted somewhat different. Also, you have to pay extra if you want little bags of ketchup.

Melissa: I thought the food was good, but I didn't go to restaurants that catered Hungarian food that often. Mostly this was because they wouldn't have English menus, and then you are just out of luck, cause the Hungarian language is like no other: impossible to figure out.

Was the language barrier a problem?

Kate: I felt stupid not knowing what people were saying. You always think they're saying what an

A large beer - 1 liter - was \$11.

Nick Johnson

idiot you are.

Dave: The natives were wonderful to me. Any time I needed any help because of a language barrier, someone was always willing to help.

What was your favorite city?

Jeanne: Garmesh, in Germany. It looked like a fairy tale.

Nick: Budapest was my favorite city over Rome and Paris. The history and architecture of the city was fascinating.

How easy was getting in touch with the United States?

Dave: The school did not have a reliable computer lab.

Nick: It was tough to e-mail home.

Jeanne: The computer situation was the only big problem.

What did you think of the experience overall?

Dave: Just the experience of seeing a city on the rise was my favorite part. I'd love to go back in 10 years and see how much it has grown. I would go back and recommend it to others.

Melissa: I thought the whole experience was a definite plus, and I greatly recommend it or one similar to it. I had a great time in Budapest. It was especially attractive, since all of your financial aid transfers with you.

Jeanne: It was an incredible opportunity. I would've regretted not going.

Campus Happenings



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The Kiss tribute band Love Gun rocked out at WMC on April 23.

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"Let's get wet!" Hypnotist Chuck Milligan caused unusual behavior among students when he brought his act to WMC on April 30.

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WMC's Annual Spring Fling

A day of music, games, sun and fun in the Quad

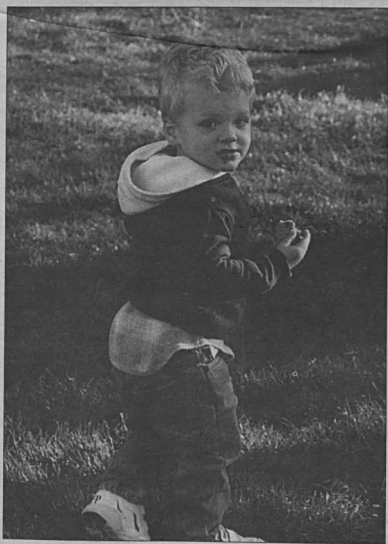


Students fight it out in the "moonbounce" boxing ring.

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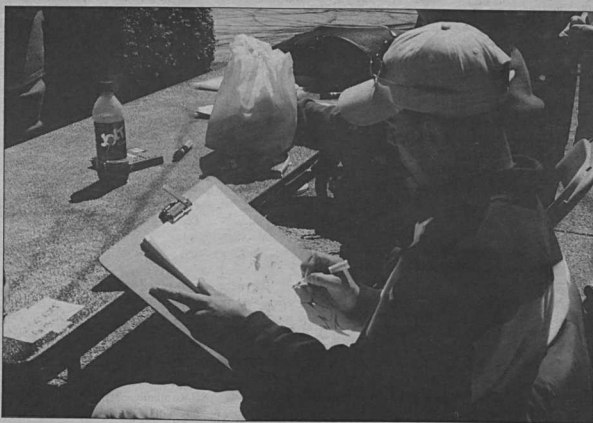
A group of students enjoying the band playing out in the Quad.



Spring fling attracts more than just WMC students: families and people of all ages from the Westminster area come together for a good time.



Good food, good fun: some campus organizations sponsored food kiosks to feed hungry partiers.



A caricaturist draws WMC students free of charge, and wins rave reviews.

If the Make-Up just released a singles compilation, so can I. This issue, it's a best-of horoscopes, remixed. To keep it interesting, I won't tell you when these predictions will be valid, or if they're even for the correct sign. Why should I have to do all the work? It's a frustrating job, telling Scorpios that they suck day in and day out, breaking news of the onset of yet another venereal disease to Taurus. I think I'll switch to reading tea leaves for Russian aristocracy.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)

If you tell me your name is Slim Shady one more time, Taurus, I'm going to have Biz Markie give you a lap dance.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)

It's only a matter of time before rabbit farming rivals the poultry industry.

Cancer (6/21 - 7/23)

Monkeys with car keys. What else can I say, Cancer?

Leo (7/24 - 8/23)

Cha, cha, cha.

Horoscopes



Matthew Thomas

Virgo (8/24 - 9/23)

This week, be careful what colors you wear, Virgo. It's not gangs that you should worry about, but Cosmo.

Libra (9/24 - 10/23)

Who's your daddy, Libra? No, really, I'm old. I'm having trouble remembering who in the hell you are.

Scorpio (10/24 - 11/22)

One word, Scorpio: Suckit!

