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 (DIII) 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 Serminini and linebacker Tommy Selecky.

Serminini and Hopkins' Harrison Bernstein became the first pair of sophomores to take CC Players of the Year in '97, for Serminini ranked highest in passing with 1,59.38 points and placed third in total offense.

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

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.

It is most thankful to Dr. Robert Sagers, WMC English and communications professor, who was "a non-stop energizer bunny," according to Slade. Segers did all the film's photography and was willing to work, at all times, even post-positioning a double-ternia operation to film scenes.

The actual filming took only 28 days but was spread across a 2 1/2-year span. After 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 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 shown there again September 19.

In addition, it will be in Annapolis, 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 he is trying to get his film exposed in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Changes improve campus

BY MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

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

Almost 50 years old, ANW received a much needed face lift 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. Edith 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 some of the furniture was replaced, including new lounge and laundries in all of the rooms.

The laundry rooms that existed on the first floor 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. 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 fairs.

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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 us 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 Ravens, who held 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-fish-week-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 a 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."

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 6.

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 man 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 "viruses" 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. Courtesy of Public Information
Books Sandwiched In discusses Irving novel

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


"A Son of the Circus" is a love story, professor emeritus of philosophy and religious studies, will rejoin the noon today, in McDaniel Lounge.

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 with 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 the Books of Westminister. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch."

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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 survey conducted by flood students to evaluate their knowledge about safe sex and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).

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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 that they had been tested at Smith House.

Stromberg explained the details of the pre-testing and post-testing.

"The first thing I want to tell you is that you must sign a consent form," she said. Any student who wishes to be tested must sign a consent form. Then she discusses the implications of the positive test result with the student. She also asks them to respond to a questionnaire about their 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 to read off his or her identification number.

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Emily Grant, Founding member of ASAP and gets the results. A positive test result indicates the HIV virus is present. However, the virus may not be detectable for 2-10 years, Stromberg explained.

"Confidentiality is of greatest paramount importance," she said. "No one is informed about a student'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 among people 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."

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The WMC AIDS Policy, found in the February 1998 edition of the Staff Handbook, says that students have the right to discriminate and education. The guidelines for implementation for the AIDS Policy stress that students may ask the coordinator and resources for educational programming for students.

ASAP is open to provide assistance for students 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.

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Information superhighway offers WMC a bumpy ride

BY MICHAEL STOKES

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, computer users, as such, have become a critical tool in teaching and learning throughout 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 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 on campus, only 137 are for student use, which is a source of considerable frustration.

Email has also made a tremendous impact at WMC. Mathews said that the college handles over 2000 email 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 are now beginning to use computers to do everything from teaching lectures with the click of a button to sending graded tests back to students via email.

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 online classroom discussions and sending back graded papers through email. He even holds out-of-class discussions through the email 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 a lot easier 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 going to pay 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. "Increasing the number of computers for student use is not one of our main priorities for spending at this time," said Mathews.

"We are going to begin replacing the Macintoshes with IBMs, once it is time. However we replace the computers in cycles of three to five years."

Another problem is that the entire computer network is built by Macintosh, according to Mathews. "Two main drawbacks that result are the Macintosh's specialized equipment that is not flexible, and the Macintosh network as a whole is rather slow, she said. However, Mathews said that this problem is in the process of being solved. The college network is being switched from MacNet to Ethernet, which is a network that is not based on any one model, and will thus allow for different types of computers to be linked with it. According to Mathews, this project will continue into next year and will create "a more secure, faster network that 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?"
Four faculty members promoted to full professor

Four Western Maryland College faculty members were promoted to full professor this month, according to Joan Devlin 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 (sociological sciences) and Pi Sigma Alpha (political science) national honor societies, as well as the American Political Science Association, Law and American Society Association, and Associations of Northeastern Pre-law Advisor. 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 Crevecoeur", which provides an in-depth re-examination of the intellectual history of science as practiced 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 College's 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 included "everything needed to write a complete paper," said Dr. Regis. It was developed, she noted, after WMC adopted a new curriculum 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 transfer 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-Prideung & 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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COMMENTARY

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 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 another. 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 cheering 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 other suffering has been their lot. The life 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 Bahá’í 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 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.

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, 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. 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 this is what I want here.

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. 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.

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Quirks: A Squirrel's Life

Anne Buller 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, often forgetting 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 taunt us.

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 furry 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 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 (especially when 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, it's so much fun to remember the lessons you've learned from our furry 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.
Chris Taugher starts fresh with his positive view of orientation.

The big day was finally here. You moved into your room, met your roommates, and made emotional good-byes with Mom and Dad. Now, you're finally alone at college, finally free to make your own choices, finally able to do whatever you want to do. Then the question: what is there to do for the first four days?

To answer that simple question the Peer Mentors helped run the The pizza party and the trip to the Four Seasons complex were two excellent ways for students to unwind and just have fun after a long day.

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As a soccer player, I did get to do all of the activities planned every day, but what I did partici- pate in was worth my time. Attend- ing my first year seminar helped me meet fifteen new friends before classes even started. The scavenger hunt through Westminster helped me get ac- quainted with the town I'll be liv- ing in for the next four years. I know how to get to the movies if I want to take a date out there. If I ever get a late-night craving for chicken soft tacos, I'll know how to get to Taco Bell.

Of course, you need a car be- fore you can go to Taco Bell, and some people say you even need a date before you can do the movies, but I feel better knowing that I could get to either place.

The pizza party and the trip to the Four Seasons complex were two great ways for students to unwind and have fun after a long day. The phone skits were also very informa- tive. Knowing how to use the phone properly is important to me. How am I supposed to call home for money if I can't work the phone? Not everything on the schedule was rollicking, though. I almost fell asleep in OCTAA (On Campus Talking About Alcohol) class and no matter how you decorate the caf- eteria, the food still tastes the same.

But the Peer Mentor skits, guest speaker Mike Green, an OCTAA presenter, and the "Chances" play were tremendous.

The transition into college life is a lot smoother when you have a well-run orientation program. Just sitting in a state-of-the-art class- room gave me a feeling that high school was behind me and higher education was here. The automatic sliding curtains and the rotating chalkboards made me feel that my parents $22,000 a year is well spent.

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Chris Taugher

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A Fresh Start for the New Year

Megan Martin lends her two cents to freshmen about life at college.

It is a new school year. That means it is a chance for all of us to start over again with a clean slate.

We get to start fresh with our old friends, sharing stories of our sum- mer time adventures or misadven- tures.

Returning resident students, if they have so chosen, get to start out in a different building with a new roommate.

Commutors and graduate stu- dents supposedly have more park- ing, and the Class of 2001 is experi- encing new freedom in being al- lowed to have cars on campus this year.

Glar has a slightly new look and is now run by Sodexo-Marriott. Some new themes and dishes have been added to campus dining.

Classes are still beginning, so the sudden heap of homework isn't piled too high, yet. There are also new staff and facility members to meet and greet, while there is time to reconquainted with those who have re- mained for another year.

Finally, there is a whole new class on campus settling in from ori- entation. To these freshmen and transfer students, I have a couple of things to say.

First of all, those of you who are here by yourselves, especially if you are from out of state, the first few weeks of college can be harrowing. Think of it as an adventure. See how many new friends you can make, how many classes you can join, how many morning classes you actually attend.

Also, college is a place to rein- vent yourself. Whatever reputation you had at home has probably not followed you to Western Maryland College. If you are timid, try to be a little more daring. If you are shy, try talking to someone you don't know. If you are outgoing, try to spend a little more time discovering yourself.

College is full of doors of oppor- tunity whether in class or out of it. You get to learn how to live with other people who are not related to you. You learn that you can't always get your own way. You learn that procrastination is not all that it is cracked up to be.

Most importantly if you are a resident, you learn what it is like to live away from your home. Create- ing a new safety net of friends on campus is part of reinventing your- selves, and it also helps you have more fun.

The first few weeks of college can feel like the worst few weeks of your life. Don't dwell in that feeling. Get out and do something with the people in your hall, or seminar class, or the members of that new club you joined. You'll be glad you did. At the end of the year, you might not even want to leave college to go home -- who knows? It's all up to you. Make the most out of your time at WMC. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to get your degree, learn about life, and leave WMC a different and better person than you were when you got here.
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 the tussles. 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, boisterous, 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 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 the one who regularly fights back with Green. Eventually, he always corners her and sees it as his duty to fight back. Through mainly his attacks are verbal and patience-depleting in nature.

Blue is a coward. She hates to fight, but I used Blue often and it hurts me. My highlighters don’t get along. They in order to satisfy your petty ego, then my work?”

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

“Now, you be insulting me brain? Oh, you’re gonna pay for that, pencil-lover!”

“Eh, you stupid pansy!” Green was in full form, yelling at Pink, “Why you be insulting me brain? Oh, you’re gonna pay for that, pencil-lover!”

“Don’t you agree Yellow?”

Yellow was cowering in a corner. She looked up fearfully—“DON’T HURT ME!”

Green growled, “Now ya call me ‘an animal’? You’re in it for now!” He dropped back into a ready pose.

“No! It will 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 computer. The screen went just kicked in. “Oh wow, man! It’s like I’m flying through space, man! What!”

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 vacuum. Blue was sucked into the vacuum.

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

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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 chenched 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 flies would stop bickering! 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 fact 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 than 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 pilgrimages to the North Pole. He said they drink Coca-Cola up there. Anyway, this wondrous is pathetic. What’s next, one of his cigares? How pitiful. What about faith, trust, the institution of marriage? I’m even uncertain as to sex of this animal. Could this beast possibly be a female? “Not that there is anything wrong with it.” This is humiliating.

Letter to the Editor

Just a Little Respect

Smoking, drinking, and partying: are these not rights that many students exercise — whether publicly or privately? 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 we 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 simply not to take a flyer nor attend the prayer meeting. Despite this logical alternative, some one believed that there was justice in basing the 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-opposing beliefs and morals (i.e. swearing). These actions are, frankly, double standards and are hypocritical.

To whoever 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 out more thoroughly before you act. What you did was contrary to what you would agree with. Please leave it in the Phoenix box at above all the others, and sees it as his duty to only one who regularly fights back with Green, a pencil-lover and homo-lighter). Pink is the true railroad in nature.

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

Sarah Hill
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(2/20-3/20)
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 else you 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 apologized.

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(7/22-8/23)
A kitty cannot scratch a lion. Roar!

Virgo(8/24-9/22)
“Like a Virgin...Touched for the very first time.”
Happy Birthday!

Libra(9/23-10/22)
Cover yourself in Wesson Oil, it’s your last chance to get a tan.

Scorpio(10/23-11/21)
You’re a Scorpio. Nobody likes you.

Sagittarius(11/22-12/21)
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.

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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, Chip 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 ‘80s 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.

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

BY NIKKI BELANGER
Conquering 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 Fundamentalism 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 themselves for their religion,” Badiee said, who provides the audio-visual services for all faculty, staff, and students for all performances. Special admission is $100 on Fridays and Sundays, $9 for seniors, citizens and students for all performances. Specific group rates are also available. For information and reservations please call (410) 547-9000 or see the web site at www.The Walters.org.

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 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.The Walters.org.

• September 11th through October 11th, the Fell’s 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, $9 for seniors, citizens and students for all performances. Specific group rates are also available. For information and reservations please call (410) 776-7837.

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Contributing Writer

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

Badiee’s duties include scheduling the use of audiovisual equipment for all faculty, legal, 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.

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National Players come to the Hill

BY SARA GRUBER
Staff Writer

The National Players, from the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, a renowned touring 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. 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.

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 study or 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 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 x2872. Best of Luck in your Senior Year—The Best is Yet to Come!!!

Shannon Tinney is the intern for the Senior PRIDE committee.
Tips for surviving life in Westminster
Freshmen take note: There are things to do in this town (this isn’t a joke!)

By Jon Bearr
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 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 Baugher’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 amusing game of basketball down 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 Walmart 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.

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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 coffin pie. 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 bangs, 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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Sports Information

Director advances career to NCAA

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Lapato won a scholarship-athlete award from Burger King fast-food chain 10-11.

Lapato was the first team to 2-2 in the first half to give the Terrors their only point.

The women's soccer team got a win for her team, who also benefitted from a goal by Elaina Herndon. With ten saves, sophomore goalie Becca Lyter recorded her first career shutout.

Women's soccer gains shutouts

BY JULIE DEVLEN
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team got a big win in a 4-0 shutout defeating Mount Mary 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 38:30 mark, securing the win for her team, who also benefitted from a goal by Elaina 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 3-0. Lyter reeled in 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 cliche of the tournament, September 13.

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Sports

Lady Terror volleyball setting-up at 2-0

By MIKE YESTIAMSUKI
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 onto 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 Brianne 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.

Honesty Drumgoole (23 digs, seven kills) felt this game showed, "[The team] had heart."

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 seen Saw 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 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 vaulted 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.

Four digs, and two aces in a game where the Terror never trailed. Bray recorded five aces, four blocks, and three kills, while true-freshman setter Jessica Rouse had 22 assists and four aces in her first NCAA appearance.

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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 is more 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 is 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 overload 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 occupants.

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.
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SUMMER SUM-UP

by Michael Purkar & Vince Chesney
Sports Editor & Graduate Assistant

1998 Women’s Lax Honors
ALL CC HONORS:
Natalie Hannibal, 1st team Def.
Courtney Boden, 2nd team Att.
Amanda Rose, M.M. Goalie

D-III ALL-STAR SOUTH:
Amanda Rose, Goalie

1998 Men’s Lax Honors
ALL CC HONORS:
Mike Sargent, 1st team Mid.
Rob Witte, 2nd team Att.

D-III ALL-STAR SOUTH:
Mike Sargent, Midfield
USILA SCHOLAR ALL-AM:
Mike Sargent, Midfield

Softball takes trip to NCAA tournament

Heading into its first game, the softball team was loaded with powerhouse players.

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Wilson cut from field

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Methodist placed first with 1143 (-9), while the Terrors placed twentieth with 1241 (+49). 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).

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Football preseason ratings high

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Jeff Groff has been out because of 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 September 12, becoming the season’s first Division III winner. Linebacker Tommy Selecky was named First-Team All-American by the Sporting News.

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The Terrors will take their 2-0 record to their first Centennial Conference game, against the Gettysburg Bullets, on September 19. Their performance on the opening weekend against Juniata set a team record of 544 yards, 40 of which were run by sophomore Brent Sandrock.

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

A European view of the US Open tournament

BY MICHAEL PUSKAR

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Breakthrough Terrors at 2-0

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 89% 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.

Later in the first half, Sermarini ran 23-yards for yet another touchdown. At halftime, the Terrors were winning 26-7, thanks to a second 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 of 92-yards, scored the final touchdown. The Terrors left the Juniata Eagles to net a total of 1 yard in offense, after sacking their quarterback five times and interrupting 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, continued on page 13

Deitch goes to NCAA

Terror fans have to tune their ears to a new voice booming over the fieldhouse and stadium loudspeakers this season. Longtime 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 metrical...
Campus Safety has new image

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.

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

Renovations to ANW fall behind schedule

BY JENNIFER SIEKES
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 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.

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

New vice president appointed by college

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

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 Terminalx, 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 pigeons droppings are unsightly and 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."

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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 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 then 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 the flock to react.

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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 Af-
fairs, 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 benefited ev-
everyone," said President Chambers. "Mike
was a great help to Gettysburg and we earned
eight of all the work with the bikes."

Webster, who did not earn any extra
money from the agreement, said that the
money earned from Gettysburg covered all
the costs 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 ex-
cact 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 num-
ber of different reasons. "The nature of the
driving that we do (usually less than 25
m.p.h., stop and go) is quite severe.

The four-wheel drive vehicle because it allows them to travel
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 Gugliotta, 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
hamburger 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 in-
troduced 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 Or-
der 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 mem-
ber of the department would use the
bikes for duty was required to participate in
a 40-hour course taught by a local Berks
County police officer before using the
bicycles for duty.

The class taught the campus safety mem-
bers how to handle both ascending and de-
scending 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 advan-
tage to using the mountain bikes. "They al-
low 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
patrol is where we need to be."

Jenkins also feels that the bikes are too
good for Campus Safety's needs, and that they
"could have went to Wal-Mart to satis-
ify 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 resigned
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 to
ward computers for the department, which
gives the college an "improvement in depart-
ment efficiency," according to Webster.

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

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 9/3/98 at 11:53 pm DoCS docu-
mented a student for an alcohol violation
outside McDannel Hall.

- On 9/3/98 at 1:45 pm DoCS docu-
mented a theft in Rouzer Hall.

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

- On 9/5/98 at 2:36 pm DoCS docu-
mented a property crime in the Whitehead Hall
Parking Lot.

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

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

- On 9/7/98 at 6:02 pm DoCS docu-
mented a student for theft on the 1st floor of Rou-
zzer Hall.

- On 9/7/98 at 6:30 pm DoCS docu-
mented a property crime on the Golf Course be-
tween the 7th and 8th greens.

- On 9/11/98 at 2:41 am DoCS re-
sponded to a report of assault and battery in
the Whitefield Hall parking lot.

- On 9/11/98 at 1:38 pm DoCS docu-
mented an ex-student for trespassing.

- On 9/12/98 at 8:00 pm DoCS docu-
mented a theft at Bair Stadium.

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

- On 9/12/98 at 7:00 pm DoCS docu-
mented property damage at the Water Tower
Parking Lot.

- On 9/13/98 at 12:25 am DoCS docu-
mented a student for sexual harassment in
Daniel MacLea Hall.

- On 9/13/98 at 1:51 pm DoCS docu-
mented a student for public urination at
Pelu.

- On 9/13/98 at 12:25 am DoCS docu-
mented a student for an alcohol violation
at Rouzer Lane.

- On 9/14/98 at 12:25 am DoCS docu-
mented a property crime in Albert Nor-
man Ward Hall.

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

- On 9/15/98 DoCS suspended an incident
reported by a student for an alcohol violation
at 2:01 am DoCS documented at Rouzer Lane.