Sagittarius (11/23 - 12/21)

If I were to advise you to assassinate a key WMC administrator this week, Sagittarius, I would probably get into trouble. So rub a bald man's head in a counterclockwise fashion, instead. Result: assuming you use Turtle Wax, his head will be shiny.

Capricorn (12/22 - 1/20)

I like raisin bread.

Aquarius (1/21 - 2/19)

Cover yourself in Wesson Oil, Aquarius, it's time to get a tan!

Pisces (2/20 - 3/20)

This week, if you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. Ha! I fooled you, Pisces! Fish don't have hands. Unless they're mutant radioactive fish-people. I prefer red snapper, myself.

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)

Revolution! This week, mess with people, Aries. Wear your gut out laughing at rusty metal. Or go play beer pong.

Investigation Part 5: What is WMC's Endowment?

BY RICHARD SUCHOSKI
Distribution Manager

In the first part of the investigation series, it was mentioned that the endowment is one of the key factors when looking at the budget of the college.

It was also said that the Phone Center brought in \$1.3 million, which represented \$30 million of revenue endowment the College didn't have. It's also one of the three major contributors, besides tuition and the Annual Fund, to the budget.

All this can be said without understanding in depth what an endowment is.

The endowment of an institution is a sum of money invested in different areas outside the college by professionals hired by the Board of Trustees or the Board themselves. This then provides steady revenue for the budget every year.

Donors can specifically request that their money be applied to the endowment, which is one of the ways the endowment can grow. Other ways in which the endowment grows include: the Board of Trustees designating

additions to it, market appreciation and the "miracle of compounding," and the College's discipline in not drawing from it.

The larger the endowment is, the more income can be earned from the interest it accumulates, or the College can draw from it. Unfortunately, as Ruth Thomas explains, "We have a smaller endowment than most schools with whom we compare ourselves, which means we have fewer resources available." This smaller endowment is due to either fewer gifts, not as many large gifts, and/or more draws from it.

Here follows a listing of some of the other colleges we compare ourselves to and their endowments, as of June, 1997: Ursinus with \$84 million, Gettysburg with \$116 million, Dickinson with \$121 million, and F&M with a whopping \$213 million. Western Maryland's was only at \$33 million at this time.

Right now it is almost \$40 million. If WMC has grown this much over nearly two years, just imagine how much the other schools have added by now.

endearing traits about the play was the versatility of the acting and the ability of the actors to change their accents and voices.

Some of the best scenes included one where parents seated at the dinner table are minding their very excited kids with exasperating discipline.

Another had a group of happy, playful kids at a birthday party, watching on as one child's parent flirted with another's. Still another had an old grandfather disciplining his patient grandson, while his housekeeper looked wily on.

As I began to watch these scenes though, I saw that the dining room centerpiece wasn't meant as merely an object for the characters to act around, but a reflection of how these characters viewed their different worlds, and a method for communicating that sense to the audience.

I certainly hope that WMC continues to entertain its student campus with nontraditional plays that are arranged in a montage of scenes. They give the feeling of an audience able to understand the meaning of the plays very well.

WMC enjoys a "Taste of Asia"

BY RON MOJICA
Commentary Writer

The little dragon of WMC's organizations, the Asian Community Coalition (ACC), pushed for their goal to expose the campus to different cultures with their most recent event, "A Taste of Asia."

ACC held the occasion on Tuesday, April 21, at Ensor Lounge, with the help of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Residence Life, and the Phi Alpha Mu, Alpha Phi Omega, and Gamma Sigma Sigma sororities.

Director of Multicultural Services and ACC advisor Mary Grace Almandrez comments, "I was very impressed with the student turnout and was surprised for the first big event we sponsored." She also adds, "It was a good representation of the whole cam-

pus, and not just Asian students."

The activity was a buffet which offered different dishes from various Asian countries. Members of ACC, parents, and family members helped prepare the dishes.

For four dollars, a person received a ticket to Oriental cuisine bliss. Some of the selections included: Chinese dumplings, spring rolls, and beef stir fry; Filipino egg rolls called *lumpia*; Indian chicken curry, and Korean *kim-chee*. The night also offered desserts which ranged from rice cakes to flavored shaved ice — all from different countries as well.

The activity generated about \$150 for ACC. The profits will be used for the club's expenses. The money will be used to order shirts for the group and to pay for the expenses of the Spring Fling tattoo booth.



"Dining Room" is well done

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Features Writer

After seeing the theater productions "Loose Ends" and "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd," I can't say I was thrilled with the quality of Alumni Hall's productions. The creativity level was high, and the acting was very well done, but I just didn't understand or appreciate the material. I spoke with a number of other people about the plays, and they didn't think very highly of, or appreciate, the plays either.

But after seeing WMC's newest production, "The Dining Room," by A. R. Gurney, I completely changed my mind. The plot was nothing complicated: scenes of the lives of WASP's (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants), with the dining room playing an important part in their lives.

Yet even though there was seemingly little meaning behind it, the scenes in it were so clever, humorous, and unusual, that the play in its entirety was really entertaining. Each scene was well thought out, and though many seemed very similar, all had a very different quality to them. One of the most

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Sociology '00



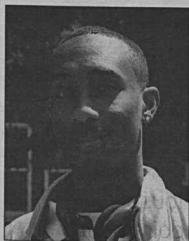
"Limp Bizkit's" Three Dollar Bill, Y' All. It's got a fast paced sound which I like."
Brian Butterhoff
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"N'Sync (self-titled) because their music is fun and relaxing."
Kristine Knox
Biology '00



"Mike Connell's Country Air and Eric Byrd's latest album...They are both good jazz albums and are by professors of mine whom I respect."
Kash Wright
Music



by Trang Dam

Cheap Thrills: Workin' at the Pub

The minimum-effort, low GPA job search and you

BY MATTHEW THOMAS
Assistant Sports Editor

Hello, and welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy in your jobyong.

In this issue, Cheap Thrills is dedicated to those fifth-year seniors who are taking their 2.5's to the job market. Some may worry about finding employment with a low GPA and a degree from a school that's not all that well-known, but Cheap Thrills is here to help.

What follows is a listing of the top five employers who made the most job offers to mediocre students in selected liberal arts disciplines.

Communications

1. Merchandising
You, too, can be a cashier at Old Navy.
2. Communication Services
Just don't call me up while I'm eating dinner and ask me to switch long-distance providers.
3. Advertising
Internet porn.
4. Consulting Services
Read: euphemism for unemployed.

5. Transportation
Hey, Mr. Busdriver!

History

1. Education
History teacher.
2. Merchandising
Lowe's.
3. Consulting Services
Avon representative.
4. Hospitality
Graveyard shift at the Econo Lodge.
5. Legal Services
In Nevada, they're legal.

Letters (Including English)

1. Education
English teacher.
2. Publishing
Romance novels.
3. Merchandising
Border's.
4. Communication Services
Cellular phone sales rep. at Wal-Mart.
5. Consulting Services
Send a S.A.S.E. and \$1 to...

Political Science/Government

1. Consulting Services
The Ragin' Cajun? How many of them are there?
2. Merchandising

Sell political memorabilia at Union Station.

3. Local/State Government
Register of Wills.
4. Finance
Mirror that lies, mirror that lies, no, it couldn't be me in the guerrilla disguise.
5. Federal Government
If you really want to be a legislative assistant.

Psychology

1. Education
Psychology teacher.
2. Social services
Sunday school teacher.
3. Health services
School nurse.
4. Merchandising
Spencer's Gifts.
5. Other services
Workin' at the Pub.

Have a great summer, everybody.
Seniors, good luck with your new careers.
Information courtesy NACE Salary Survey, September 1997.

Rat's Web by Anne Butler

SillyCam - <http://www.annalytical.dynip.com/webcam2.html>

Who knows what might be here? Before it was a collection of Furbies, now it's a box and ugly carpeting. It might also be one of two cats that live there.

Cat-Tracker - <http://www.icepick.com>

Okay, so it's more of a human cam, but this Netherlander (is that a word?) has his whole house wired from his fridge to his toilet (you can see how well both ends are functioning). He set up a device to measure when his cat, Blackie, eats. It also takes a picture of the food bowl.

And now, the lesser beasts!

Elmo Cam - <http://www.elmo-the-dog.com>

See what Elmo the dog is doing. However, if he's on the couch, he's being a bad doggie.

Puppy-Cam! - <http://www.humanesocietymiami.org/petcam/>

These puppies are very cute, and fortunately, they generally get adopted quickly.

Llama Cam - <http://www.lioby.com/cam1.htm>

I'm not entirely sure what the

attraction is, but Rick and Lois seem to enjoy their llama farm....

African Cam - <http://www.african.com/>

Images live from Africa of animals stopping to drink at a watering hole.

Ginger's Exotic Wolf Cam - <http://www.nidlink.com/~ugholl/pages/wc2nf.htm>

Set at a wolf preserve in Idaho. Now anyone in the world can see these majestic creatures.

Cabrillo High School Aquarium Cam - <http://www.cabrillo-aquarium.org/acam/index.html>

And of course, a fish cam, set in a high school. Why a high school has an aquarium is beyond me.

That's it for this year, little net surfers. I'll see you next semester, or if you're graduating, then have a good life. But first:

Weird Ass Site of the Issue

Magie 8-ball Dissection Page - <http://ofb.net/8ball/>

Ever wonder what was in one of these puppies? I know now that I found this site. Go to this site and you'll know too. And knowing is half the battle.

Letters from Abroad: Former WMC students share their experiences living abroad and making a difference

Jonathan Shacat relates Gabon Peace Corps experience

Our Peace Corps training is now over, and I am officially a fish culture volunteer. I work here in Gabon as an extension agent for the project piscicole rural.