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System failure shuts out off-campus e-mail

BY JULE DEVLEN

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 Westergard.

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.

October brings a new art show to the Esther Prunelye 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-lifes. Her paintings have been described by critics as "exceptional in their luscious palettes and textures."

Watercolors displayed in Rice Gallery

October 17: Homecoming beginning with parade down Main Street, noon; reunion tent opens at 1 pm.

Football: WMC vs. Dickinson, Bair Stadium, 1 pm.

Oct 14: 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 Jerry Ference and Peggy Brengle, McDaniel Lounge, 7 pm.

Oct 10: Books Sandwiched In: Dr. Rebecca Carpenter and WMC students review The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro, McDaniel Lounge, noon.

Oct 15: Concert with Kengro, African dance and music, Big Baker, 8 pm.

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Oct 18: Opening reception for Markiw exhibition, Rice Gallery, 4-7 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/Discussion: Cadre 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 career in higher education.

During Seaman's tenure, fundraising 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 Australia during the past year.

Calendar of Events

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Alpha Psi Omega wins Griswold/Zepp award

BY NICOLE LEHMANN & JENNIFER SIKKES
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 theater, said Reddan.

"Workshops for college-bound high school students who are interested in theater will also be conducted. The workshops will feature sessions on improving theater skills, auditioning, and music and art in theater.

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 theater 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 Dotson
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 Threlkel, 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 Beir 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. Beir 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.

You can't consent to anything if you're out cold.
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How do you know what's in a drink if you didn't open it?

Don't take chances - get your own drink. Select sealed cans or bottles.
Increased AIDS awareness promoted on ASAP retreat

BY JENNIFER 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 Keymeuan, 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 information 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 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 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 to the President. 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 Lenos jokes will still continue without any further material from the testimony.

The arguments of the Clinton administration is 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 attempting to glue a television set fully with legal jazz.

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 tedium 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 not to is from those details is more important than concern for protection of the president. The day that Clinton decided to choose indirection over the attempted presidential behavior was the day he lost his right to have his problems kept private.

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**Clinton Impeachment Not for the Best**

**Chris Taughers** argues against 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 the only wrong thing to do to Bill Clinton, but it is the wrong thing 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 in power the American people realized, "Hey, maybe Bill did cheat on Hillary." Spend $40 million to prove something the public knew six months ago is ridiculous.

For President Clinton, America's integrity of Monica Lewinsky. What has been her motive the whole time, besides providing Jay Lenos and Conan O'Brien with countless hours of material? "Taping conversations and saving semen doesn't mean anything in the courts," says Andrew Ferguson, Time Magazine. If she wanted to get into the national spotlight, she's certainly done that. Now, it is time to move on.

President Clinton is no saint. He lied under oath and committed adultery. Should he pay for his wrongs? Definitely. Should he be impeached? No, no.

The President should apologize, pay a fine, and possibly serve some jail 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. America doesn't deserve to be bombarded with late-breaking specials of affairs anymore - we have a home-run race to watch.

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**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 Carrollton 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 licence.

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.

Campus Safety makeover

The Phoenix jury is still out on the new Campus Safety vehicles. The college 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.

He is the only American President who will be remembered more for his mistresses than for his White House blazes 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 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 as usual.

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 intern.
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 may be possible to go on with living.

These selfless individuals are trained to help rape victims work through their problems without using psychologically and emotionally insensitive expressions like, "It's all going to be okay." This is because rape is not okay.

This year freshman attending orientation learned from a dramatic film, presented by the Sexual Assault 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 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 interjects "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 was not rape. Be clear about your intentions and communicate 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 and face criminal charges? The point is: if you're unsure, don't do it.

Also, intoxication does not justify forcing sex on anyone else. If you 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 Inducing dating 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 it will not. Sometimes, it is best to let the criminal see you as a human being who has a family, mid-terms, talents, and other traits that make you attractive, while at others it is best to not say anything at all.

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

Most of all, remember that it is not the victim's fault that he or she was raped.

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 Hamptoning the incident, is shower, brush your teeth, douche, or change your clothes. Get medical attention quickly or you may be 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 crisis lines to call, to help you deal with crisis. Considering 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 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.
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 40:1, 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 for Kim and her 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 professionals who were largely responsible for Kim’s remarkable recovery. On December 13th, Kim was airlifted to Prince George’s Trauma Center in Baltimore, all with 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 depend 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 McCann, rushed Kim to the University of Maryland Neuro Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Dr. Nader Habashi and Martha Boeth, 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 professional therapists.

I was told that if Kim survived, there would be many setbacks, and indeed there were. At times when there seemed to be no more 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. I pray that my words will in some small way adequately express what is in my heart. I felt a lot less secure when he went away. Please know that 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 will forever cherish all of you, the blessings and richness that life can be if we open ourselves to its 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,
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Comments:

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 that there is more focus placed on the parking lots. This kind of vandalism could have been prevented and can be in the future.

Campus Safety told me that my visit had sparked a bad section of town. That comment struck me as odd because I did not know that there was a bad section of town. Someone working with Campus Safety proceeded to tell me about the area behind Whitford (which is where I live).

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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

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 Whitford 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 Whitford to find that the 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 and the immature 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 but at the students as a group. It was just a random act of vandalism and I am not aware of who this person is that is 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 also like 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.

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Horoscopes
An October of changes

Aquarius (January 22 - February 19)
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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)
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.

Leo (July 24- August 23)
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Sagittarius (November 23 - December 21)
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 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 few 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 staying home, I was not leaving home. Yes, I will admit it: I was going to miss my mom. My roommate took over the entire room and her things hadn’t even arrived. Debbie looked exactly how I pictured her over the phone (although she did turn out to be a bit 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 know 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!
End Note
We try it before you buy it: Better Than Ezra's new release How Does Your Garden Grow?

BY SHAWN SPLAGUE
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.

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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.

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 its music fresh and potent. Drummond adds a subtle bass to the mix.

"One More Murder" is the strongest song. It is a subtle blend of electronic 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 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 an insane punk escapade, and then suddenly breaks down into an fragmented 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 re-freshing end to the album.

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

Rating: 3 1/2 stars

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

BY RICH SIMMONS
Assistant Features Editor

Gamma Beta Chi

The "Betes" as members of Gamma Beta Chi are known, are part of the oldest fraternity 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 yellow chrysanthemum. 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 second 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 "Baby colors" 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 founded in 1848 at the University of Mi-ami. 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 let-
ters Pi Alpha Alpha were adopted. The Phi Delta's 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.

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 white, 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, founded in 1983 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.

Alpha Mu

The "Pхи-Alphs" are the oldest existing sorority on campus, recognized in 1926 by Western Maryland. Alpha Mu's official colors are purple and white, their mascot is the purple cow, and their traditional symbol is the toad. 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 Philomathian Soci-
ety. 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 1992, and later as Sigma Sigma Tau. Phi Sigma Sigma's official colors are blue and gold, with mascots of the skunk and the sphynx. 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 Ward Hall.

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 Blanchard Ward Hall.

IN THE FISHBOWL...
A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC

"I love my students— they're my babies," declares Line Supervisor Cecilia Bowes. Known familiarly to staff and students as "Celia," Bowes has been a beloved fixture in Glar for 33 years, serving jokes and smiles with the mashed potatoes.

Bowes says that she chose her profession because she likes being around people. Students especially make her day: "I just like 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."
Players give new life to Cyrano

BY MOLLY LAND
Staff Writer

Although it is a cliché to say that beauty is only skin deep, the Western Film Players’ production of Cyrano de Bergerac infused this expression with fresh life. The company brought Edmund Rostand’s play about a passionate lover with a huge nose to WMC on September 19. The show was their first step on a plot to weave the love story. Cyrano, is a classic play about the eponymous swordsman/poet. He falls in love with the beautiful Roxana, but she has eyes only for the handsome, yet inarticulate. Christian de Neuvillette.

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 win 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.

Since 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 dramatics of the characters, thereby ignoring most of the humor and wit inherent in Rostand’s script.

The actor could not have had an easy time justifying the play’s 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 emotions. During his scenes all movement and foliage in the theatre stopped, as everyone awaited Cyrano’s next word.

No, however, no matter how great the actor, there is a limit to the number of times an audience will ignore the absurdity of a situation and focus on the inner agency of a character. Cyrano’s death scene illustrates this point.

In a limb-winded but poetic speech, he admits to his role in the love affair of Roxana and Christian, and his own unyielding love for Roxana. Although containing numerous obscenities, the speech itself is laden with humerous 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.

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The original script of Cyrano de Bergerac has five acts and when performed in its entirety can last three hours. The National Players’ version ran about two and a half hours. This production could have been improved if a more comedic stance had been taken. However, it was definitely not a disappointment.

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BY NICOLE TOTH
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Kachur makes mellow debut at WMC

BY AARON KNITZER

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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, The 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 that he would enjoy more. He went with Madison and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, while he got a job as Assistant Editor of two magazines for college students, The Magazine and Student Leadership.

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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, The 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 that he would enjoy more. He went with Madison and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, while he got a job as Assistant Editor of two magazines for college students, The Magazine and Student Leadership.
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 SCOTting 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.

“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.

These days, everyone has been worried about the McGwire/Sosa race to hold the home runs-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 clinch the CC titles 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.

Junior quarterback Ron Sermarini focuses on teamwork.

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 here 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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Thank you, Sports Fans!

A Sosological 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 Anglo-centric, 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 have liked 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 “T” in team. “It’s too 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. But Sosa and McGwire wish each other the best, as for Sosa said, they’re just doing their jobs.

Yet, it is 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 are able 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 sport play ball, for it is the only thing that gives them hope. They crowd into small bars, where the bartender thankfully had a backup generator, just to see Sammy smash another one out of there. “The nation has come to pray for the boy,” stated Rev. Jose Arrelano 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.”

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But No Drugs! I Don’t Want to Poison My System Is There Anything Else You Can Do!

by Mike Puskar

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 receive 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 Elysee Garden Party of the 14th of July, French Independence Day.

Could you imagine a whole country and its visitors partying 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 Elysees 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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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 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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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 ditzy 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 land-slides, 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 selflessness of opposing teams from year to year. He plans to focus on big meets with the hope of improving each time out.

The team has grown considerably 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.

Women's soccer burning up fields

BY JULIE DAVELIN
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 Elaina Herdin. The ladies hungered 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 Kaestin Lantansky 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 4 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.

Sophomore Jeff Groff and Joe Kendorski also scored.

Senior Tom Lapato and Juniors Marvin Deal and Anthony Burgos 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 Bridgewater is near exactly doubled that of the score against Gettysburg. Similarly, the away game score of 40-7 over Jamesia to 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.
Alumni come home to Terror win

By Jennifer Sirks
Assistant Features Editor

The Phi Kappa 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 Rittler. They were presented with flowers by Kathy Moore, 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 40 years and has served on the alumni association Board of Directors.

In the pure system, students are expected to be academically honest and are expected 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 opinions.

In addition, an e-mail was sent to all students by the SGA last Friday 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 security 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 system that was fairly consistent," 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 the pure system, professors walking up and down the halls patrolling the room.

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Shopping center to be built near Comfort Inn

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 groundbreaking ceremony will take place on October 21 at 3:30 p.m.

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, in anticipation of the growth of the Westminster area."

Seidel also said that when the land was zoned, the Cranberry Mall, WalMart 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 that the decision was made because of the low occupancy of the land was because the market economics just became good, so we believed the time was right."

Preston is an associate of the Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Trust Corporation. 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 that [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 development of neighborhood shopping centers.

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 the continued on page 4
Kiss the Pig!

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 9/19 at 8:30 pm DoCS documented a property crime at Bair Stadium caused by malicious behavior.
- 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 9:27 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 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 1:23 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 9/28 at 1:50 pm 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 10/3 at 2:44 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall for possession of alcohol in public areas.
- On 10/3 at 11:53 pm DoCS documented a property crime on the 4th floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 10/4 at 1:03 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 10/5 at 6:00 pm DoCS documented trespassing in Whiteford Hall.
- On 10/6 at 1:20 pm DoCS responded to a vehicle accident at the roadway adjacent to a Pennsylvania Avenue House.
- On 10/7 at 6:15 pm DoCS responded to a vehicle accident at the PELC parking lot.
- On 10/7 at 11:41 pm DoCS documented the use of marijuann in Rouzer Hall.
- On 10/8 at 12:30 pm DoCS responded to a hit and run vehicle accident at the roadway behind Hoover Library that caused property damage.
- On 10/13 at 8:07 am DoCS documented vandalism at the Golf Course.
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.

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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, Terror 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 Gilliam 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 Cushtin finished with a time of 1:05:26, 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 Cushtin.

Both Gilliam and Cushtin ran 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.
New shopping center

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the rental of the land.

After each five year period, this figure is expected to increase. According to Preston, rent collections 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, this time 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 addition to the campus.

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."

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While some students have expressed mixed opinions on the honor code, few have said that the code is "not only required to abide by the honor code, instead of changing the entire system. '"

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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 WMC for the first time should be introduced to the Honor and Conduct Board.

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.

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, disconcerting account of what he had learned and observed while cleaning dishes and toasting coffee cups.

The rights to "Invisible Man" have been optioned to Warner Brothers which is considering a film starring Denzel Washington.

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."

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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 Taugh, concerning the current White House scandal, was printed. I find your article to be lacking in research and believe some of his statements to make no sense. Mr. Taugh 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 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. Taugh argues that if the electorate is to be trusted with Clinton’s troubles, he believes the American public will not be concerned about the military. Although lengthy legal debates 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. Thisushman is the 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 other thing, but failing to show the necessity of honor and integrity for the leadership of our military, he must be unquestionably removed from office.

Mr. Taugh makes the proposition that the American public for 7 months can be trusted to think that Clinton will not make any mistakes in his conduct. This inquest into the doings of 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 serious cause for concern. Clinton, the Commander in Chief, has violated one of the articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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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 is violating his oath of office, and must be removed immediately.

In concluding his article, Mr. Taugh 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. Taugh does not believe Clinton’s actions to constitute “high Crimes and Misdemeanors,” as set forth in Article II, section 4 of the Constitution.

Perjury, obstruction of justice, crimes which Mr. Taugh 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 an Office of honor or profit under the United States.”

While intended to ensure no judgment levied by the Congress shall be in a legal penalty, the use of “honor” and “profit” to describe offices of the government is to show the necessity of honor and trust in our government officials.

As President, the President with a subordinate is dishonorable, and a President who lies to the American public for 7 months should not be trusted. For this reason, Clinton should be impeached.

In Federalist 65, Alexander Hamilton states, concerning impeachment, “The heads on his perjury are the offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the continuance or violation of some public trust.”

Bill Clinton has himself admitted to misconduct. His use of government employees to refuse the applications of a high crime or misdemeanor.

That President Clinton may not have committed a crime is irrelevant as to whether he is fit to serve out his 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, but has caused him to lose his executive position as Commander in Chief. It is unlikely he and our country is in would not exist.

This inquest into the doings of President Clinton started because the Attorney General, an official

Jeremy Keil ’02
Halloween Fondue

In a world filled with pessimicism, skepticism, (and Glur), how about some positive and uplifting news? Ok, whatever - FREE FOOD!

The Undergraduate Relations Committee, aka "URC," will host it’s hugely popular, (and FREE) Halloween Fondue in Ensor Lobby on Thursday, October 29th at 4:00 pm. There will be (FREE) Halloween treat (FREE) fondue for the dipping, and (FREE) beverages. (Please! No scolds to punch this year!) So, on your way to Glur, 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 Poppy hat so graciously donated by YOUR Banana & Noble Bookstore.

Questions, thoughts, comments, or just to prank call, dial ext. 286 for Randy, Class of ‘97, 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 cheating to be treated like theft, 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 proctoring exams, maybe as strictly as before, but pretty close. We feel that this should not happen. We believe that the existing honor code should be changed to eliminate the entire cheat, but it should not be eliminated.

There are several problems with the honor code as it stands 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 Dateline are often not sent out in campus mail or are not effective means of informing the WMC community of 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 while they proctor the exam, while others 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 personally 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 set forth by their professors. If the students wanted an honor code, they would need to take the initiative to write one.

Whatever the case, students need to make their opinions heard about the honor code. This is a serious matter and needs careful thought by faculty before any decision is made.

Go to tonight’s SGA open forum and make your voice heard.
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 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 week 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 I consider to be the smoking problem. Instead, we have students who leave their hair and clothes.

I have encountered with great frequency recently, creating my opinions about some particularly rude smokers.

My point of view first changed after weeks of the new school year here at WMC, my views have changed.

I feel that this 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-present 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 lighting up as they walk from a common area to an outside section of a building. Apparently, the extra three seconds to wait until they reach the outside is simply too much to bear.

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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 showed the least bit of concern to ask her if she was all right. One resident shouted from a window and frightened the attacker.

...many state governments are fed up with "innocent" bystanders who... do not want to get involved.

Lisa Pole-Van Auken advocates the passing of "Good Samaritan" laws. The federal government has given each state the ability to make its own decision concerning the bill, although most states have the "Good Samaritan" law in effect, including Vermont and Rhode Island.

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 $10,000 fine. The federal government has given each state the ability to make its own decision concerning the bill, although most states have the "Good Samaritan" law in effect, including Vermont and Rhode Island.

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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 effectually 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.

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No experience necessary!
Go Abroad, Learn about Life Firsthand

Ron Mojica explains the importance of the study abroad program.

Amid the unjust rumors of college serving only as a Bacchus festival, an all-season camp where fresh-out-high-school graduates spend thousands of hours in inhospitable bliss, some actually decide to enroll in the quest for expansion of human thought and to appease the insatiable mind.

Although the propagation 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 culture 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, watching the silhouette of the Madrid skyline form against the sunset, or sit and get acquainted in a German pub.

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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 talented 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 didn’t even understand the concept of college requirements. Nonetheless, this didn’t stop Fred from offering his wisdom to others whom he thought were less gifted. This time Ana was of the receiving end of the acutely obvious observations.

“How’s your day been?” Ana signified 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 do to ANW? Elaborate it?”