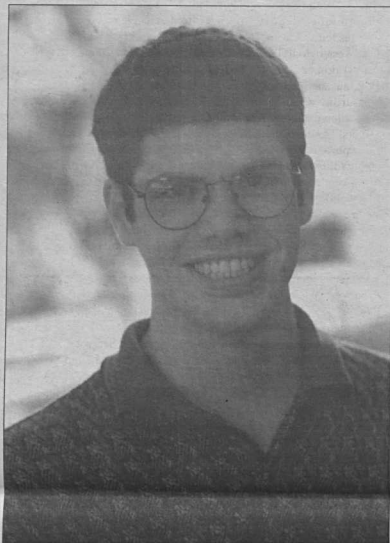
My job is to search for potential fish farmers, and if they are interested, to help them find a suitable place to build a pond (preferably in a valley) and to show them how to construct a barrage in a stream and divert water down a canal to a spot where we will use clay to build the pond, one shovel load after another.

With the pre-existing fish farmers, some two dozen in the area, I assist in the maintenance of their ponds, including the tasks of filling the fertilizer/compost cage with green leafy plant material and directly feeding the fish with termite larvae or other types of plant leaves.

Also, I help in the harvest and sale of the fish they raise — tilapia.

I just recently moved into my tin roofed, mud brick house. I am posted in Mikouandza, a tiny village located about 30 km from Mbougou.

Since the population of Mikouandza is only 40 people, there is no water pump. I get most of my water for drinking and wash-



1998 Western Maryland College graduate Jonathan Shacat works on a rural extension project in Mikouandza, a small village in Gabon.

ing from a rain water collection barrel behind my house. But now that it's the dry season, I have found some difficulty getting water.

Despite the current weather conditions, I started to dig a vegetable garden in my backyard. One day, a kid named Lebons crawled over to me and asked if I would bring him back a soccer ball from Mbougou.

I explained to him that if I gave him a gift, then all the other kids would want something, too. He said that no, he "would share the ball with everyone."

"And if there are kids who don't play ball," I asked, "what about them?" He seemed bummed out so I made a compromise.

I told him that if he does something for me — like help me build a bamboo fence around my garden to keep out the pigs, goats, and chickens, I would give him the ball.

Before we got working on it, I had a team of children offering to lend a hand, hoping as well for a gift in return (batteries for a radio, for example).

They worked hard, some carrying huge bamboo pieces on their shoulders for a long-distance trip, others splitting them with an axe and tying each strip to the posts with vine cord.

When the fence was finished, I gave the gifts as promised. Then one evening, the children asked me to join them in a soccer game with the new ball on their makeshift field. I agreed to play.

That's when it dawned on me that Lebons, the kid who first asked for the ball, was about to partake in a running and kicking game despite the fact that he is not able to unbend his legs at the knee joint (it's a birth defect) and therefore can't walk.

How's he going to play, I pondered, anxiously waiting to see him in action.

Then there it was in front of me, a boy on his hands and knees crawling as fast as he could towards the ball and then "kicking" it with the backside of his hand just before a kid on the opposing team ran for it.

Now that's remarkable, I thought, what a kid will do to play ball.

As for how everything works out with my fish farmers, I'll have to keep you posted.

Jonathan Shacat graduated from Western Maryland College in 1998. He provides periodic reports of his Peace Corps experience.

Christian Wilwohl on student teaching in Marseilles

Bonjour WMC, mon année d'assistantat à Marseille m'a beaucoup enrichi.

I've been teaching English to primary school pupils here since last October, and thus far it has been the most unique experience of my life. I just hope I can paint for you a clear picture of the past seven months.

In the classroom, I've discovered just how rewarding and frustrating teaching can be. My pupils are mostly between the ages of nine and eleven. Kids are kids. One moment, they're complete angels; the next, they've shed their halos, and they're threatening me with their pitchforks.

Our first lesson consisted of introducing ourselves, i.e., "Hello, my name is..." Initially, I spoke a lot of French to the pupils. However, we've progressed a bit since that first lesson, and I began speaking more and more English to them.

My pupils have proven themselves to be quite clever; they understand what I'm saying through gestures and drawings on the board. From time to time, I taught them Nursery Rhymes, and they love to play "Simon Says" and "Hangman."

Living in Marseille is like living in a another world. Even the people who live here will often say they're Marseillais before they say they're French. After all, Marseille is the oldest city in France, currently celebrating 2,600 years of history.

The French national anthem owes its name to the city. In addition, l'Estaque's contrasting scenery, the sea, rugged terrain, and viaduct arches inspired artists such as Georges Braque, Paul Cezanne, and Auguste Renoir, to name a few. In fact, Cezanne's "maison de séjour" is just around the corner from where I teach.

As a city, Marseille has much to offer, although it's not as pleasing to the eye as London or Paris. I think one must spend an extended period of time here to appreciate it. I often stumble across quiet corners within the city.

For instance, when I walk through le Panier, I feel like I'm in a village even though I'm just a short distance from the hustle and bustle of the town center.