Ana gritted her teeth, “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 expand, 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 fed of the movies too. “The cost of the movies was doubled in price by Swank, the distributor. And since CAPBoard hasn’t bought 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 Troma, the guys we get the movies from. If anyone’s at fault it’s Swank, the guys we get the movies from.”

“Ahh...” 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 movies.”

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.

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.
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 outcomes, 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 the rudder down. Everyone finds the rudder down.

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 (6/21 — 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.

By Matthew Thomas

Peace Corps provides African adventure and cultural experience

BY CHRISTIAN WILWORTH
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 “gain experience and 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 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.

Upcoming Westminster Events
The Downtown Westminster Farmer’s Market. Featuring locally grown produce, honey and baked goods. Located in the Sherwood Square Parking Lot at Route 27 and Distillery Drive. 8 am to noon. October 24. For more information, call Karen Tucker at 410-848-4363.

The Fall and Christmas Arts and Crafts Show at the Revere Volunteer Fire Hall, 1745 Baltimore Boulevard (Route 140). 8 am to 4 pm, October 24. Call Betsy Alexander for more information at 410-848-4363.

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Recent WMC graduate, Jonathon Shacat, is currently training with the Peace Corps before leaving for Gabon, Africa. In this 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

By Christian Wilworth
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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 “Motorcycle 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 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 start to regret it, or would I smile and watch it fall?” It’s hard to
telling whether or not he’s being serious.

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 dying’, 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 characteristics that have made their music popular among many young people: fun.

If you’ve never heard Cake before, I’d get Motorcycle of Generosity on the album, and leave Prolonging the Magic for the tried-and-true fans.

-2 stars

Shawn Sprague

The members of Gomez hail from Liverpool, England. From left to right they are: Ben Ottewell, I an Ball, Oily Peacock, Tom Gray, Paul “Blackie” Blackburn. 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 own 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 grity 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/keyboards 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 Ottewell 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
careers. The video for Bring It On’s funky 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 grity, 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 Starnethis

BY RAINS 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 in the UK, 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 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.

Holocaust specialist Miller joins faculty
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Jeff Soltz '98
Art History/Political Science

“I don’t think our small student body can support such a franchise. I think Glar is doing better this same thing and get bored.”
Emily Murphy '00
Economics/Business Administration

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.

Heaven, Williams and Annabelle 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 jumps 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 his way to his death, however, that life does not end after death. A spirit he nicknames “Dive,” (Cujo 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 reconciled to 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 tidy and tacked on just to give Williams a reason to be able to find Sciorra, I did enjoy their selfish, almost neurotically close relationship.

What 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 god, any god. I was hoping for a grander, more opiated 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 meagerly detailed, the buildings lumpish and ornate. The cinematography is excellent, with inventive camera angles and zooms that create a sense of tension and suspense. But it 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 fushimering landscape of flowers and trees based on his wife’s paintings. The whole thing is seemingly satured 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.

What Dreams May Come is a thought-provoking, emotionally affecting, though somewhat flawed jewel. I highly recommend it.

Women in Black tie up Loose Ends

“Two words: Sheets MTO.”
Dennis Lacey '01
Math/Economics

“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.

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Lisa Van Asken summed it up best when she said, “I feel like a low life, nocturnal insect who crawls out at the appropriate times and sucks back into its hole 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, even across a creaky floor. 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 is 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 Graveyard, 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

Everybody, grab a pumpkin!
Baughner’s U-Pick pumpkin patch, with wagon rides to and from the patch, a petting zoo available, and a farm market. Hand dipped ice cream is included. For more information, call the u-pick hotline at (410) 857-0111 or (410) 848-5541.

Looking to be scared?
The popular Haunted Barn will be operating on weekends through Halloween in Taneytown. Attractions include: several terror-filled rooms, two mazes and a 70 ft. slide. For more information, call (410) 756-4575.

Boo!
Westminster Ghost Walks will be conducted by the Carroll County Public Library on Oct. 22-24, 29-31; Thurs. 7-10 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 7-12 p.m. The ride will run about 45 min. 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 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 7-12 p.m. 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.

Eccentric “Aunt” comes to Center Stage

BY SARAH KARICE
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 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.

Alternately 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 conflict between discipline and license. Which one creates a better life, and at what price?

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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.”

Terry Alexander and Laurence O’Dwyer take a surreal road trip in this innovative production.

O’Dwyer, Ken Cheeseman, Terry Alexander and Craig Matthes 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 cracking 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 as 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 they 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 Reskowinski, 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 LEHANN
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 ate 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.

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 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 collapsed 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.

Elderdice Hall is rumored to be the most haunted building on campus.

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Ron Sermarini-80-247-3.1
Tony Russo-53-173-3.5
Jay Tharpe-34-149-3.3

**PASSING**

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Joe Kendorski-464-77.3
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**Bray, Drumgoole, Kurtyka lead ladies' volleyball team**

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 posed for a trip to the nationals in November. Sophomore hitter Brianne Bray described her team as "extremely hard-working," and sophomore Honesty Drumuoo 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 Terrors 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, 15-10, 15-12). Taylor Redding led the attack with 38 assists and four straight service aces, while Bray totaled 11 kills and eight blocks. Drumgoole and Krispy 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). Drumuoo 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. Trailling 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 Drumuoo recogined 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.
Rouse sets to win

BY MIKE YEISTRAMSKI
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 IA 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 her teammates continue to play well, she'll never have to find out.

Ladies' cross country places fifth in Classic

BY MIKE YEISTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman Jill Krebs finished 8th 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.

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 halftime.

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.

HOME COMING HUMOR 2

BY MIKE YEISTRAMSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Oh @*!! He's lost his head! (St. Parker)

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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 Marci Short) and a late goal by Meghan Giorno, plus 18 saves by Rebecca Lyter led to Haverford’s first loss ever in Westminster.

Jill Krebs redefines the term Green Terror

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 45-3 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 raced 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 Kendroski 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.
Candidates make whistlestop at WMC

by Emily Stamatis
News Editor

A week after the shocking discovery of racial epithets written on the doors of three Rounzer 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 climax 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 Rounzer Room 323, captured his 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 was 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 what was going on in regard to Carter's roommates. Carter's roommates 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 Rounzer resident, on Thursday, October 22.

The student wasn't in the building when the message was originally discovered, and never saw it. The police were informed of it when he returned to campus Thursday night.

According to Lt. Brewer, the case became an official joint investigation by 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 authorities including Mike Webster, students including Carter and his roommate, family

Graffiti sparks racial controversy

Teams Green and Terror place well in ROTC Ranger Challenge

by Francesca Saylor
Staff Writer

After nearly two months of laboutous 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 Lt. 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 was up plans for an emergency Saturday night. 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, Maj. Karen Doyle 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 weaponor borrowed from Ft. Meade that was housed in the basement of Gill Gym.

The weaponor 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 qualifi-
Art Exhibition

The first exhibit featuring the works of husband and wife artists Thomas and Jan Ann Wynns opens Monday, November 9, in the Esther Prangl Riley Gallery.

Although they have had scattered pieces in 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 p.m., on Nov. 15.

Thomas Wynns 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 paintings work because it gives the images an otherworldly look."

For Jane's work, the couple is always searching yard sales, flea markets and even road side 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

Campus Safety Blotter

• On 10/14 at 1:01 am DoCS documented unauthorized access to college facilities on the 4th floor of Whitford 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 1:23 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 a harassment on the 2nd floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall.

• On 10/17 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 "fags."

• On 10/17 at 10:15 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption at Whitford Hall.

• 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 pm DoCS documented a harassment at a Pennsylvania 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 Bohlen and a Pennsylvania House.

• On 10/21 at 4:35 pm DoCS documented a medical report at Smith House.

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 me the most was her obvious, sincere enthusiasm for working with students. She will bring energy, viability and a vision to this program," he added.

The position had been vacant since last June when former director James Felton resigned. 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 Glore, 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 what the students are going through, and the students certainly have the right to feel."

The selection of Almandrez was based on an evaluation of each finalists' 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 acquire 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.

"Each WMC, the president of the BSA, 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."

Internship Opportunity

The Baltimore office of Shandwick Shandwick, 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.

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Racial incident
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It, saying that he hoped WMC would soon be “working together with tough minds and a tender heart.”

The vigil also spoke at the vigil, where he commended everyone who attended the rally, and said that he believed 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 in-active,” said Eric Byrd of the music department, also a WMC alum-

nus. 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, the audience was given an oppor-
tunity to put down their candles and speak their minds at an open mic session. Perhaps the most par-
tinent comment of the evening was made by Veronica Esseve, 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 called for students to step out of their comfort zone at an open opportunity to put down their candles and speak their minds. The idea was proposed by Walt Corbett. He also noted the wide va-

riety 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 ques-
tions, and communication is neces-

sary in order to take charge.

“Hello this is a very difficult or-
day,” 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 cli-
mate, Byrd said that if the question needs to be asked, then they’re either taking actions secretly, or do-

ing 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 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.”

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 Sniff 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 dra-

mas like Waiting For Godot, he conti-

ued.

The play was written by awardwinners Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse who also col-

laborated 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 Mainstage. It is not your everyday musi-

cal after which everyone leaves the theatre with a smile,” Burgess said. “It makes you think.”

The play revolves around a game that is a metaphor on the games played in life. The entire set is a large gameboard.

The main character Cocky, played by senior Ryan Kocou, is forced to play without really under-

standing the rules of the game. He is led through the move-

ments by the game’s referee Sir, played by senior Mark Resch. The WMC production is played out on a “raked” or inclined stage so that audience members can see Cocky and Sir travel to the various spaces on the gameboard.

However strange and unusual, this “theatre of the absurd” piece did produce several well-known 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 Kocou, Ryan Ewing, Elton Keith, Krissy Nichols, Lori Schenck, Joy Tom-

mas, Megan Toxvard, and Buddy Stonesifer. Also, senior Jimmy Reddan is the production’s musical director.

Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for students and WMC community members. For information call the WMC Box Office at (410) 857-2448.

Courtesy of Public Information
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 campus. He describes 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.”

A brief moment of silence he smiled and added one more, “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.

Suchowski 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, WMCR is “the place where radio begins.” WMCR station manager Dan Sereduick 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.”

WMCR 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 need 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 Sereduick.

Sereduick also said that the station is trying to get newer music to play but 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 Sereduick 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.”

WMCR 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 returnig 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 its Second Annual Bonfire/Pep Rally on Friday, October 16. The event allowed close to 400 rowdy WMCers to come together compiling all 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.

Problems or concerns? Contact one of your SGA representatives, or email us at sga@wmcd.edu. All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings every Thursday at 8:00 PM in Hill Hall 110.

WMC achieves success at ROTC Ranger Challenge

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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 its 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.

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Major Karen Doyle

WMC achieves success at ROTC Ranger Challenge

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 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,” added Doyle. Here Green had their first run disqualified because of a technicality but did not let it discourage them as they completed the second run successfully.

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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 ruck 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 misused 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 perceived 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.

What it means for WMC

The Department of Campus Safety (DoCS) will have to disclose the nature, date, time and general location of each crime as required by HEA.

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Crimes occurring on the side-walks and streets on and around campuses must be included in the schools’ annual crime statistical disclosures.

Source: SPI 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 Taughner 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 care if the Honor System is abolished. 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 these “first-year seminars.” The Peer Mentors should set up skills to explain it. First-year seminars should spend class time discussing the Honor System and what it means to be a student at WMC.

When I applied to Wingeus University I had to write three pages of response essays on Why I want to go to Wingeus’s Honor System. It’s obvious they take their honor system very 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 exam,” 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 pure 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 my 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 would come out and, 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

Ron Mojica relates his first-hand view of last week's racial incidents

Racism is as old as humanity 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 breeds violence, and unfortunately hate has done the same in this situation. Amidst the concerns, apologetics, 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 just getting to be a bit too mundane. Attention has been brought to the school, but, unfortunately, it is not desired that the school be the center of 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 crooks, lighter and lighter fluid, and pointy white hats. I'm very sorry that they haven't had the chance to just think. 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 than we or that they had not yet discovered gun powder. At any rate, immigrants are not naive and do not expect 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 be granted the patience and the judicious eyes of born citizens. I'm also very sorry that they could not formulate the correct reactions to the happenings 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 duty to trust, and get upset when racial epithets appear on our doors. I also lend them my sympathy in that the mourning 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. However, do not plan on stories with your profanities or bludgeoning you to a pulp like some people desire to do. I would just simply look into the eye and maybe even form tears in my own for a mis-guided, 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 in the west dorm's tenents. 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 continuation of any discriminatory acts on campus. In connection with the West-

Department of Public Works refused to accept any of the material in the bin and charged the college money for it. Everyone out for themselves. Everybody out for everybody. Everybody out for themselves. Western Maryland College will be just like Stalinist Russia during the heyday of the Stasi. People turning people in for things that did not happen. Let the parade of lies begin.

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. It is not about the negative media hype and unnecessary barrage 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 infractor would be subject to the same punishments as the individual commitment the Honor Code infractor. 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. The Environmental Action Organization hopes to achieve the same level of success as the Honor Code did in 1991. This effort needs your assistance. Recycling is one step in saving the planet. Take advantage of the facilities available to you. Recycling is essential and in one word: simple.

Recycling is one step in saving the planet.

The second phase was to incorporate the recycling of glass and plastic products and introduce Gar to cardboard and metal can recycling. The Carroll County Depart-
Lisa Dale-Van Aukcn takes an annoying dorm situation and turns it into a positive one.

"A filing cabinet of human lives, where people swarm like bees in tunnelled hives," writes poet Gerald Raffety of his dorm life at college. It's not as bad as the gopher-digger 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 clopping 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 receive the full education we came to college to learn how to live like hermits. According to the poet, it did motivate us to get out of the room as soon as possible.

"It has gotten us talking about the potential to drive you crazy, but all of us need to meet to have no room to sleep in. We have to finish Lord Nutkin's sleep. We have to finish Lord Nutkin's weekends? Would they be required to miss it?" She had Joe's attention now. "What did they finally do?"

"They combined it with a worship service on Sunday morning, which caused many non-Christian students to become interested. That would've been better than mandatory weekly meetings. "We'd better get to sleep. We have to finish Lord Nutkin's tail 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 "quirkiness." 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-ee-ee.” You’ll find a quarter in your belly button this week.

by Matthew Thomas

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**Van den Berg fosters her theatrical muse on the Hill**

*by Sarah Rabece  
Features Editor*

“...the word above all is truly magical, not only by its meaning but by its aural manipulation.” — Anna Devears 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. La Fort Michel,” she laughs) but soon changed it to theater.

After graduation, she worked briefly as a receptionist in an insurance firm before bolts 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…” 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 Eriq 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 “Con Air,” “My Fellow Americans,” and “Who?”

Van 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 Zinneman. Zinneman 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... 

**Where does all the money go?**

A little food for thought listing ways in which money is wasted

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Value if saved and invested at 8% for 20 years:

- Buying frozen dinners instead of cooking: $84,711
- Two 60¢ cans of beer per day: $22,085
- Extra cable TV channels for a month: $9,378
- S3 weekly for lottery tickets: $7,866

Source: *Countdown to a Thousand Dollars* by Lisa Kerber, reprinted from *Vent Magazine*
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 entertainment options to be had for ten dollars or less.

There are plenty of free concerts offered locally, as new college students can attest. Unfortunately, many college students rush into college, because their parents are nearby. In the meantime, they’re all such babies. According to Interep Research, men live longer with their parents than women. No wonder they’re all such babies.

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College dropout defies negative stereotypes

BY JOAN FALKNER
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.

Dallas has just recently moved back here, and for the past three weeks has been working in tech at Alummi Hall. 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. 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.

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.

Auditions for “A Christmas Carol”

(by appointment only)

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.

Children (ages 6-17):
Saturday, November 14
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Adults:
Saturday, November 14
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

All auditions will be held at:
Alumni Hall Mainstage
Western Maryland College
Westminster, MD
Despite tension, Westminster and WMC benefit each other

BY KEVIN WORLEY

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, and 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 major 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.

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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 incidents, 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 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.
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 LMNO...PQRST and Les Miserables. Other hobbies include reading and dining out. Alexander can also be found lifting weights in 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 Guithersburgian 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 the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

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, he thought of his time at Washington: “It was so family oriented that the wives and children.”

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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 mutating adults and grown-overs are oblivious to racism. They believe that they are not racist, yet they join a club that practises racial discrimination against different cultures.

“It’s like when Barbara Walters interviewed Ross Perot. She wanted to know the truth about him 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 against different cultures.”

Graham said that Perot was an example of the voice of the passive bigot. “People just have to fit in with each other to be accepted into clubs,” said Graham.

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FEATURES

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 1941 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 with clients and to get their assignments.

This situation so outraged Graham that he vowed 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.

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Senior piano recital: Karen Millar
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Sunday, November 8, 4 pm
Professor orchestrates Wonder

BY KAREN MILLAR

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 doctorate 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.

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.

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Player-Att-Net Yds-Avg  
Brent Sandrock-48-4-2.0  
Jay Tharpe-52-3-0.6  
Troy Russo-60-197-3.3  

PASSING  

Player-Com-Att-Pct  
Connor Litzky-4-12-25.0  

FIELD GOALS  

Player-FG-Att-LG  
Brent Sandrock-4-4-12.0  

WOMEN'S SOCCER  [10-8]  

FIELD HOCKEY  [10-8]  

Player-G-A-TP-SOG  
Beth Blasi-9-5-2.3  
Natalie Hamihalib-9-5-2.3  
Thea Bayly-6-1-12.0  
Marc Short-2-5-9.0  
Kasia Lantzyk-2-1-15.0  
Tracey Castor-2-1-5.0  
Andi Palm-2-1-5.0  
Becky McCullage-2-1-5.0  

GOALKEEPER-Min-Sv-Sv%  
Becca Lyter-1624-181-86.19  

MEN'S SOCCER  [9-9]  

Player-G-A-TP-SOG  
Darren Wolf-6-3-15.0  
Ryan Bowles-4-6-14.0  
Viny Pedalino-6-1-13.0  
Art Crouse-3-5-11.0  
Daniel Dufara-5-0-10.0  
Dan Strine-4-0-8.0  
Brad Russel-1-6-8.0  
Duane Campbell-1-3-7.0  
Tom Long-2-3-7.0  

GOALKEEPER-Min-Sv-Sv%  
Ryan Defibaugh-1030-115-83.33  
Erik Higginbottom-335-41-89.13  

FIELD HOCKEY  [6-11]  

Player-G-A-TP-SOG  
Shannon Benson-3-2-8.0  
Stephanie Peery-2-2-6.0  
Melissa Reynolds-2-1-5.0  
Jessica Parker-1-2-4.0  
Pat Weiler-2-2-4.0  
Kerry Wilson-1-2-4.0  

GOALKEEPER-Min-Sv-Sv%  
Jessica Horwath-1157-165-80.88  
Kate Boyle-170-25-76.92  

WOMEN'S SOCCER  [18-14]  

Player-G-A-TP-SOG  
Brianne Bray-309-314-193  
Honesty Drumgoode-267-241-243  
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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 making a key tackle on both ends of the ball, serving as a team captain and earning selection to the College All-Midstall All-American Football Team. He also ran the 220 and 440 yards 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-

"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 Jet 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 Zsbedics '63, both listed among the top scorers. At one time Uhrig's trio established himself as a 'dominant threat' on the field. "It didn't matter where he played as long as he was assigned to the defensive position," Dilkes said of Uhrig. "He was the perfect coach's pet on offense and defense, is fourth in all-purpose record of 5.36 goals per game also caliber, exceled on the field throughout the entire season, taking on field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. A letter winner in all three sports throughout his collegiate career, he was also 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 Lifetime Recognition Society.

Philip E. Uhrig, WMC coach, Class of 1956, 'Ed.' 82

Uhrig, who lives in Indiana 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, III championships in the spring, one of the qualifications being in the Centennial Conference will clinch 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.

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 through the roughier days of practice.

With the laughter of other sophomores surrounding him, Dave McConkey 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

In order to make NCAA D-III championships in the spring, a golf team must twice qualify, the Fall Invitational, hosted by the Terrors this spring. The first of two rounds took place on October 6 and the Terrors came in second behind the College of New Jersey. On October 19, Jersey

BY MIKE PISKAR
Sports Editor

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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 Stanford, 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 Lanpe, 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.

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New class time schedule adopted for fall '99 semester

BY EMILY STAMMATIS
New 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 core classes 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 "gimmick," Eshleman said. However she wanted to make it clear that her proposed schedule will not eliminate flex periods, just help alleviate scheduling conflicts. Current flex times are a reoccuring 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 "barely used," she said.

All of these new time codes, used when 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 a faculty meeting. Eshleman said, "I don't see anything negative about the schedule and the faculty are supporting it."

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.

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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), St. Bonaventure (MA), Stonehill (Mass), and 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, 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, and the recent success of many of WMC's athletic teams and the fact that the national economy is doing 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 at the National Orientation Directors Association Conference '98 in Austin, Texas, titled "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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Civil War photography expert demonstrates his craft

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 Unontown 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 said leaving his corporate position in upstate New York to open a studio in Gettysburg in 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 poring 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 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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Necessity of fall break questioned in hopes of longer Thanksgiving

BY CATHY PEDENKO
Staff Writer

For many students and faculty, fall break is a necessary time, but will not include names. It may not be far enough into the semester for professors to need to "recharge psychic batteries" may be filled. As a commuter, it effects me less because 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 explained, "Hell Yeah!"

Dominguez explained that "it wasn't for fall break, I wouldn't have seen my parents until thanksgiving break."

Tyler said 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 "staying homesick." But even those who are not 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 JENNIFER SEKIS
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 because, "it isn't and didn't have to fill the request," Neikirk said. "The general turn around time is now 7-14 days."

According to The Student Guide and Datebook, 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 the books 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.
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 p.m., on November 23, in Little Baker Chapel.

"It was hard enough just to be a woman and get your music heard, let alone be African American, too," said Armstrong, free and open to the public, featuring 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 Armstrong.

One of Almandrez'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 entertainers..." she said.

Another goal Almandrez 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, Almandrez 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.

Almandrez 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, Almandrez is excited about her new job. "I am 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 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 Cotty, 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 Canaday Foundation-H.J. Henry 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 "Laisessonnachts (Warm Summer Night)."

She has premiered the works of many African American male and female composers.

"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."

Robin Armstrong
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 the following groups in particular, the ROTC Ranger Platoon and leadership experience, as well as two groups in particular, the A.P. Hill in Virginia and S.E.R.V.E. The SGA will present a tremendous opportunity for working to improve the social and academic lives of the WMC for anyone interested in making a difference on the Hill. This is an outstanding performance award for the month of October. The winner was The Ranger Platoon with the first place finish in the Ranger Challenge from October 23-26. Team Terror took sixth place out of 27, and Team Chandra Westergaard took any of the other senior Class Senate members.

Attention All Juniors

One of our valued and hard-working Senators from the Junior Class Senate, Julie Flatley, was notified that she had been selected as an outstanding leader for the month of October. Julie Flatley was selected for her leadership qualities and work ethic. Congratulations to Julie Flatley, a member of the WMC Class of 2006.

Most Improved Team Award.

This year’s Most Improved Team award was presented to the Unique Events Committee. This group has been working hard to create unique and interesting events for the WMC community. Congratulations to the Unique Events Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Unique Events Award for the Month of October.

S.E.R.V.E. was presented with the unique Events Award for the month of October. S.E.R.V.E. has been working hard to create unique and interesting events for the WMC community. Congratulations to S.E.R.V.E. for their hard work and dedication.

International club dinner celebrates campus diversity

By Jennifer Sirkis

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, Cambo
dia, 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 polio from Britain, and baklava from Greece, among others.

After dinner, the entertainment continued with the performances of traditional Greek, Indian, Cambo
dian, 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.

Do your part to rock the campus this spring.

the WMC Campus Concert Committee

Sunday Nights

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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 they are his 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 individual 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-meaning; after all, Jesus’ greatest commandment was love. Yet, at the same time, I believe that the idea of a good church has far-reaching impact for every WMC student.

Students at, or wounded by, this issue appeared virtually out of the blue. One of these changes concerned the current time slot, creating tighter scheduling practices. 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 students. What about the students? Our school seems fairly interested in our school spirit to heal the wounds we have suffered.

I believe that we can develop a good school atmosphere and make WMC a place where people are happy to stay for four years.

The Phoenix is published biweekly. The opinions expressed do not necessarily represent those of The Phoenix staff, the faculty, or the administrators of WMC.

The paper welcomes free-lance submissions on Macintosh disks in most word processor formats. The editors may ask the right to edit for clarity, length, and libel and to make WMC something to be proud of.

With all of 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.

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.

Although the football team has made WMC a place where people are happy to stay for four years, the more enthusiastic people feel about being at this school, the more we are aware of the disadvantages 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 we was embarrassingly low in relation to other conference schools. If Deans Harroff 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.
Ron Mojica argues that smokers have the right to smoke in their own rooms:

Amidst the many freedoms we received upon coming to college, smoking is still a challenge. This is our supposedly independent living. One of the more arguable topics which raises some dispute among residing students is whether staff members alike are 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 is? Compulsive eaters can continue their gluttonous practice of devouring "hohos" nightly and, while most smokers don't like the scent which lingers after, yes, non-smokers consider that they've developed a tolerance.

"In all fairness, however, the paranoia should not be viewed as 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. Some even smell like smoke. They just don't have the ability and knowledge to differentiate an ash tray from a sniffer can filled with papers or a pile of wood ashes when dispensing their cigarettes. Also, if there is such a paranoia, the solution can be directed towards candles in dorm rooms which are actually abrade rather than cigarettes with a minute glow of fire.

Now on to the smokers' arguments. Students who 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 sense 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 preferences 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 on 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 be effective in that the residents will refuse to accept and continue to smoke which could later extend to further complications. A more feasible and practical solution is to provide a more accommodative housing plan for smokers and non-smokers.

I thought it was strange to see Fred Higgins and his friend Colin sitting outside of Lewis. Boys were sophomores, and it was generally considered that they'd shown up on the day God was giving them brains to snail insted 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?"

Mournfully, 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 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 heady little eyes, twitching my movements. I went back to the boys. "Son of a... it's your class. Why are you doing that?"

"Cause they wanna prevent us from getting an education," Colin answered in a gruff manner. "We know the Baha's in, er, he pondered for a moment, "Uh, Iran! Yeah, that's it! Iran!"

Fred asked, Fred looked at his buddy, "We went 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:

It's been proven. Again, substance abuse is not a simple matter of non-smokers' right to breathe and freedom from destruction by fire. Asthmatics have the right to enjoy being able to breathe.

For these two important reasons, 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.
2. 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 contained. Accidents happen, and we're all tired of overcrowded college classrooms. What happens when a careless smoker falls asleep while smoking in the room? I know I don't want to be around when that happens.

"It's my right and mine alone."

If you're the smoker and mine begins to bother you, come and make a proper complaint to the administrator and shell out a fine.

Non-smokers have a right to live in a smoke-free environment. Those that smoke in the halls and residence rooms on campus.

Quirks: Learning Prevention

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. 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 proven. Again, substance abuse is not a simple matter of. 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 not to have my personal belongings destroyed by careless smokers. Any person can accidentally start a fire. That's why candles are supposed to be contained. Accidents happen, and we're all tired of overcrowded college classrooms. What happens when a careless smoker falls asleep while smoking in the room? I know I don't want to be around when that happens.

I'm saying, my rights end wheremine begin. I do want to smoke. But as a non-smoker, I have a right to live the way I choose. That includes smelling good, not a simple matter of non-smokers' right to breathe and freedom from destruction by fire. Asthmatics have the right to enjoy being able to breathe. For these important reasons, I think smoking should be banned in student rooms on campus.

COMMENTARY

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO THE ENTIRE WMC COMMUNITY?
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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 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. 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 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 enforce the honor code.

Although students are required to write [the Honor] 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.

Billie Jo Shorb offers some insight into the Honor Code and ways to reduce incidents of cheating.

The honor system includes the Honor and Conduct Board that hears cases of academic dishonesty. The board consists of five members: two faculty, two elected students, and the Dean of Student Affairs. I agree with 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 enforce 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 academic dishonesty problems exist. 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 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 in the form of consequences. 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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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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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 Psychodelic 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 beer 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 academically and socially helpful 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 Kauselis 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 Kelsey at x8217.

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S.E.R.V.E. - Students En-}
Commuters see campus life from outside

BY JOAN FAULNER
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.

Commutes 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 Housten and Sara Szymanski both initially found it hard to adjust, just like other residents. But Housten and Szymanski both now agree that they are adjusting fast and do not see themselves as having a harder time adjusting than residents.

Housten 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.”

Szymanski says that, “going to orientation opened up more opportunity. I chose to get involved.”

“Christina 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 them 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 Housten, Szymanski, and Pandolfo, the decision to commute was mostly their own. Their parents wanted them to commute to save money, and they wanted to make friends, “because I know I wouldn’t like living in a dorm. I like being able to eat at home,” says Szymanski, “to see my family whenever I want to.”

However, Housten, 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. Housten 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 [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.

Why are musicians in 1998 so happy? Over the past year or two, rap has become radio-friendly, alternative has been diversified into pop-rock, and country has dominated the air waves. The reasons for this change are many.

Alanis Morissette, the poster girl for teen angst back in 1995 with her debut entitled “Jagged Little Pill,” expresses the main theme of her album: rebirth. “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 forward to the study of pigment cells. 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 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 Grovo and Megan Briot, 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 time 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.

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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.
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

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FEATURES

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.

“If 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 interest in the medical field was influenced by Dr. John Welliver, a licensed physician who recently retired from Student Health Services. Lusby interned with Dr. Welliver and learned a lot from him. “He really helped me 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 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.

Joan Lusby stands by Smith House, the student health services building.

WMC student Kristzian 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.

Senior Kristzian Braun, a member of WMC's Budapest Program, is looking forward to returning to Hungary when he graduates in December.
PA houses are homes to cultural diversity

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 came 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.

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.

Cheap Thrills: High Dining with Low Class

Which brings me to dating. Key in on fun, not cost. Is a girl going to have a better time if you're a cheap date? Maybe. Depends on the girl. If you've got to go somewhere expensive, order a line in your water. You can save cash and not look like a tightwad. It's that easy. Hmm. I'm still stuck on beverages. Gee. There's so much more to a good cheap thrill, datewise or otherwise. Let's spend some time talking about the thrill itself.

For Cheap Thrills is how easy it is to get a cheap date involving Carroll County. 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 $.49 bean burrito (My friend Noa 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 and K-Mart gave up marketing wine a long time ago. Speaking of drinks, always order water at restaurants. I can't stress that enough. Alwyays order water. Save the cash for the tip, if you've got to spend it.

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 arts 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 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).

There will be something for everyone. The public is welcome to attend all programs.
One act plays unleash student directors’ creative freedom

BY MOLLIE LAND

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 performance 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 at 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.

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.
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elbonics (el bon iks) n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one arm rest in a movie theater.
telecrastination (tel e kras tin a shun) n. Letting the phone ring at least twice before you answer it, even when you’re only six inches away.

Volunteers are needed for FIRST NIGHT ANNAPOLIS, the family-oriented, non-alcoholic New Year’s Eve celebration of the arts. Work on publicity, be a stagehand, assist performers, sell admission buttons, or most importantly help manage a performance venue. Whatever your interest, there’s something you can do for this exciting event.

For a three hour shift on New Year’s Eve, volunteers receive a FREE admission button to choose from hundreds of performance choices.

Contact FIRST NIGHT ANNAPOLIS for an application form now:
tel. 410-268-8553
fx. 410-268-8554
annapolis@fstngt.org

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CALL TOLL FREE 1-877-NO-FEE-4U TO APPLY.
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Fall Sports Wrap-up Season

Cross Country

Freshman Jill Krebs took 17th place at the Mideast Regional Cross Country meet held at Allentown College. With her top 25 finish, Krebs earned All Mideast Regional Honors as well as being named First Team Freshman All Mideast 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 Cino finished a strong freshman season by finishing in 164th position.

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 pp) 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.

Upcoming Home Sports Events

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
• Consolation game, 2 pm
• Championships game, 4 pm

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Men's Basketball
WMC vs. Valley Forge Christian, 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Men's Basketball
WMC vs. Ursinus, 3 pm

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

Women's Basketball
WMC vs. Franklin & Marshall, 7 pm

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Sports
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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 went wide. Mike Starke deep into the endzone. Quarterback Ron Sermarini 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 Kendrski, 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 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 Saturday, October 25. Linebacker Matt Meiklejohn recorded two sacks, raising his season total to 13. Offensive lineman Terry Otto and AJ. 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 at quarterback for Sermarini. Harris was nowhere near a disappointment. He was able to connect with senior receiver Tom 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 passing time. He ran, and 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 downfield blocking from receivers Kendrski 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, 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.
Binge drinking incident endangers WMC student

**BY EMILY STEMATINE 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 Chimock, 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 weeks 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.

"A source of pride does now exist among alumni, due to the success of the team."

Dr. Richard Keif

WMC's winning football team has benefited all aspects of campus life, including admissions, retention, and the general school atmosphere. 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 Keif, 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 team."

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Sections of the AIDS quilt were displayed in Ensor Lounge.

ASAP brings World AIDS Day to WMC

**BY JENNIFER 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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**Thursday, December 10, 1998**
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.

On 11/15 at 3:33 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm report on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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 Petersonson 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 in the Englar Parking Lot.

On 11/18 at 9:00 pm DoCS documented unauthorized use of Petersonson Hall.

On 11/18 at 10:57 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm report in Daniel MacLea Hall.

On 11/19 at 2:20 am DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment, in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

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 11/21 at 10:09 am DoCS documented a periodic system check alarm report in Hoover Library.

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 am DoCS documented a medical report at Smith House and rendered treatment.

On 11/24 at 6:30 pm DoCS documented a property crime at Water Tower Parking Lot.

On 11/25 at 3:50 pm DoCS documented a medical report, but did not render treatment, off campus.

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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, Wednesday, May 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 WMCC 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. Actually 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.

Courtesy of Public Information
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.

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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.

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 representative 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 Sgr. 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 a game show 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.
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 W&M.

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 Chicon, 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 Lees 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 6,000 people rode through and Phi Sigma Sigma’s station was one of the favorites."

Brad Centinio, a sophomore member of Gamma Beta Chi, was appreciative of Phil 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," Centinio 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 Department, 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.
News

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 Bahai' 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.

World AIDS Day

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empathize with those that face challenges as they continue to fight AIDS," said Janet Keymet, 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 40,000 panels and grew too large to be displayed in its entirety in Washington, D.C. in 1996.

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Letter to the Editor: WMC Honor Code Project

The students in my COM2022 Communication Research Methods class recently completed a study of student attitudes towards the WMC honor system. The questionnaire, the data, the WMC Honor Code, and the results are available at: [www.rdillman.com/acphon/acphon.comment.html]. Here is a brief summary of the results:

- When asked if they had read 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 they had experienced dishonesty often or very often.

Data from all WMC sources seems consistent with national reports and might be summarized as follows:

"Students know what academic 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 unpenalized, and the advantage they gain by their behavior drives others into following their lead."

Given this, the notion that students need more tutoring on the Honor Code would seem to be a bit naïve. Everyone knows the rules, the problem is that many are simply ignoring them.

If it is easy to cheat, and if some students eagerly take advantage of this, and if the faculty are unwilling to set the tone, it is hard to see how high-minded words in the Handbook will induce anyone to change. Furthermore, data from one of the survey questions suggests that a sizable group of students do not want faculty to make cheating more difficult.

Are there any faculty who feel the same way? If we consider the broader picture, this makes a certain amount of sense. Based on the grades given last spring, the average GPA of the WMC undergraduate student body is just under 3.0. 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. 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 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 students are segregated from their upper class peers and allowed to persist in the ideology they learned in high school.