From most parts of the city, one has a spectacular view of Notre-Dame de la Garde, La Bonne Mère, as the Marseillais call her, rises

majestically above Marseille keeping watch over her dear city.

Climbing up to Notre-Dame offers you a panoramic view of the city, from the beaches in the south to le Vieux-Port to l'Estaque in the north. Architecturally, old meets new in Marseille; the typical provençal tiled roofs cover buildings red shouldered with modern structures.

The city's diversity is not only reflected in its provençal tiled roofs, but also in its population, being equally as evident in the classroom as it is strolling down la Canebière, the most famous boulevard in southern France.

Geography has played a major role in Marseille's history and development. As a port, the city is a major destination of immigrants from the Mediterranean region, Armenia, and even as far away as Cambodia. Diversity is certainly one of the aspects I appreciate most about Marseille.

Marseille's location has been perfect for excursions in Provence and to the Cote d'Azur. I've visited some very picturesque villages as well as les gorges du Verdon, the "Grand Canyon" of France (I haven't even seen ours in Arizona

yet!).

The coastline adjacent to the city is dotted with "calanques," or little inlets, where cliffs rise abruptly above the sea creating great places for sunbathing and swimming.

In February, I went to Carnaval in Nice. The city was alive and full of merriment; everyone was in disguise. Every time I leave Marseille, I realise that every place I visit is particular. For instance, I've been auditing a literature course at la Faculté des Lettres in Aix-en-Provence since February.

As much as I appreciate the town's quaintness, with narrow streets and buildings dished in pastel colors, it's almost a bit too much. On the other hand, Marseille, a working city, is hardly bourgeois. It's much more the real McCoy than Aix.

Just like we have our extremes as Americans, the French have theirs as well.

For instance, this is the bureaucratic capital of the world. My red tape must be a mile long by now. I applied for my "carte de séjour" in October, and I just received it last week. It seems like my documents must have gone through the hands

of a thousand people.

The French are also very syndicalist; the high school students were on strike when I arrived here in October. Even I have demonstrated with my colleagues at school, and with my fellow students in Aix. The French education system is in need of reform, which has been a hot topic since I arrived here.

For example, it's been proposed that those holding a university degree would have to sit for exams every ten years to renew their degree. Personally, I don't blame the students for marching up and down the streets of Aix over that one.

So, from teaching in the notorious Jarry Nord to giving private English lessons to a retired doctor who lives in la Corniche (Marseille's "Beverly Hills"), from exploring Provence to sunbathing in les calanques, from literally dancing on the bars in la Plaine to attending a squatter's soiree in an abandoned factory, the parameters of this experience have known no boundary. My only regret is that it will be over soon.

Christian Wilwohl graduated from WMC in 1998.

Track results

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and 200 meters and Wilson took the 100 high hurdles for the third straight year, breaking her own league mark.

Both Green Terror squads improved on the fifth-place finishes they made last spring.

Haverford won its sixth straight men's title, but Dickinson came from 25 points down to overtake the Fords for the women's crown.

The Western Maryland men gave Haverford a scare by leading after May 1's events before settling for runnerup status for the third time in six years.

Evans, who won the high jump Saturday, broke school and conference records in the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, 5 1/4 inches, winning by more than 14 inches.

Falcone repeated her double-

gold performance at the league indoor meet by taking the 100 in 12.36 seconds and the 200 in 25.35. She won the 200 by half a second, breaking the school record for the fourth time this season.

Wilson flew over the hurdles in a conference-record 14.94, capturing her fifth league outdoor gold medal to go with her six indoor golds.

Freshman Jill Krebs added a bronze medal in the 5,000 to the 3,000 bronze she earned Saturday, smashing the school record in the 5K with a time of 18:10.01.

Evans, Falcone and Wilson qualified for the NCAA Division III championships later this month.

Krebs qualified for the Junior Nationals in June.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Honor Code Referendum Results

The following results were tallied and given to the Phoenix at press time and added in the sports section as the Editors felt the issue was pertinent enough to make a last minute addition wherever possible.

Proposal A: Changes wording of honor code, changes wording of philosophy statement, adds two people to the Honor and Conduct Board, and implements a new documentation system

Votes: Yes - 275

No - 220 Abstentions - 9
Proposal B: Changes system of documentation for reported honor code violations, requires all cases to come before the Honor and Conduct Board

Votes: Yes - 287

No - 208 Abstentions - 9

Total number of votes: 504 - highest number of votes in any election or poll this year

First referendum in at least a decade validates the work the SGA has been putting into the Honor Code all year. According to SGA President Aaron Corbett, the honor code referendum was requested by the faculty, and the additions to the honor code seem to be supported by the students.

Baseball still in conference title hunt

Junior first baseman Jeremy Erdman ripped a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth Friday to give Dickinson a 4-2 win over visiting Western Maryland and cost the Green Terror a share of the Centennial Conference lead with two games left.