And, as one COM2022 student wrote in analyzing the survey data: "Since our findings indicate that students do not follow the honor code despite their agreement with the system, 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 in-depth look at where this attitude is common, but there is not a place in the whole."
**The Last Deadline**

**Kate Hampson looks back on her time as Editor-in-Chief of the Phoenix**

It is with feelings of both sadness and relief that I put together this, my last issue of the Phoenix as editor-in-chief. I have been involved with this paper since my freshman year as a writer, then as a section editor, and for the last year as editor of the paper.

Although it has been a lot of hard work, it is going to be a wrench to hand over the reins of control to the new editors.

As editor of this publication, I have tried to consistently put out a professional-looking paper that is interesting to read. Of course, I have met with mixed success. Errors do end up in the finished paper that, despite multiple proofreadings, have escaped the eyes of all the staff members.

Sometimes at the newspaper we utter the same complaint that can be heard from the mouths of many WMC students at some point in their college careers: Nothing ever happens here. This is not true of the Phoenix. (Check out pages 10 and 11 if you don’t believe me, but sometimes it is just not possible to put out a front page with three or four hard hitting news stories.

I think these are the editions that the college administration likes best as they are not fond of scandal and negative events. As journalists and readers, even bad events make for a good newspaper.

1998 has seen some exciting events take place on this campus. Last semester saw a flurry of home and conduct board hearings dealing with controversial issues such as drug dealing and sexual harassment. And who can forget the Spring Fling “riot” in the quad? This semester we have had problems with racism, the honor code, and binge drinking.

**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 bedloop. Pikachu’s a great friend.

He feeds himself at noon and six, and he brushes his teeth after every meal. We even do the things together. Sometimes I fall 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.

At this time of year it’s the easiest to remember what it is to be a child.

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 into the future. Surely you remember me being a child of toys in our childhood? There was Mastes of the Universe, Rainbow Brite, My Little Ponies and, of course, G.I. Joe.

That’s why why why why I love 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 was 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 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 the best Christmas ever for people like 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 invare The Phoenix. Good luck!
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 (ideally) 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 setting 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 Asia Civilization, Indigenous American studies, African American studies, and Hispanic American studies. These courses increase our knowledge of the world and our perspective B.L.R.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 become fit with the cultures that have come to create the world we live in by taking these classes.

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Sexual harassment

February saw the explosion of first-year student, Hayden Myers, accused of sexually harassing a college employee. Myers utilized creating a pornographic flyer bearing a resemblance to a Residence Life Coordinator, which was distributed throughout Rouzer Hall.

Myers’ 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 any harm.”

Myers’ appeal was rejected which was later reduced to an enforced withdrawal for two semesters with the option to reapply thereafter.

Six RAs resign

The spring semester began with a proposal in the Residence Life department as six RAs resigned after the previous semester. Three of the four RAs in Whiteford Hall resigned, keeping the one remaining RA very busy until replacements were found.

The Residence Assistant cited several reasons for leaving the job, including "lack of support" from supervisors. Another motive given was that "it's 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.

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 prepared a surprise motion to abolish the honor code in order to renew student confidence in 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 John 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, losing 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.

Racial slurs shock campus community

October ended with a bizarre racial incident that shocked the WMC community.

Frederick Kennedy Center III continued 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.

Community later arose over the student’s admission that his combination was incorrect, and another student 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 lead to the circulation of three petitions calling for racial awareness.

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 the ANW dorm room where police found half an ounce of marijuana, $2,103 in cash, scales, and incriminating photographs. The house did not formally hold Bridges responsible for illegal drugs. His sanctions included forced withdrawal from college and a $300 fine.

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, Termite, did not have a permit to distribute the chemical. The company had received quick responses to the problem and had begun to apply for permissiveness to use Avitrol against birds in Carroll County.

After the college realized that the chemical was unlawful, it was removed from the buildings, but until 55 out of a flock of 700 birds were killed.

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 Orientation positions into one role.

For the most part, students were very strongly against the idea, citing the different personality traits expected 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 or a So.

The college went ahead with the idea and the position of Free Mentor was created. Students who feel comfortable filling both roles take 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.

WMC ’98

The year’s news in review

"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 the quad between ANW and Daniel Mudd 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 under- age drinking and fights that occurred.

Students reported their party ending in this manner and objected to the presence of the police. Those students who were present after the police had left concluded with disorderly conduct and one student with two counts of second degree assault.

Channel 17 shows pornographic movies

While some students were requiring the anonymity of the campus concert last May, others who signed up in their classes 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 the video in 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 the best-ever viewing figures. Several people left messages on the station’s phone, declaring "We love you Channel 17, you are our new favorite station."
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.

Mock trials let students experience law

BY JANET KEYMETAN
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, Miessa Queen, Jaime Walker and Morrison Benjamin; juniors, Francesca Saylor and Sergey Fyusyovich; 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 analyst 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 sparring 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 case 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 do another grant for funding that the team may host an invitational tournament next semester. Provost Joan Develin Coley granted the funding necessary for this tournament trip.

 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, Ahura Latif, Joanna Kraft, and Jason Valentine have to say. They are four of Western Maryland College's 21 Resident Assistants, better known as RA's. 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 classmates." Knowing what is happening on campus is something that Kraft, the 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 RA's 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 said, "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, RA's are on duty one weeknight and one weekend night each 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 confidence. "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 ss002@wmcd.edu
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: formidable.

Aquarius (1/21 - 2/19)
You ever cough up bloody mucus? In a bus station in Grand Rapids? No? Oh. Well, me neither.

Pisces (2/20 - 3/20)
The smell of fish delights you.

Scorpio (10/24 - 11/22)
You’re a Scorpio. Get used to being last.

Libra (9/24 - 10/23)
It’s a bad week to drink hydrogen peroxide. At least, it’s the closest thing to death you can make.

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 Lacey Psychedelic Hillbilly Revival on WMCR.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)
It’s by We sail tonight for Singapore... Have you been playing Chubby Bunny will not get you chicks.

Cancer (6/21 - 7/23)
“Does my ass look big?” Shut the hell up, Cancer.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)
Underwear can be pricy. Budget accordingly.

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)
To prove his worth, Orlando wrestles the Duke’s best man and, of course, wins. Rosalind is pleased with his victory and finds herself aestruck. An hour and half into the story and after some family troubles, the setting moves to the Forest of Arden where the banished duke resides.

December: Doing It Santa Style

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, parques, plazas and bares that fill the city. 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. Of course, if you find yourself bored while living in Madrid, 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.

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RICHARD ANDERSON

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 aestruck. 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 from every corner of the country 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 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. I don’t claim to be an experienced theater critic by any stretch. 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.

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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.

Madrilenos spend very little of their time at home. They will usually leave the house in the morning, 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.

by Matthew Thomas

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 one of the busiest cities in Europe. 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 ocho” and “la marcha”, which begins sometime on Thursday night and usually ends with a 7 am metro ride.

by Matthew Thomas
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, 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.

Jim Willis 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 year, 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 have to deal with finances, and getting a sense of one's self."

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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.

"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

Cheap Thrills

Hello, friends.
Welcome to Cheap Thrills, where you get more bang for your buck and more joy for your joybang.
I'd like to begin this issue's column with a quick list of tips:

Cheap

Expensive

Internet porn + your hand
A where
Gas from someone else's tank
Tank of nitrous
Videos from Carroll County Library...uh, free!
Gun and a hunting license
Roadkill (a long as it's not your car)
Thug Life
Living vicariously through 2Pac
R&B.

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 tightened tastelessness?

Hold your breath until next year (is life worth living without Cheap Thrills?) and have a happy Saturnalia!

Aspiring musicians show Insight to Life with demo CD

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.
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. Miow!”
Siouxsie the Phat Cat
Sleeping

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 Champ Elysées’ 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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Words by Sarah Radice, Photos by Robyn Hill
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 stilted heels 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.

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IN THE FISHBOWL

A feature spotlighting staff and students at WMC.

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 college.”

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, interuniversity 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 paddling shoestring 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.

Amount of world grain harvested consumed by livestock: 20,000,000.

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, 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: The diseases which are commonly cured by a low-fat vegetarian diet include: Strokes, Kidney stones, Prostate cancer, Cervical cancer, Diabetes, Peptic ulcers, Hiatal hernia, 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.

Mike Y: The main reason that I feel the team has played well is that they've been able to adapt to the new circumstances. That's the key to winning games. They've been able to adjust their game plan to fit the opposing team's strengths and weaknesses.

Mike P: I agree exactly with that. But I think the biggest reason is that the team has been able to stay healthy throughout the season. They've had very few injuries, which has allowed them to keep their starting lineup intact. That's been a big factor in their success.

Mike Y: I think you're right. But I also think that the team has been able to play well because they've been able to stay focused and disciplined. They've been able to keep their emotions in check, and that's been a big help.

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Lapato, Mathias among football players honored

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Women earn Spartan championship

BY JULIE DEVILIN 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 Ibes 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 All-American Spartan Classic at York College. Senior forward Kathi Snyder scored 18 points, 14 of them coming in the second half. Ibes netted 11, along with Megan Tracey, who also contributed 11 points for the Terror.

With a score of 67-53, the ladies thrashed York College, clinching their second straight Spartan championship, their fifth in the tournament's twelve years of action.

Ibes 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 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 Ibes had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Ibes 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 Tombs scored a career-high 22 points Thursday night to lead the Terror in an 80-70 non-league win over Valley Forge Christian College/Converse Tip Off Tournament team along with team-mate Billman, who added 17 on the day.

Wrestlers hold onto winning season

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI Assistant Sports Editor

The Terror continued its winning ways this past weekend by placing six out of 10 wrestlers at the Pottos Invitational, held at Leibowitz Invitational. The team placed sixth with one wrestler in the finals.

Sophomore Andrey Brener, a defending Conference champion, lost in the finals to Messiah's Chris Roggie by a score of 4-3. Brener is currently ranked seventh in the nation, while Roggie is ranked first. The Terror also saw high finishes out of junior 184-pounder Charlie Conway (third), freshman 125-pounder Vinny Pedalino (sixth), sophomore-133 pounder Rodney Stine (seventh), freshman 141-pounder Mike Macey (seventh), and sophomore heavyweight Brian Jones (seventh).

In the dual meet opener for both teams, the terror blasted Gettysburg 37-15. All winning their first NCAA victories were Erik Hott, Bobby Biden, Mike Macey, Kane Staley, Brian Vettori, Chris McNally, and Chris Englebrace.

Hott and Macey both scored pins for the team in 2:47 and 1:45, respectively. Biden won a 13-14 major decision, while Staley also shut his opponent out 7-0. Vettori, McNally, and Englebrace all won by forfeit.

Join Julie and the Mikes—write for Phoenix Sports!
Students charged with drug possession currently facing trial

BY KATE ESPOSITO
Staff Writer

The fates of sophomores Steve Wilcox and Kevin Kramer are still yet to be sealed after the two WMC football players were arrested on drug charges in their off-campus apartment last semester during finals week.

Due to the fact that the criminal trial only began on February 2, any on-campus repercussions are being put on hold. "It is being handled right now as a legal matter, off campus," said Don Shumaker of public information.

In the courts, the two face 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 were two scanners from the WMC science department.

In an article published in The Baltimore Sun, college spokeswoman Joyce Muller commented that "the decision to have a hearing 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 procedures they determine 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 is up to the coach.

Slade to present film at Honors lecture

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 ERIK HOWARD
News Editor

"Why study here?" reads a poster hanging in the basement of Baker Memorial Chapel, with an arrow pointing randomly to somewhere in the middle of a map of the United States, "when you can study here," the poster continues, "and continue your education in exotic locations on a map of the world.

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 of WMC students, the program is available to only 1% of WMC students.

Valentine's Day Memorial Service to honor WMC's "Dr. Dan"

WMC will honor the late Daniel Welliver at a 5 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 60's 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 Fortified House, which now houses offices of the WMC administration and finance division.

The memorial service is being held on Valentine's Day, the anniversary of the date Dr. Welliver proposed to his wife, the year 1949. The Welliver family lived in Fortified House, which now houses offices of the WMC administration and finance division.

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WMC presented Dr. Welliver with an honorary degree last March 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 short segments, including MPT's "Outdoors Maryland: That's Sport," which won a Capital Region Emmy for public affairs programming in 1994. He also has written, produced and directed MPT's "Vidal Kid," which also earned him a Regional Emmy for outstanding children's special. In 1994, he produced, co-wrote and directed "Gone But Not Forgotten," a look at Maryland's streets, old amusement parks, movie theaters and other places of fun from the 1930s through the 60s.

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 and a four-year program featuring specially designed courses for academically outstanding students.

The lecture is to be presented by WMC's "Dr. Dan" Memorial Fund, a fund established by the Dr. Welliver family to honor Dr. Welliver's memory.

"It's a great honor to be able to present a film by a Maryland filmmaker who grew up in our community," said Welliver family.
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 Wasyl Palijczuk, an art professor who has taught at WMC since 1967.

"He (Wasyl) went to Westminster to teach Irish history and sculpture," said McGuire, "and a student by the name of Henry Schneiderman was a student of his. Henry and I met briefly through Wasyl, 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 the theme of the Celtic cross, including one piece standing nearly 11 feet high.

Schneiderman, who teaches art at 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, of top 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.

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.

"We're worried about our students," said Motard-Noar. "We're very motivated to get more students to go abroad."

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.

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.

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.

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of the Director of Study Abroad, Dr. Maritime 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?

"We're a very tuition driven college," said Dr. Thomas Deveny, the foreign language department chair. "And the Budapest program will give more students the opportunity to have the study abroad experience."

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Study abroad
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 Founding Fathers had me convinced.

You hear everywhere that America is fed up with the incompetence of Bill Clinton's "private life," and they don't see anything impeachable about simply marrying sex. The majority of Americans seem to care about political scandals in the Clinton administration. They feel that since all our leaders have had inappropriately close relationships and abused their power, it's fine for Clinton to do it too. They say that anyone would lie about sex. But the people that really convinced me was the fact that this lackadaisical attitude toward 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 is trying to get away with.

The Founding Fathers may have had affairs, but they have scoffed at the apathy of US citizens toward sexual impropriety, immoral leader who covers up his tracks with lies and murder.

And I am not talking about

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 grateful 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 and to leave the pain that 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 end discrimination based on sexual orientation.

What I found was a defiant organization. The few members I was able to talk to 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 even on campus.

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 like they were frightened of being pointed out, ridiculed, and possibly "gay based."

I guess Allies members were embarrassed by the plethora of diverse sexual orientations they have always experienced.

The goal of this article is to sensitize the Western Maryland 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, 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 Barrett
Faculty Advisor to Allies, at extension 479.

Perhaps you might become an Ally and even attend a meeting.

Dr. Michael Barrett
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 write to commend the campus service group S.E.R.V.E. and the noble cause it represents.

On 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 Kris Wilson, Drew Blevins, and Ryan Anderson.

Sincerely,

Katherine 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.

The real tragedy here is the lack of respect for the rule of law.

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 case without even trying? So it was really President Clinton who was sitting in Congress passing the bills and allocating the spending all along running our justice system.

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 standing in line for the Pulitzer prize for writing such books as the senate hearing in the Capitol Building.

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 reporter 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 online edition of the Phoenix.

As with any medium, the Phoenix will not doubt change and evolve as its new staff learn and grow into their positions.
Ron Majica presents a resident's view about the new Rouzer trash removal policies.

For most Western Maryland College students, the coming of the new semesters ushered 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 what is going on in the world, and watch the groundhog at all? There are much no-nonsense. If the groundhog sees his shadow and runs back in his hole, we'll have six more weeks of hibernation. Legend says that if the groundhog emerges from hibernation, we have an early spring. We'll have an early spring. We'll have an early spring.

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Students and Soaps
Lisa Dale-VanAuker notices a television trend among friends.

It is evening. The solid doors of dorm rooms are diminishing from their usual, constant clatter. A strange silence creeps down the hallways to your ears.

"What's on?” you wonder. "Armageddon?”

"No. It's eight o'clock on a Wednesday, it's Dawson's Creek."

The phenomenon of evening soap opera viewing has been bringing college students together across the country. With popcorn, herbal tea, and flannel pajamas, the men and women of WMC dorms engage in conversations of six or seven before their television sets in anticipation of the question to the immortal question: "Will they get together this week?"

Shushing each other during the most tender moments (the quick whispered lines "I think we should talk," the long looks across the crowded room) and filling the commercial space with animated chatter about the Favorite characters who are not only waving about the final minutes of the past fifteen minutes, evening soaps have created a new form of bonding.

While sifting through the trite-colored 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 friends. Listen, and you'll hear them buzzing about Dawson, fawning over Felicity, agonizing over Angel and Buffy.

Some even call up a few names from less accepted shows, like Seinfeld, Heavens, 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 tension 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 soapers feeling unsatisfied, forcing themselves to prop their heads up against the circles of six or seven, every week like clockwork to find their answers.

So, 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. For every new show to capture an audience, there are self-annihilating, ears hot, eyes red, screaming at the screen, "Shut up!". Students argue that setting trash near certain places beside the cans was the only option of the garbage cans were filled. Also, almost all portable 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 trash can for the 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.

This new policy is not a change which totally alters Rouzer residents' lives, and the inconvenience will hopefully fade away into the ritual. What needs to be asked, however, is if it is all unnecessary and if that course of action was the best possible solution.

Something Smells in Rouzer

Mike Yestramski '01

Assistant Features Editor

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Quirks: Direction

Anne Butler questions undertones implied by Groundhog Day.

Well, it's February, and I've decided to focus on an important holiday...Groundhog Day. This holiday symbolizes the ultimate feeling and achievement of humanity. It is a time when we 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 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 why do we care at this time of year about hundreds of people converge on a small town in Pennsylvania with a name that sounds like it would better suit a hillbickie? And do, Pennsylvania Dutch in the ground some few friends are dragged out of his home and held up before the throng. Then he "whispers" his predictions to an official and is invariably thrown back in his little hole.

My question is, why do we have to use the groundhog at all? There are much nobler mammals and rodentia to use. One would think that a cat, armadillo, or rat "squirrely," which can mean crazy, like Gonzo, the best Muppet ever to grace the screen, or a squirrel, which can mean crazy, like the most detestable Muppets. Perhaps the most deserving, however, is the noblest of all rodentia, the proud squirrel. "Squirrely," which can mean crazy, like the most detestable Muppets. Perhaps the most deserving, however, is the noblest of all rodentia, the proud squirrel.

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Ani DiFranco looks "Up Up Up Up Up Up" on latest album

A combination of all the strengths of each member of the sports team.

Cynthia Cullen '00
Business Administration

"A green dragon, because that's the name of my car, and I want to lead the next school parade." Jon Reynolds '99
Communication

"A big dinosaur like Barney or Dino... only green." Chuck Vassar '99
History

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

We can't define it as it isn't a person or thing but rather a feeling. We have shall be...inspirational. The purpose is to make others want to be better. Plus, the Green Terror is a symbol of the University.

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DiFranco is a completely self-made artist, with a unique sound and an even more unique success.

Ani DiFranco looks upward rather than inward on her latest CD, "Up Up Up Up Up Up."

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 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" is definitely a worthwhile addition to your collection, even if you're hearing about her for the first time.

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Text and photos by Trang Dam
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 planting 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 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 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 as a training exercise. We then will 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.

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We 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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The Green Terror

Scoreboard

Individual results as of 1-31-99

MEN's BASKETBALL  (4-15)
Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Assts.
Brian Billman-275-159-22
Ariel Cahiri-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 Ibeirx-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

WOMEN's BASKETBALL  (14-3)
Player-Pts.-Rebounds-Assts.
Brianne Bray-23-25-4
Brooke Brenneman-23-8-1

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BY JILL DUVIVIL
Staff Writer

The Green Terror women’s basketball team felt 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 Ibx, who netted 16 points and had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Senior forward Kahl 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 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 Mideast Region coach’s poll.

“It’s a good way to go out, with lots of memories,” said Snyder. “It’s nice to get the team, the ladies contribute.”

The Terror suffered only its third setback this season by dropping a close game, 62-57, to Muhlenberg on January 30.

Green Terror women’s basketball slams opponents

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 halftime 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 4-14 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.

Senior 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.

Toms was also a force, holding Tim Schofield, the league’s fourth leading scorer, to 14 points and shooting 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-turf 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

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI
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, 16-16. The charge against the Bears was led by sophomore Andrey Brener, the top-ranked Division III 165 lb. wrestler in the nation, who disposed of his opponent in just 2:03 in the 133 lb. weight class. Not to be outdone, Conoway stuck his opponent in just 1:56.

Senior captain Josh Ellin mounted an amazing comeback to defeat the Monarch Invitational Champ, Doug Martiain, 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 rapped up a major decision at 141, and sophomore Cody Brennan earned a decision victory as well.

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 1600-meter time, his being 2:47.76.

Krebs ran an indoor mile in 5:28.7.

Runners set records

BY ERIN JERNIGAN

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Gamma Sigma Sigma new to the hill

BY JENNIFER SIKES
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 ideas 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 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, Newman added. Additionally, the current members have decided that the sorority will 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 Sigma

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First Thursday brings campus together

BY AMANDA CLINE
Staff Writer

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BY ANDREW RYAN
Staff Writer

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News in brief

Music Program gets a Handel on Bach

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 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

TOOTH auditions for summer season

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, D.C. and from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 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 “Rumplestiltskin.” The company also will present a late night post-show after several of its Saturday performances. The season opens June 18 and runs weekends 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 Humble.

“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 Humble.

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, Humble 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 RicMist, Michelle Spry, Mary Anne Tyler, Michelle Vheight, and junior Kristen Fraser.

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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 staying separate in 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 Lan caster, the campus chaplain.

"The results won't be seen right away," said Bliss. "This will turn into something much better."

There may 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."

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 garb, 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 Tiresias is not blind but instead is played by deaf student actress Kim Bieche 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 features the department's advanced acting majors. The leading roles of King and Antigone are played by Nick Gough, a senior from Catonsville, and Mollie Land of Richmond, VA; Erika Roskowski, a junior from Thurmont, respectively.

Also in the cast are: Laura Conner of Hampstead; Forman of Haddonfield, NJ; Aimee English of Lewis Hall of Science. Continued from page 1

Campus Safety Blotter
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On 1/30 at 11:35 p.m. DoCS documented and 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 2:07 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report for underage possession/consumption in Green Room of Alumni Hall.
On 1/31 at 12:47 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report for underage possession in the Student Center and in Rouzer Hall.
On 1/31 at 3:50 p.m. DoCS documented a theft in the Windows Lab of Lewis Hall of Science.
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 2:57 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 2:36 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 2/7 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 "keys" on Window Lane facing PELC, next to the Elderedice parking lot.
On 2/7 at 8:08 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment at Whiteford Hall.
On 2/7 at 8:20 p.m. DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Gill Gymnasium.
On 2/7 at 8:47 a.m. DoCS documented a medical report and transported to Carroll County General Hospital.
On 2/7 at 9:53 a.m. DoCS documented a theft in the basement of Whiteford Hall.

On 2/7 at 12:45 p.m. DoCS documented a theft in the Windows Lab of Lewis Hall of Science.
**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 was 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

Glendening has a four-year plan to renovate schools at all levels was also announced.

"About two private schools per year get grants," said Wisner.

"We're 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 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 catch phrases are the responsibility of Walter Marshall, the "King of Conversation Hearts," for the New England Confectionary Company (NECCO), which produces the Conversation Hearts.

"People have a genuine interest in the hearts and sayings and look forward to the 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," "I-BOO-CUPID," "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.

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**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-naggle" car buying experience.

The automaker's approach 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 a 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 later this year.

For the customer, this translates into a no pressure, positive purchasing experience. A one-price "no hassle" sales philosophy is 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 Motors America, Inc., is the U.S. subsidiary of Daewoo Group, which has grown from a global exporter 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/
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 dislike 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 niggling they felt Bill Clinton had so egregiously done.

Bill Clinton is not worthy of the respect of the American people. This is not being hypocritical. 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 the Republican Party shows a real apathy in the American people for the college's inhabitants. Its total disregard for flexibility implied that students could not be reasoned with, which consequently caused some students to question their rights, or lack thereof, when living on campus.

Chilton 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 all the members of the Democratic Party. In fact, it's even lower because Republicans appear to be hypocritical.

And by the way, although there have been millions of abortions told to turn 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

Hurricane Relief Dance

Dear Phoenix,

I would like to express my appreciation to some boisterous members of the campus community—students, faculty, and staff—who supported the recent benefit dance for Hurricane Mitch.

The Spanish Club, the Hispano-Latino Alliance, and the Dept. of Foreign Languages co-sponsored this event, which was held in the forum on Feb. 5th.

The generosity of those who gave donations and of students who volunteered 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 fundraising 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 the ability to make 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 $8-$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

Pulling your own weight

Emily Stamathis compares the reliability of computers to the reliability of humans, with less-than-encouraging results

L. as a student of the 90's, a Generation Xer, I choose to be 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 something more than a glorified telephone in the eyes of our parents, but ask most of my friends, and there's nothing hippier 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 a pretty definite question mark in the manifest 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 sewer 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 own very human race has been a basic need since the beginning of time. Unfortunately, what has marked 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. Mitch was 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 be 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, choosing to use the outstretched students in the computer labs for years, and the rest of the human race a lot longer.

There is nothing more respectable than dependability. Just something to think about the next time you're waiting in line to check your email.
**COMMENTARY**

**Tolerating Sexism**

Lisa Dale-VanAukem and Danielle Lioacocon question equality on campus.

"Hers." Don't recognize the word? Well don't take it for granted. It's how a graffiti artist betrayed her or her intelligence (or lack thereof) on a wall of Whiteford.

A group of students were disgusted to see a plethora of sexist words scrawled in black marker on 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 Kozier last semester, the graffiti was a direct attack on a specific portion of the population, namely the female residents of Whiteford.

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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.

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First, we think you should know that women stopped being dragged around by the hands of the men. While most of the residents were upset at finding the belittling graffiti, a second blow to the face came when the incident was hardly recognized.

This lack of attention seems to trivialize the feelings of some members of Whiteford who are feeling and make 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, disregarded by others, and unfortunately, it has become relatively unimportant to most of us in our everyday lives. We have become complacent 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 label males.

The Phoenix applauds 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 population rather than the exclusive pleasure of the group itself.

Good luck with everything!

**Glendening**

Although the intentions of First Thursdays 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 do something rather than just talk 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 see 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, Rich Suchoski reminds us, that most of us aren't paying the full amount of either figure. WMC students are spending 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.

In that case, I had better ball, I was about four balls into the game 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 might do. I left the game room, and as any reasonable person might suspect, I won't be going back anytime soon.

**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 Flinstoonos 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....

Sometimes during my third ball, it failed to make the return trip from the top of the table. I hadn't hit the ball where 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 Banner, 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.

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**WMC's Magical Mystery Internship Policy**

A lot of attention has been focused lately on the new noise restrictions for residence halls, the result of student uproar causing them to be repealed, a marvel of student mobilization. I think that one largely unknown policy deserves some attention and examination is the one regarding internships. I say this because apparently the policy is in its second year, 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 something unpleasant. In order to get credit for an internship during January, you have to pay the school $120/credit per credit. The $120 credit internship would set me back $240—not exactly chump change.

If my professor would let me claim the credit on the upcoming spring semester, I would not have to pay anything.

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

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 interns; and also because that is simply the nature of college, to sell their academic credits.

“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 was in effect, that internships were academic courses with fees set by Academic Affairs, and that he guessed they cost more based on the amount of supervision involved.

He suggested I talk to Dean Coley or the Registrar to find out more.

It seems no matter how far you travel, you always come back to the same place, life in internships.

I still do not know how prices are determined for internship credit or understand why we have to pay for them at all. I do not believe this argument that they cost more because they are grant academic credit, just like any other class.

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 come 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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**Throwing Bricks at Tradition**

"0 beautiful for spacious skies / for amber waves of grain," has there ever been another place on earth where so many forms of wealth and power have paid for and put up with so much architecture they detest as within the bewildered 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.

"It took 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 his giving everything good and tragic about the USA. This 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 approach low and blend in with the brickies 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 horribly ugly.

thought that science professors and majors would have more to say about any possible merits of our brick campus. 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 know, I love windows. Science building. Stinky experiments. Recycled air. Shesheh.

Jon Beurr, 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 horribly 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 Kanos, not a science student, '01, had this to say: "It’s 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.

The Phoenix does not endorse the playing of beer pong.

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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 Loyis 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 area 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 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 not 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.

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 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.
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 SICHERSKI
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 department doesn'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 $7,628 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 didn't receive aid] is $16,202," Williams said.

This might 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 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 24% 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 1996-99 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 budget getters. It's a pool of money to which contributors give with the understanding that their money will not be touched by the College directly. 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.

Various sources 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 H rooms, the dining hall renovations, the projection screen F11 side of the pool, 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 dorms.

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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, facility developments, 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 3.96% 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 less 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 points bluntly, "We have to live within the budget."

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 Lyco, 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 subject 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.

A Middletown 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.
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 50 people.

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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 (2/19 — 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, Libras? 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 awfully touchy when you’re liquored up...
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 it 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 habits 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 hum 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 MeWorkers?

Good questions. Highly debatable. But not the point of Cheap Thrills and Stick It to Da Man Week.

The point is, you take more than a glaucoma patient’s toke. 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, dehumanizing 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 admitting 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 Stick­ing it to Da Man!

OK, Mr.Cheap Thrills Guy. What do I do? 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 this... Get yourself a job interview. Put on the clip-on tie I mentioned ear­lier; slick your hair back; don’t mention 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 crashing, 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 have time with all of the hair removal products you’d 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 for 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@wmle.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 custom­made world.

---Teresa Needer---
Features

Sarah Radice and Kristen Fraser review two new movies

**Shakespeare in Love**

**Sarah Radice**

**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 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 captivated by 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."

It was a typical boring Saturday afternoon, so I 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 "Shakespeare in Love." I can perfectly illustrated to me everything that is wrong with the American football obsession.

This movie had enough cliches 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, "Shakespeare in Love" 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 sucked. Don't waste your money. Don't sit through 100-odd minutes of small town tragedy.

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 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. The offbeat Bush plays the Globe Theater's shiftless owner, and Ben Affleck gives a marvelous comic performance as a swaggery, self-important young actor.**

**Kristen Fraser**

**The supporting cast is uniformly excellent as well. Comedy, tragedy, beauty, and pain all combine with a healthy dose of action into one luscious 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

---Kristen Fraser

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**Scenes from the Campus**

**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.
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 2 points in the contest.

Junior guard Jeff Myers had four assists in the contest, which maintained his league-leading average of 4.1 assists a game.

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.

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Blue-chip player Snyder contributes to lady Terror basketball’s success

BY JULIE DEVlin 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.

Kathi Snyder has played a considerable role in contributing to this success, 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 stoplight in the whole county," Snyder said. "My dad gave me my work ethic, and from that I got to see where hard work 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

Kathi has been playing basketball for the past 16 years, beginning when she was nine years old.

years old. Her best friend got her started because "we needed something to do at recess.

And Kris told them their dad they had been playing, and they gave him his old used 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, 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 serious about academics and athletics are starting to go schools like Western Mary-

land," 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.

Sports

Swimmers capture first victory over York College

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI Sport 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 sophomore 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 Terrors cruised by York with a 110-91 victory.

Sophomore Kara Wnukowski and seniors Michelle Garvey and Meghan Joyce all turned in some more 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.

HEY WMC!!!

80 WMC Young Alumni wearing green and white T-shirts will be part of the guest audience on the Late Show with David Letterman on Thursday, February 18th and Friday, February 19th! Tune in to CBS at 11:35 pm both nights for WMC live!
The GREEN TERROR

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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 Conoway both scored pins for the team, while freshman heavyweight Josh Galemore settled for a regular decision instead of the much needed pin.

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 Henderson last season for the Terror indoor track record in the 1000-meter race in a time of 2:43.89, breaking the week record. The Terror defeated Messiah last season by a score of 19-18, non-league rivals.

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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.

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’ 10” 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 Ibex 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.

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 East 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 Ibex, 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. Ibex 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 (3-12) 64-57, despite an incredible four straight three pointers by Miller in the last 31 seconds.

The outcome of Tuesday’s game against Muhlenberg will determine where the Terror go next. The winner will host a league semi-final game February 24, the loser will travel to East-champ Muhlenburg.
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 $2,400 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 Dein Sayre's vacation home, near St. Michaels, MD, which was auctioned off for over $400. Other auction items included a full textbook of second-year students, which was auctioned off for over $700.

The annual Circle K auction has been a successful event for the past four years. This year, the group hoped to raise an additional $400 to further its community service efforts.

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 Jan Develin Coley went on the auction block as well.

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Eight students arrested on drug charges in one week

BY JUDY DEVILIN
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 Maxwell, 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 arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

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 February 23, 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 become a target for the group's message. However, on the evening of Tuesday, February 23, a WMC student informed campus security 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 flyers on the windsheilds of cars on campus.

The three perpetrators, two high school age males and one adult, were made to remove the flyers 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.
What to do in March

March 11: Books Sandwiched In. Community leader and retired educator Marge Lipper 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 4:

March 8: The Jon Seligman Trio will bang 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 Boehle 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.

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Pre-law society hosts panel of three women attorneys

The panelists unanimously agreed that a strong background in writing, typing, analytic and reading skills was needed to survive in an increasingly competitive field.

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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 home-maker; 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 prepare 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 Missha 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.
Alpha Psi Omega promotes the arts among high school students with "A Day at the Theater"

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 — 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 Program Coordinator can only be thankful that the finishing touches are 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 Theater."

WMC students look forward to Spring Break

BY LEA DAVE-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 theater. The first-time, full-day program also aims to encourage students' art appreciation and their own imagination, said Jimmy Reddan, chair of the honorary society's Project Youth Committee.

"The arts are continually underbudgeted 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 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, included theater workshops taught by WMC students. Workshop topics encompassed everything from fencing to musical auditions.

BY KATIE ESPONITO
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 similar 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.

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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 by getting 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.
Students squirm over women's studies minor

BY LISA D ALE-VA N 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 are few, 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 Locicero, 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, didn't even know WMC had a women's studies minor.

Attempting to explain the minimal amount of interest in the minor at WMC, Martina Motard-Noar, a professor who taught a gender-related course about 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 such programs 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." 

Evergates added, "I think 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 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 Telmanowski 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."

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor: New Sorority and Student Rights

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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 do have a point to make.

As a member of a "social" organization on this campus, I can tell you that this organization is more focused on community service. Phi Mu has an entire committee devoted to this area, while other organizations may not even have a committee to handle such issues. 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 promptly formed a committee to review current college policy. This is another worthwhile event, so I urge you to attend the spring fling "riots" (and have it incorporated in the Western Maryland College guidebook—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 limited financial resources of the station, WMCR still manages to present students with a truthfulness and satisfying alternative to corporate radio. WMCR is the voice of the West Virginia 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 airwaves with "popular music" and corny, in-your-face advertisements. We all know the overzealous, badly written, 15-second advertisements that blur obliviously out of car windows in the summer.

While some people might think this is cool, many of us find ourselves walking out of the bargain sales that we "just can't miss."

And those 15-minute blocks of stupid fingaling and annoying sound effects are definitely something I personally can live without. 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 just like you would 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 known for its bravery in that it tends to incorporate less popular forms of music into the various radio stations.

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 getting 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 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 offbeat quips, random anecdotes, student jokes, and even pointless stories that do not seem to be relevant to anything. This, too, is drastically different from the one-track, public-service mentality that is mandated from the rules on a stack of paper in a CEO's file cabinet or desk. I do not mean to glamorize WMCR. Listen long enough and probably discover that WMCR is about as perfect as the dining hall station right across from it. Some things do tend to blend well. Sometimes, you have to ingest things with which you can not really identify. And sometimes, you have to listen to 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.