Western Maryland (18-11, 13-4) dropped a game behind Ursinus and now has to sweep Saturday's season-ending showdown at home against the Bears. The doubleheader begins at 1 pm.

Erdman's blast, on a 3-2 pitch with two outs, handed Mike Waddington his first loss since March 27 and gave the win to freshman Will Cooper, who hasn't allowed an earned

run this year in 24 innings.

The last nine meetings between Western Maryland and Dickinson (13-14-2) have been won by the home team.

Ursinus, a 7-0 winner over Swarthmore Friday, needs only to split Saturday's doubleheader to win the conference title.

Ace lefty Matt Wiatrak (8-1), coming off four straight shutouts, is expected to pitch the second game for the Bears.

Western Maryland will go with top man Brent Fuchs (5-1) in the first game and North Carroll High graduate Barrett Gugliotta (3-2) in the second.

Fuchs and Gugliotta have won the league's last two Player of the Week awards.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Softball slaughters Frostburg State

Senior shortstop January Scott went 4 for 8 with four RBIs in her last home appearance Friday as Western Maryland swept a nonleague doubleheader from visiting Frostburg State, 11-4 and 8-3.

Western Maryland (20-10), winner of 12 of its last 14 games,

A Green Terror sweep, coupled with at least one loss by Muhlenberg to Ursinus, would give the Terror a share of the Centennial Conference title.

wraps up the season with a key Saturday twin bill at Gettysburg.

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Junior first baseman Stacy Seward battered Frostburg State (11-13) with two doubles, a triple and five RBIs on the day, helping Katie Swierkos win for the sixth time in her last seven decisions and Amy Cipolloni for the seventh time in her last eight.

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In 1964, golfer Norman Manley achieved consecutive holes-in-one on a course in Saugus, California and both holes were par-4s.

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The Top Rope Report

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA
Staff Writer

Hello again fans, it is time for yet another look into the frighteningly popular world of professional wrestling.

This was another banner week for Vince McMahon's WWF promotion as they debuted their newest show, WWF Smackdown. The UPN network broadcast this as a WWF special, but speculation persists that UPN will make Smackdown a series starting in the fall.

This is the first network experience for the WWF since its Saturday Night's Main Event was broadcast on NBC. The success of the show was marked by the 5.8 rating it received.

The card for the show was pay-per-view worthy, with a tag team match pitting the intriguing tandem of the behemoth Kane with the diminutive degenerate X-Pac against the 3 time former Tag Champs; The New Age Outlaws.

This match was made even more interesting by the relationship between X-Pac and the Outlaws. (They are all friends and teammates in D-Generation X) Smackdown saw a Kane and X-Pac win and yet another possible breakup for the Outlaws.

Only time will tell if the Outlaws will be able to stay together and regain the Tag Team belts, but it is my opinion that the New Age Outlaws are finally through and with them probably D-X as well.

All that being said, Smackdown may be most remembered for the formation of the most insidious faction in wrestling history. Shane McMahon's Corporation merged with The Ministry of Darkness, led by the Undertaker, to form a stable that is as vicious as it is talented.

The main event of Smackdown was the Undertaker and Hunter Hearst Helmsly of the Corporation/Ministry facing the unlikely pairing of Rocky Maivia and Steve Austin.

The match was furiously fought back and forth until members of the Corporation/Ministry hit the ring to interfere.

Surprisingly, Ken Shamrock, Test, and Paul Wight hit the ring to help Maivia and Austin.

Along with owner Vince McMahon, these stars were able to drive off the Corporation/Ministry, but the ramifications of this evil merger for the WWF has yet to be fully established.

We will just have to stay tuned; I know I will.

News and Rumors: Not a lot of rumors floating around at this time, so I will focus on an update from a previous column.

Dave Smith: The wrestler known as The British Bulldog was released from a Calgary Hospital late last week.

As reported in a past edition of this column, Smith is suffering from a rare case of Spinal Infection, caused by an injury he suffered to his back while wrestling in WCW.

Smith refused surgery and instead opted for medication as treatment for his illness. This was chosen due to the fact that surgery would have put an end to Smith's career in the ring.

At this time, doctors are uncertain how much of a recovery Smith can make and if he will ever wrestle again. Again our prayers go out to Dave Smith and his family in hopes he makes a full recovery.

Well that about does it for this addition of the Top Rope Report, but before I go, I

would like to pay my respects and pay tribute to Richard Rood.

Rood, known as "Ravishing" Rick Rude in both WWF and WCW, passed away at his home in Adelphi, Georgia last week.

The apparent cause of death is heart failure, but the medical examiner has yet to release a full report.

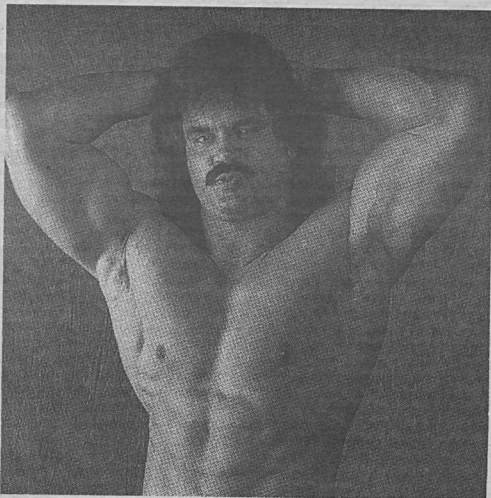
Rood was one of the first heels, or bad guys, in wrestling to have a large fan following. His ability to generate heat with crowds was a positive and led to some great feuds in both promotions.

His long-time feud with the Ultimate Warrior in WWF gained Rood the Intercontinental Title.


After entering WCW, Rood won the World Title and feuded with WCW star Sting. It was a match for WCW in Japan, in which Rood severely injured his neck and was unable to compete in the ring.

He later served as a manager and commentator in both promotions and spent some time in the growing ECW promotion.

I send out all my love and prayers to the family of Richard Rood in hopes that their sorrow will soon be lifted.




"Ravishing" Rick Rude: 1958 - 1999



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(20-12)

Player-Goals-Assts-Pts-SOG	Player-Goals-Assts-Pts-SOG	Player-	Avg	R	RBI	2B	3B	HR
M. Giorno - 47 - 22 - 69 - 80	Rob Witte - 25 - 6 - 31-97	Steph Bell-	.433	28	33	9	1	5
Amy North - 37 - 9 - 48 - 61	Tom Caldwell - 21 - 8 - 29-59	Julie Develin-	.363	20	21	10	2	0
N. Hannibal - 16 - 6 - 22 - 33	Tom Brown - 22 - 14 - 36- 68	Jacie Mathias-	.443	26	23	6	0	4
Amy Bittinger - 14 - 6 - 20-39	Jeremy Kober - 15-11 - 26-52	C. Wunderlich-	.436	35	38	10	1	8
Camey Brian - 9 - 2 - 11 - 13	Charlie Heinzer -11- 2 -13-21	January Scott-	.372	29	24	6	1	1
Kim Adams - 11 - 3 - 14 - 22	Jared Albert - 4 - 2 - 6-13	Erin McGrady-	.118	3	3	0	0	0
S. Benson - 10 - 4 - 14 - 21	Brett Sweeney - 14 - 6 -20-24	Jen Geiman-	.383	37	24	1	2	2
Alaina Filo - 3 - 2 - 5 - 3	Dave Riley - 7 - 3 - 10-23	Lauren Henry-	.370	26	20	4	3	3
Erin Mulhern - 12 -10- 22- 32	Gaelen Cross - 0 - 3 - 3-10	Stacey Seward-	.450	42	31	17	5	3
	Joe Alex - 5 - 7 -12-14	Christa Farrar-	.333	5	0	1	0	0
	Jason Goodman - 1 - 3 - 4-4	Katie Swierkos-	.364	15	18	6	1	1
		Tracy Moquin-	.300	12	8	0	2	0
		B. Brenneman-	.000	6	1	0	0	0

Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%

J. Guinan - 720 - 123 - 48.43

Goalkeeper - Min - Sv - Sv%

Bob Bennet - 754 -205 -51.9

Ben Albert - 29 -4 - 33.33

Results

Bryn Mawr 17-3 W

Villa Julie 17-6 W

Swarthmore 19-18 W

Results

Washington and Lee L 8-20

Haverford W 15-11

F & M W 14-7

Dickinson W 17-14

St. Marys L 9-16

Golf

Golfer-Spring Avg-Placement

Ryan Reid - 79.6 -2

Craig Zabora - 84.8 - 5

Seth Aldridge - 78.6 - 1

Tony Santillo - 85.3 - 6

John Wheeler - 83.2 - 3

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1999 All Centennial Conference Softball Teams

The Centennial Conference named its 1999 All Centennial Conference softball teams on May 3. Western Maryland boasts a spot on the First Team. Junior Jacie Mathias won the spot of outfielder on the First Team.

Sophomore Courtney Wunderlich made Second Team as catcher. January Scott, a senior, placed on the Second Team as short stop. Western Maryland also has a third baseman on the Second Team: Steph Bell, a sophomore who received an honorable mention last year. In the spot of DP/UP, the conference named sophomore Julie Develin to the Second Team.

Finally, receiving first base honorable mention is junior Stacey Seward.

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Golf team approaching end of stellar season

The golf team awaits a decision on its quest for a third NCAA bid.

Western Maryland College golf ended the season by finishing fourth among seven elite teams May 1 at the pivotal Kravetz Invitational.

In the wake of this placement, the team is currently awaiting a decision on its quest for a third straight NCAA bid.

Junior captain Ryan Reid wound up fifth among 35 golfers with a two-round total of 153, seven strokes behind Nathan Smith of team champion Allegheny.