Lisa Dale-Van Auker

praises the undiscovered strengths of WMCR.
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 the discussion 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 of Brian Orser continued interest. We all remember the press covering the 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. 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 to have 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!"

NO, WILLIAM. IF I RUN FOR THE SENATE, IT WILL NOT BE TO "MONICA" THE MALE SENATORS SO THEY CAN SEE WHY YOU DID IT

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 incarcerated Baker Hall. I was informed that the allocation of the new Science Hall necessitated the loss of these spaces. All remaining handicapped spaces except four are poorly located at the base 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 possibility of keeping these spaces open. It is my hope that if they do not wish to ticket the violators, they perhaps they could place reminder notices on the windshields that state the necessity for 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 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.
**COMMENTARY**

**Campus cliques oppose WMC’s goal of family-oriented atmosphere**

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 it was discovered that 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 involved 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 education.

**“When the government can deny basic rights to a group because of its beliefs... then none of us are safe.**

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 attraction has taken into effect and cliques have formed and are alienating polite and respectful individuals from each other.

A few of the groups included in the situation are the sports groups and fraternity and sorority 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 of the fault of no person, for it is in deed 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 and in itself.

However, there are several things I believe this college could do to meld the school together better.

The idea of first year students eating lunch with President Dan 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.

Hussein Samater suggests ways to bring the WMC community together.

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 another 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 of 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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The faces of American patriotism in the 1990’s

As a child, how many of us can remember hearing the war recollections.

How many of us have not heard them because our grandparents 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 many I ask why it seems so easy for many of us to condemn the actions of our country. I cannot count the times friends and foes alike have vilely insulted the soldiers.

This however pained me far less than what my own grandfather stated to me when he learned of my decision to join ROTC: “The United States 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 you do see as great in the great old US of A? To that I cannot answer with as many words as you can 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 the illusion 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 couldoust 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 has 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 than ours, and by bind-
Quirks: Language Barriers at Western Maryland

It was finally happening! The squirrels were staging a coup d'etat 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 erected a machine that seemed to cause all humans on the campus to lose the ability to speak or read American English.

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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 available.

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 variables.

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. "Qui?" Carrie asked.

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Quirks!" Maggie echoed in French. I calmed down some more and did my best to remember what I had learned in Spanish 2.

"Las ardillas tomaron 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 comprendo, 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.

"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 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, hairied 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.

"Karo..." 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 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 crooned a phrase. Even though I don't know squirrel, the meaning was still painfully clear.

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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 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 Hispanic 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.

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Ron Mojica calls attention to a new group forming on campus despite prejudice problems.
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 Hornell, 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-

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 these two students as nerdy, egghead geniuses, but they play ball and watch MTV just like any other eighth 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.

Keith Allen enjoys being a student at WMC. Besides studying, he enjoys soccer, the college's free golf, and the Beastie Boys.

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.
**The Grammys: The good, the bad, and Shania**

**BY SHAWN SPARGUE  
Staff Writer**

Last year was a humdrum year in music by anyone's standards. Innovation was not as 1998's strong suit, but some interesting new albums, songs, and stars emerged in numerous genres: pop-rock, teen best, 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 typical of the audience to whom she usually caters.

The show's greatest asset is in-keeping the audience's spirits high, O'Donnell, did a decent job of 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 almost came 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.

Lauryll Hill performed "Zion" as the final performance of the evening, before receiving the album of the year award for her album.

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 this, having quite a few 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 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 amount 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 Kurt Franklin and his choir were joined by both Mary J. Blige and Bonobo 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?

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**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 joypop.

It's that time of year here at Cheap Thrills where your fearless bargain-hunter in plum 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. Movie is 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 room's telephone number. (So I can pretend he was a Taurus. Rest in peace, Mr. Wilmer."

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Don't fret, Gemini. Some people find turkey necks attractive.

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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 carameels on the dessert.

Besides, where else can you find salad, fried calamari as an appetizer, buffalo steak, or 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 Per Night for which 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.

Sysco, one of the suppliers to Sodexo, could not get these shrimp and suggested the smaller amount of shrimp per pound as a replacement. Sodexo 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.

According to Alan Dolid, "I love to talk with the students directly about specific concerns. He can be reached at x372 or by sending an email to dining@wmata.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 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, HLA, 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.

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

Welcome, my little wanna-be search engine. 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! Search engines are able to search through 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 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 surrounded 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. We've 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 want.
Performance: Returned 20,000 web pages, going through the first 30 I found about five only moderately useful.

Lycos (affiliated with Hotbot) - http://www.lycos.com
Advantages: Returns lots of links, sometimes finds unusual links
Performance: Returned 2,600 web pages, going through the first 30 I 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 results for first 30 I found six moderately useful.

Yahoo - http://www.yahoo.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.wmde.edu/Refdesk.htm
Your best bet is to stay close to home and use this guide provided by the Library.

We've 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 Fried Fricassee Vacations, one of the funniest and most popular movies from France's Splendid Team.

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 naive view of this quickly.

A Simple Plan has a simple premise. Brothers Hank and Jacob Mitchell (Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton) are shown where commercials were shown during the film festivals. Visitors, at least once! A Simple Plan is a dark, disturbing, excellent film based on Laura Esquivel's portrayal of despair.

Greedy, betrayal, hope, violence, and the twisted ties of family relationships are all central themes in this Fargo-esque portrait of despair.

An Editor

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In an effort to unite WMC alumni in a fun way, Randall Ryter, assistant director of Alumni 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 alumni, 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 alumni 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 pregunta this fellow Terrors for lunch at the Harley Davidson Cafe. Several administrators and alum posed for a Harley.

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 right-sitting outside the cafe.

The second taping didn't go as well as ours because three of the New York alumni were drunk and got kicked out of the theater. The other 79 remained for the second taping, whether or not they could see them on the television screen that night.

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 festivals. If you have missed the hilarious comedies of the Ed Sullivan Theater's Edge of a Nervous Breakdown, or The Visitors, don't be sad because we have more for you!

March 9: 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.

May 4: Finally, remember to de-stress before the end of the year without forgetting your French culture! 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 it at least once!

Don't worry, the films are subtitled in English.
Despite excellent regular season, wrestlers lose title to Ursinus

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. 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, it's filled with useless activities, including crotch adjusting. Go figure.

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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.

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ADDENDUM

To OWNER’S MANUAL FOR THE HUMAN BRAIN

We have discovered that some of our models (roughly one in ten) will experience a suppression of normal brain activity during its lifetime. Typically, this silence will adversely affect the entire life experience functionally, emotionally, even perceptually. Since you have a brain, you are susceptible to this very serious threat, commonly known as depression. Prolonged or extreme cases may result in suicide. It is important to remain aware of this serious threat, and always remember that it is readily treatable. See your doctor. Treat depression. Prevent suicide.

CONFIDENTIAL AIDS TESTING

Spring Semester 1999
12:00 - 2:00
Every Other Thursday
February 11 & 25
March 11 & 25
April 8 & 22
May 6
Location - Smith House
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Porn 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 you recognize.

Who are these girls? They're Western Maryland College's Porn Pon Dance Team. The team currently consists of 10 members from every class standing. They perform during football game halftime in the fall and basketball halftime 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.

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"Cheerleading's sole purpose is to cheer while the team is playing and get the crowd involved while doing stunts. The Porn 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.

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Bernhardt adds that the team encounters, they still make the most out 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."
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Lady basketball falls to Muhlenberg in playoffs

BY JULIE DEVILIN
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 semifinals.

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.”

Indoor track wins five gold medals

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI
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-Americans Kerry Wilson, freshman Thaya Brily, 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.

Swimmers make new records at CC champs

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI
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 butterfly. 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.

Terror men move beyond the basketball court

BY SEAN POOL
Contributing Writer

As the ball, seemingly stuck in the 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 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 Tombs, Padrac William Taylor, Kevin Daniel Buckley, and Prakash Wright.

When thinking about the basketball program at Western Maryland, 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 Zoulias.

Throughout his four years, Brian accumulated 852 total points, 288 rebounds, and 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 intensity sometimes makes Paddy stick out in a crowd, he has a very intellectual side that belies 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,
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, the co-director of the renowned Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in western India, also danced at the recent opening of the Smithsonian's exhibition "Devi: The Great Goddess."

Her dance demonstrated Bharatnatyam, 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 a talented 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.

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 Draupadi in the stage and film versions of Peter Book's "The Mahabharata." She also appeared in 10 other films in India and currently hosts "The Story Teller" on Indian television.

Griswold Zepp award funds WMC volunteers

BY SHANNON TANNER
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 Phi Omega Project for Youth won the most recent award in 1998. This organization, originating from WMC's Theatre Department, examined 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 in August 1998. This report incited further debate and eventually the composition of a second report written by the SGA.

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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.

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Admitted students weekend aims to increase minority enrollment

BY JENNIFER SIRKIS
News Editor

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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 if they might fit in, meet current students, 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.

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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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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.

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- On 3/5 at 9:22 am DoCS documented a theft on the 2nd floor of Elderdice Hall.
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**JSU offers a ‘Taste of Judaism’**

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 shtetls (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 for the Performing Arts, highlights bulgas, freilachs (fast circle dances with syncopated 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.”

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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 as the discouragement he received from other fraternities to join them. Smith, a junior Sociology major, acknowledged a historical aversion to forming an existing fraternity. “It’s hard for me to be a part of something that has 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 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 the 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 anyone. “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 members as well [at the Morgan State chapter].”

The emphasis on building the African-American community comes from the lack of attractiveness 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 we would give back to. The black youths aren’t a main priority anywhere.”

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 16, in the McDaniel Lounge, the WMC chapel. The vigil, free and open to the public, is cosponsored by the Social Work Department and Social Work Organization of WMC and the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County. In conjunction with the vigil, a display created by a sexual assault survivor will be on display in Emor Lounge. Speakers include a social worker who works with victims in the hospital setting, a community organization from 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 will also feature a “stone throwing” healing ceremony and the performing arts group from the WMC community. After the vigil, participants can bring a bag lunch. Drinks are provided. The program is free.

What to do in April

April 1 - 15

Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show April 14 through May 7, The Rice Gallery, free

The Dining Room April 15, 16, 17, 18, 8 p.m., in Decker 160, Dorothy Eldredice 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., McDaniels Lounge, free

Yale Gordon Residency Program with world renowned improvisationist Jacqueline Schwab in a program of American Improvisation lary 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.


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, 8:30 p.m., Hill Hall 105, free, Lecture featuring Carter Camp, Native American activist.

Hogwarts Memorial Service, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Deckers Auditorium in Lewis Hall of Science, free.

Also features showing of award-winning film on the Holocaust "Schindler’s List"

Books and More, April 15, noon, McDaniels 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, 7 p.m., McDaniels Lounge, free

USA Today foreign correspondent Jack Kelley. Lecture and question and answer session.

Courtesy of Public Information

Carolyn Clark, April 15, 7 p.m., Baker Memorial Chapel.


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WMC theater students Laura Conner, Collin Forman, and Erika Roskowinski were nominated to compete for the Irene Ryan Awards.

By Cathy Pensdorff 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 Roskowinski. Conner and Forman were nominated by the WMC theatre department, while Roskowinski 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.

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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. The basis of my response is as follows: freedom of speech is a necessary evil by which we can express our thoughts and ideas without fear of persecution. But this freedom of speech must be balanced with the responsibility to ensure that our言论 do not cause harm to others.

Ron Mojica

Are new drug laws discriminatory?

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, “Fixe, drugs are bad. Punish those dope 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 policy. 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 kids do not need federal financial aid.

I’m trying to prove that this provision is bad policies.

Call your representative at (202) 224-3121 and ask him or her to co-sponsor the bill. For more information about Higher Education Act reform at www.ui-net.org or sign a petition at www.RaiseYourVoice.com.

To get involved on campus, contact me at x3389 or email me at mdn002@wmc.edu.

Lisa Dale-VanAuken

makes suggestions for bored students.

Here are some ways I’ve heard our campus described: the quaint campus of Western Maryland College, the clock tower scenery, the friendly small-town, atmosphere, pleasant.

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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 hidden. 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 to find out about the city. Westminster night-life makes one snore.

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Post break syndrome

Kristen G. Fraser takes a humorous glimpse at college students’ illnesses.

As the rains from Spring Break begin to wear off and everyone’s body clocks come back to “WMC time,” the phenomenon seems 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 call it senility. I’ll label it simply “Post Spring Break Syndrome.” And it effects our campus in many strange ways.

One of these symptoms is something I will term “Alarm Clock Ignorance.” 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 been also documented that professors accept this symptom as a latent excuse. Sometimes, a chemical imbalance in the brain sends a signal to the body that they should not go to class. The body becomes paralyzed, unable to attend a lecture. Also, this is an unacceptable excuse for all professors.

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 large number 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 so if you really want something to do, you’ll go looking for it.

I’m not saying to expect miracles. But you go out one day and you might find something you like.

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Do or don’t.

For some people, Westminster just won’t work. But for some it will.

So give it a try.

Pressure Inasmuch. 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.

If you think 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, admit your faults and fluid. And just orange juice. I am referring to cappuccino, Jolt cola, and every other variety of caffeine. You’re only in college once. Lightening the 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 Auker 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 spend 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 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 sectors 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 dress 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, predominately white, music-obsessed, rebels, or "the edge." These people listen to Sublime and Tori, while favoring Doc Martens and INCO.

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. 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.

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Amalagation exhibit reflects real life

BY ARISGA ENGEL
Staff Writer

How we do 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 Amalagation collection of art and poetry in Decker hall. I am grateful that everyone that enters Decker Hall will take a moment to explore the worlds of these artists and hopefully discover something new about themselves.

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 funded 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 fostering of Republican cảmus.

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 also starting an organization to work for the reform of our nation’s much misguided drug laws.

Any of one 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.
Having a Bible at the center of the seal is a big deal to the anticlerical movement. Opening up the Bible, he said, was like finding the God who had seemed so distant, actually wanted to know and love him. Suddenly, the Bible, God, and life in general made a lot more sense.

He understood that, in 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 God's 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, a great 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 lawsuit was filed.

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 they fear what it may be in the future, when it in any way affects school activities, these basketball players are barred from praying. We understand that some of these ridiculous lawsuits may claim that it is better to have no prayer than to give equal time for each player to pray to his own respective god, the current depravity evidenced in our public school system is proof that God's law has been too far removed.

The most important thing is that the children in public schools is that God is wrong and has no place in our everyday lives. Instead of encouraging uprightness and right 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 the 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, should we not 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 for basketball games illegal is certain not what the framers of the Constitution had in mind.

Furthermore, as Bacchus in the controversial subject of church and state separation, which was only recently 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 is for American citizens to get rid of the state. The state has too much influence in our lives as it is.

Instead of getting rid of the Bible and the church, we can separate two forces by privatizing, thus giving public programs back to the people and towns to run the way taxpayers choose. If parents want their children to pray, they can do so, but if they do not want to pray before basketball games, then they should be able to send there children to schools that permit this.

One objection is to allow the federal government to dictate to taxpayers the parents vouchers which can be used to send children to schools were 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 school system.

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 these transcendentalists, 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 unscathed. Even though we are a private institution, having a Bible at the center of the seal is a big deal to the anticlerical 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.

Ben Decker questions politics which prohibit prayer for students.

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 leave his school where religion given to him by the Supreme Court.

The question boils down to: If mandatory prayer is in school, should it ever be reinstated into public schools, whose prayers should be used?

I didn't start to think about this topic until I was a high school student after leaving school nine in a private school. At my private school, truly a Catholic school, prayer was never an issue. We prayed everyday, 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, 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. What about 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 the people. It 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 I 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 a of a Jewish boy who was in her home. Should he have been
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.

Some 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 popularity of her husband, former Senator Robert Dole, who seemed to lack.

Even if Dole does not decide to seek her party's nomination for president, or if she chooses otherwise, 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 top job.

While Dole has not announced her intentions as yet, she has formed an exploratory committee to investigate whether voters would be interested in her as a vice-president candidate, and so far the response has been enthusiastic. "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 her advantage, since being a politician 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, 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, a caller claimed 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.

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 pa- tiently. "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 was?"

"A doggie potty," Johnny replied mat- ter-of-factly staring at the urinating canine. His mother laughed 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 pointedly at the tree.

"That's a tree, dear," his mother an- swered. "You've seen them before.

"Yeah," Johnny said. "But I thought it was a balloon." Johnny's mother nodded, puzzled. "Yes, what else would it be?"

"Well, I thought it was a home for squirrels to build their nests inside. I thought they were crawling around..." Johnny pointed at the activity on the trunk.

Johnny's mother blinked as she noticed the squirrel coming in for its meal. "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 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 kinds looks like one..."

Johnny's mother smiled. "That's a clown, dear. It's a clown in a circus.

"Really?" Johnny answered his mother. Seeing him 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..."

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?"

Johnny asked his mother. The mother answered with patience, since the child can have, "It's a stick dear, most likely it fell from a tree."

Affectionately, the child looked around at the world and exclaimed, "Oh... it kind of looks like a airplane flying through the sky."

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 stick but, for many things, just like the cloud, the tree, the newspaper and the hydrant. It all depends on how you look at it."

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 they believed Dole promised you to be 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 of only printing positive stories about the would-be candidate, and noticeably keeping out of print the opinions of those who do not feel positively about Dole. It is such a shame that this is the way the media has decided to present her and her quest for the Republican nomination.

For, while the media has a tendency to "lean to the left" in political matters, the candi- didate of a woman for the most powerful po-

American Butler encourages a new approach to viewing and judging the world.

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 rings near the Per- sonnel Office and the Pennsylvania State University Campus Safety 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 were a way to 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 room- mate is on their way to meet you. You real- ize that you have forgotten something in your dorm room. How will you ever get it with- out hauling across campus?