Sophomore Seth Aldridge, who won the Centennial Conference title April 25, tied for eighth at 155.

Courtesy of Sports Information



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Aldridge wins golf CC title

Western Maryland sophomore Seth Aldridge won the individual crown, but the defending champion Green Terror settled for second place as a team April 25 at the sixth annual Centennial Conference golf championship at Eagles Landing Golf Club near Ocean City.

Muhlenberg won the team title with a 45-hole total of 805, five strokes better than Western Maryland and eight better than third-place Gettysburg. The Mules tied Ursinus for the title in 1997 and finished second to Western Maryland last year.

The tournament was shortened from the scheduled 54 holes when lightning halted the first of three rounds April 23.

Aldridge, a native of Dover, Del., led throughout the tournament and turned in the low score in every round. His 184 (35-75-74) topped Rob Bishop of Ursinus by eight strokes and Mike Gross of Franklin & Marshall by 12.

Aldridge, a transfer from American University, came within one shot of tying the league record for margin of victory and gave Western Maryland its third individual crown. Brian Barry won the title in 1994 and Tony Worm last year.

Courtesy of Sports Information

Giorno named lacrosse player of the week

Western Maryland attacker Meaghan Giorno, a junior from Baldwin, Md., was recently named Centennial Conference Player of the Week in women's lacrosse, becoming the only athlete to earn the honor in two sports in 1998-99.

Last October she won the same award in women's soccer.

Giorno, a former three-sport standout at John Carroll High, equaled a single-game high with eight goals in April 24's 19-18 win at Swarthmore and became only the fifth woman in Western Maryland history to score 100 in a career.

She leads the league in scoring this year with 47 goals and 22 assists in 12 games.

With more than a year to go,

Giorno has climbed to No. 5 on the school's all-time list in goals (104), No. 3 in assists (43) and No. 5 in total points (147).

On April 20, Giorno struck for five goals and three assists in WMC's 17-6 win over Villa Julie.

She's helped the Green Terror (7-5) win four of its last five games and clinch its eighth straight winning season.

Last fall Giorno was the only defender to win the Player of the Week award in soccer.

From her sweeper position, she led Western Maryland to a 2-0 upset of Haverford by scoring the first goal of her career and shutting down two of the league's top five scorers, Rebecca Fowler (No. 2)

and Nicole Zito (No. 5).

It was Haverford's only shutout loss of the year — its first loss ever at Western Maryland — and it ended the Fords' school-record seven-game win streak.

Giorno went on to earn second-team all-league honors and help the Green Terror (10-8) equal a team record for wins in a season.

Along the way, she made the

all-tournament team at the Wesley College Invitational after the Green Terror beat Misericordia 1-0 in the title game.

Since setting foot on campus in 1996, Giorno has started every game in soccer and all but the first four in lacrosse. In 1998 she finished second in scoring on the lacrosse team with 45 goals and 11 assists in 15 games.

Desrosiers, Henderson earn first team honors

Western Maryland juniors Lara Henderson and Alethea Desrosiers were named to the six-member All-Centennial Conference first team in women's tennis April 29 in both singles and doubles.

The two New Jersey natives each went 10-1 during the regular season in singles this year and 10-1 as a doubles pair, leading Western Maryland to a 9-2 record.

Their losses came against Franklin & Marshall's Leah Rubin and Katie Rouff, who joined them on the first team along with league singles champion Jennifer Pao of Swarthmore and runner-up Molly Williams of Dickinson.

Henderson, the Green Terror's No. 1 singles player, earned first-team all-league honors for the second straight year in both singles and doubles. Desrosiers made the second team last season in singles only.

With Kim Keller, Henderson won the conference doubles title as a freshman in 1997 and fell in the finals in '98. Last week she withdrew from the league championships following the death of her uncle, but Desrosiers reached the semifinals before losing to top-seeded Williams.

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Women's tennis just short of league title

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The women's tennis team finished the season with a team record of nine wins and two losses, falling short of their first ever Centennial Conference championship to defending back to back league champions Franklin and Marshall.

With a win against Franklin and Marshall, who won their 30th straight league match and their third straight conference championship by defeating the Terror, Western Maryland could have tied

F&M for first place with one league match remaining.

The Terror, who were defeated 7-2, received singles victories from No. 2 Alethea Desrosiers, and from No. 5 Jessica Boynton.

At the Centennial Conference championships held recently at Washington College, Desrosiers, the No. 4 seed, fell in the semifinals to top seeded Molly Williams of Dickinson.

In doubles action, senior Amy Sheridan and sophomorebecca Lyter lost to the eventual runners-up from Haverford.

Conference track meet results

Men's Terror Track made an impressive CC showing on May 2. Freshman Dave Evans broke the league long-jump record and Jamie Falcone and Kerry Wilson also won gold medals as the Western Maryland men took second and the women took fourth at the sixth annual Centennial Conference track championships at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Penn.

Falcone won the women's 100

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