Lastly, you're standing near Clar, Where is your significant other? They promised you a quiet dinner alone, and they are 20 min- utes late. Who feels like running all the way to the dorm rooms or computer systems. Why not simply make call. It seems to me to be 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 the phones at the same time?

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A blurred figure rushes by, humming a first song, and then disappears. A phantom? No. It’s Jimmy Reddan, rushing off to his next engagement.

Quick-sightings 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 Greasemonkey”.

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 relentless encouragement to aspiring art appreciation.

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As well as giving students a creative outlet, the program allows participants to explore their own theoretical 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 Community, 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!”

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Matthew Thomas

Horoscopes

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,” Jemini

Virgo (8/24-9/23): “If I had wings I would fly; let me contemplate. I glance at the cut and see my honey Entrepreneur.”
“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

---Herman Cain, chairman of the board of Godfather’s Pizza

Features

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.”
---Erica Jong

“If you don’t risk anything, you risk even more.”
---Ernest Hemingway

“The world breaks around everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places.”
---Albert Camus

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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 “ar-eas” ranging from SoHo for art- lovers, to Flint for pet lovers, to Hollywood for sci-fi buffs, to Bollywood 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 homepages 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've 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 advanced 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 the member's pet, or about the member's website? The Official Cow-tipping Weird Ass Site of the Issue. We're looking for interesting things, so have fun with it.

Now how do you actually make a page? Well that's next issue. See you then?

Weird Ass Site of the Issue

The Official Cow-tipping Pool Page: http://members.xoom.com/tooch/

Yes, now you don't even have to leave campus to participate in this quaint college tradition!

Have a webpage? Then send the address to akb001@wmdc.edu, and you could be featured in an upcoming column!
by Trang Dam

FEATU RES

"Life is Beautiful": Beginni at his best

BY SARAH RADWIC
Features Editor

"Life is Beautiful" begins as a comedy, with friends Guido (writer/director Roberto Begnini) and Ferruccio (Sergio Bistric) driving through the Italian countryside, encountering mischief and a lovely woman named Dora (Nuolotta 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 Walther also brings regional and local bands like All Mighty Senators, Jah Works, and Lake Trout. Walther also brings regional and national acts like Viperhouse, Solid Scene, and more to the area.

Now, here's where the cheap thrill comes into play. Walther Productions brings us these great bands and more (usually a handful at a time) for mere pennies on the dollar of their true musical value.

A two-day festival will run you considerably less than $50 for tickets if it's a Walther Production. A regular concert is inevitably under $20—often $10 or less for a couple of great bands.

"Prove it," you say. "I want an example of just what a good deal Walther Productions gives me, the discerning live music aficionado." And don't mention Shania Twain or Shania Twins once.

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.

But with that in mind, Walther Productions brings the Baltimore music scene the biggest in local bands and the best local national bands to the area. Check out the WMC's VITA program 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 and we don't have to wait until the time comes to do our own."
**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 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 Librarian each day. Although perhaps unrecognized by many of 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 supervises 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.

**Features**

**Investigation: Where does all the Bookstore money go?**

**Part Three in a series investigating WMC's financial policy**

**BY RICH SIMMONS**  
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.

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, mourning and groaning from the students than originally buying the texts.

Students go to the bookstore to sell back their texts, and 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.

The bookstore does not have the 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 the text’s 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. If there is no demand for the text, the bookstore doesn’t know to buy it back or not.

If the current edition of the book is too large or bulky to cover, it is being used next semester, the bookstore will buy the text back at 30% 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 as long as it doesn’t detract from 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%.

MBS doesn’t like the idea of book buyback because they receive none of the profit from the sales. They had 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 discount the sales of used texts.

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**Annual JSU**  
Passover Seder  
April 1, 1999  
**President’s Dining Room at 5:30 pm.**  
**Tickets: $2 w/ meal exchange or $7 gen. admission**  
**for additional information, call Dana at x8322**
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.

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.

Team   Day Date   Opponent   Time
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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' 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 at Widener 3:30
M-Lacrosse Wed.Apr. 7 at William & Mary (Williamsburg, Va.)

† Centennial Conference games.
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### CONFIDENTIAL AIDS TESTING

Spring Semester 1999
12:00 - 2:00
Every Other Thursday
April 8 & 22
May 6
Location - Smith House
Call Ext. 243 for an appointment

### Love Gun

~A KISS Tribute Band~
Friday, April 23
Alumni Hall, $7/Person
Be there!

Sponsored by the Commuter Student Association
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 Martin's 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 earned a spot in the academic all-American honors for the second straight year.

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.

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 '92 is goalie Josselyn Guinan, who replaces the Terror's longtime sole goalie Amunnda 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 Coacher time-out, the Terror collected itself, and sophomore Camey Brian and junior Meaghan Giorno evened the score with goals at 3:32 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 it 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 10-10.

Junior Amy Bittinger exploded after a static first half with three goals and one assist in the second, while junior soccer superstar Beth Blais - taking up lacrosse for the first time since high school - had eight caused turnovers.

Manolovich hired to coach lax, field hockey

BY MIKE PUSKAR

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 '97 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.

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.

As a Westminster High senior, in April '89, Manolovich founded the Carroll County Women's Recreational Lacrosse Club for girls ages 8-13.

Manolovich returned home after a ten-year odyssey that began at
Capitol punishment enacted for Bird typos

BY LAINI STAMATHIS
Co-Editor in Chief

Newly appointed Bird Deities Megan Martin and Laini Stamathis announced at their most recent meeting that they would be within a meeting a drastic new method for insuring that WPSS’s newspaper was accurate and error-free. The new rule, “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 very 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 light secured in a wire-mesh cage. It’s said that 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 Hall Ward 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 MacLeod houses a fallout shelter? It’s so that the people on the other side of campus who aren’t the enough away from the blast can run for cover.

At least, they think they’ll be safe there.

The entire setup is to protect the scientists working in the basement of LHS. They can get to safety through the underground tunnel system. The box is shielded with at least a foot of lead, two feet in some places, beneath the thick concrete with hatches in key locations, not escape. This tunnel leads directly to the shelter in DMAC, 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 Rozzer with the testing area. They’re safe, be locked in, and die slowly of radiation poisoning from the fallout.

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Five Upsilon Chi Kappa go nekkid

BY BARRY CHESTER GARCON
Hardcore News Bff

Seniors Phillip Avery Chough and Otto E. Ross, junior James No., sophomore Dennis Udant, and freshman Harry Daniels were arrested recently for indecent exposure. The five men are brothers 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 is a political statement in favor of the controversial student petition to the SGA for allowing nudity on campus. “We did it for Nick Ashburn,” Chough said of the late Class of ’96 graduate 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 Eric Phil Pi, sister Constance Ling.

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An Immodest Proposal (to say the least)

Naturalist Commentator Lisa Dale-Van Auk en explores why we should dress nature intended.

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 "LX 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 wrong side of the road while on campus, and changing campus departm ents 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 Westminister, England.

We would like to formally announce in The Bird, the place where the invasion started, that as Bird Deities, we have screamed the tide of the Brits.

Our first action was to overturn Deadline Spice in WPSS's first known coup d'état. 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 shouting Backstreet Boys music at her and threatening to pull out the heavy arsenal: Hanson.

We drove Spice out by threatening to pull out the heavy arsenal: Hanson.

Deity Megan Martin and Laini Stamatis make "The Bird" safe for democracy.

You may have noticed Bird Deity Megan in the parking lot out 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 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. All kinds of computer debugging procedures have been tried to correct the problem to no avail. Until we can find a cheap thrills cure (hint, hint: Cheap Thrills guy) to fix the problem, we'll just have to pray to Nathan the Bird Deity for aid.

Finally, to ease the transition, we have instituted a policy of severe punishment and humiliation 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.

There are those among us who have become aware of a recent illness which plagues this college. Yes, it appears this disease has festered and spread in dorm rooms. It causes atrophy of the muscles and repression of the creative and thinking skills in college students. In the name of relief, many people are forced to confine themselves to a narrow, monotonous life which consists of complete submission to a dreary, preordained home entertainment, namely television.

Apparently, such distraction is considered adequately healthy 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 uncontrollable, animallike hysteria skin 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. Herein, I venture to break the bonds of silence and expend on my belief that the best way for WPSS students 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 all WPSS students, but upon further discussion, one might come to the conclusion that the acceptance of nudity would indeed have its benefits.

Consider this: what student would not be attracted by a 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? Few very few would be likely to remain in their dorm rooms when they could be a part of the unadorned reality outside. Parties, too, could become a more exciting form of socializing.

All said, nudity would make life more interesting for all WPSS students.

Allowing students to be naked, if they so choose, will foster a modern 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.

The school is an liberal 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 staff 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.

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Lukas reinstates plans for Star Wars sequel

BY MIKE POUSKAR

Editor-in-Chief

Star Wars creator George Lucas 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," Lucas 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, Screem scribe Kviein

"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 Lucas has picked to do the sequel. "Star Trek 3! It just can't 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. Emergency Bay University junior Daniel Pyner believes that "a horrific twist may be what Star Wars needs in the end. Perhaps some Wampus 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 President. Directed by an unreleased 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's reserved and pious daughter.

Warning Signs:
- Your hair is sufficiently shorter than when you went to bed.
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- 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."
- Your roommate has a large collection of scissors and oils them frequently.
- You have a recurring dream involving barber poles.
- 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 accompanying..."
**M& M II: Support New Sports**

*On-and-off sports editors Mike Paskar and Yestremski, 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 ass? 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 Mestate; the Christian schools — men 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 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.

**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 scardy-squeeegee 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.

**Rat’s Web: Sites Unseen**

*BY ANNE BUTLER*

Shaggy 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 hang your head against the wall until better sense prevails. Thank you.

How to Properly Kiss a Sheep

www.bbbbbb www.aussiepoolbbhhb.com

Osculation

Take Over the World

www.narf.org/iconoclast

Your Friend, The Spleen!

www.spleenastic/index.html

The Teletubbies Dating Service

www.naughtynaughtyroomoo.com

(Vay Gey)

www.tinkywinky.com/falwell

Pauly Shore Sucks!

But Does he Swallow?

www.blchh.com/suck.html

Squirrel Fishing

www.eecs.harvard.edu/~yaz/en/squirrel_fishing.html

Khsjdfjkdskjfd jsdkjfdjksfd kdsjdf.com

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**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 specifically targeting the Bird adviser.

"One of the cub reporters misquoted me in reference to the requirements for the journalism minor. Events like these reflect very 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 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.

Reactions to the policy have been horrific 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 Spence comes back?" wondered another reporter, who asked to remain nameless. "If we go back under her reign, I could be punishing 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.
**Sports**

**Campus Intercession Association Blah blah blah-ter**

- 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 4:26 p.m. DoCS documented Englar Dining Hall with being a little too creative with the toppings on the pizza.
- On 3/25 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 Rowzer Hall.
- On 3/26 at 1:45 a.m. DoCS documented DoCs for unauthorized use of a golf cart.
- On 3/26 at 4:56 p.m. DoCS towed a vehicle because they needed a place to park.
- 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 3/28 at 4:24 a.m. DoCS documented President Chambers for criminal mischief.
- On 3/55 at 4:34 a.m. DoCS documented 17 students with harassment for forwarding hundreds of phonemail messages to Ernie Ogle.
- On 3/28 at 6:67 p.m. DoCS documented a student for bringing food or drink into Hoover Library.
- On 3/24 at 5:67 p.m. DoCS documented the theft of the water tower behind PELC.
- On 3/27 at 11:26 p.m. DoCS documented the Phoenix Editors for holding the Phoenix staff hostage citing failure to meet deadlines.
- On 3/25 at 11:22 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/25 at 11:17 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/25 at 11:25 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/25 at 11:26 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/25 at 11:27 p.m. DoCS documented an alcohol violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/27 at 1:00 a.m. DoCS documented the explosion of the Phoenix office due to demon computer.
- On 3/27 at 4:00 a.m. DoCS documented the Phoenix Editors for holding the Phoenix staff hostage citing failure to meet deadlines.

**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.

Referring to the works of Marx, one can see hegemony as yet another tool of the bourgeoisie 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 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.

La la la la la SQUIRRELS!

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. Mwahahahahaha.
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 and included 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 Meagan 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 Melanie Mutevejich

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.”

In addition to Gray, a rape crisis counselor, Matt Thomas, social work student, was prompted to tell her story after watching the movie, “React.” 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 movie, “React.” She described the vigil as “a quest for therapy for those that have endured this hell.”

“All I really want is for people to understand this issue.”

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.

Melanie Mutevejich

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.

“Gibson was suspended from WMC and given notice not to return to the campus, pending charges,” Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster said.

Though Gibson was 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.

“Gibson was suspended from WMC and given notice not to return to the campus, pending charges,” Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster said.

“It is not every day that students are sitting around in their residence hall with a handgun,” 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 threatening a loaded weapon.

Gibson is also being charged for theft for possession of various library books from the Towson University Library, Pratt and Hoover Libraries. No other charges have been filed at this point.

Brewer, he had been “medically released” from the military after 2 years.

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 environmental 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. She didn't 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 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/communication dual major and is pursuing a career in theater management. She is also picking up a minor in information systems to hedge 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 course work get in the way of 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 enrolled 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 take too much time after all.

Since then about the only play bills without her name in the cast were those for the musicals. Instead, she worked behind the scenes and felt 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 who didn't, I decided to get experience in other areas behind the curtain." That diversity was perfect training for her current chore as stage boss of "The Dining Room." This one-act comedy with exploratory, four male and four female, each playing seven different roles.

She puts in about five hours each day, including a nightly 7-10 p.m. rehearsal.

"I am meeting 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 I'm playing a part in the window. The two students received deferred suspension from college through the end of the Fall 1999 semester, were required to move off campus, and made 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 11 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 and also had to pay $272.90 restitution to the college.

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.

I have 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 tales other Native Americans have told him.

Little Hawk has performed throughout the country, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and Lincoln Center in 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."
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. Group rates are available. Call Jeramiah Kelly for more information.

Love Gun will perform locally for the first time at WMC on April 23.

The band, which rehearses at DeCampo’s Manchester home, 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 the spitting “blood.” It’s all there, 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.

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 2000. Dana Jacobson has resigned as Treasurer and will shift from Class Senator for the Class of 2001 to the position of Treasurer. Dana Jacobson was recognized for her Multiple Major Award for her outstanding work and activities for the month of February. Congratulations to the BSU, 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 sga011.
By Kristen G. Fraser

The Hibano-Latin Alliance (HLA) hosted a program on Thursday April 8 in the Forum aimed at open discussions. 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 Cultural Coalition, Black Student Union, and the International Cultural Coalition.

Each representative spoke of common American misconceptions concerning each cultural group. These members also corrected 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.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 3/27 at 6:57 am DoCS documented a medical report for obstruction/disruption in Hill Hall.
- On 3/27 at 1:45 pm DoCS documented an inter-agency cooperative effort in Eiderdace Hall.
- On 3/30 at 8:37 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/31 at 1:07 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/31 at 11:50 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/28 at 1:15 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/27 at 1:50 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/31 at 11:55 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession/consumption in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 3/28 at 12:35 am DoCS documented a rule criminal law violation in Whiteford Hall.
- On 3/27 at 1:05 am DoCS documented a medical report at the April ceremony honoring her promotion.
- On 3/28 at 8:40 pm DoCS documented an officer's report for furnishing false information in Engraling Dining Hall.
- On 4/1 at 12:32 pm 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 4/1 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 7:54 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 10:00 am DoCS documented an officer's report for threatening or dangerous conduct (physical abuse).

By Francesca Taylor

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 Helmeyer, WMC President Robert Chambers, Lt. Col. Bozenman 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 WMCC faculty and staff members for their help, including the ROTC cadre.

"I know 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 crew present for the promotion included not only cadets from WMCC 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 Scheppert, a junior ROTC cadet. "We're all very happy for Lt. Col. Doyle."

"It's a great event for cadets and staff," agreed Marvin Sergeant Sonia Presteau, part of the WMCC ROTC cadre.

"We new she could do it," said Lt. Col. Doyle's father. "She's been in charge since second grade."

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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 presented about Gamma Sigma Sigma in the February 15th issue of the Phoenix. Although the tone of both articles bothered me, I found your comments in the short paragraphs found in the commentary section.

When I joined a sorority, I was fully aware of the stereotypes that went along with such an organization. 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?

I am introducing this new organization to the campus community, but do you have it so do 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. The negative news that does come out is usually when people are not happy about something.

If we do complain, as some do, it seems, we are punished for it, with more people lying to each other about those who have done wrong. Basically, it is a no-win situation. If we are not happy with something, we have to go to work, and it's annoying to hear someone say, "Why can't you just accept it?"

If you can't deal with what you have, there is no need to bring it up. If we do complain, as some do, it seems, we are punished for it, with more people lying to each other about those who have done wrong. Basically, it is a no-win situation. If we are not happy with something, we have to go to work, and it's annoying to hear someone say, "Why can't you just accept it?"

I'm sure you will find that there are countless students who do these things and are not affiliated with any fraternity or sorority. I am personally offended so much I'm trying 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 handfuls of hours of community service, have excellent GPAs, 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 aren't trouble-making drunks.

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's 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 dishonoring 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 legal 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

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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 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. 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.

But I think it would be in your best interest 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.

Lisa Dale-Van Auk en 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.

But be of you sick hearing people complain about PMS and other related problems. Well, to something about it. Here's my plan.

1. One missed 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. Government chocolate ration: I hate to admit it, but the rumors are true. It is possible to eat ten solid chocolate Easter Bunnies in a day. It's true.

3. In general, Hallmark commercials should be banned. Those sappy, frilly, injections of pure pathos are real tear-jerkers. (Not that I'm against them, but...)

4. We need a way to identify people who have PMS. There are many other states, it is legal to deny a homosexual a job because of his or her sexuality. It is a form of legal 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

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Do you know about the crisis in Kosovo?

Kristen G. Fraser

The crisis in Kosovo is the regional name that con- 
notes the intention 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 

situation was impending.

This is not the case.

College students, and many other American 
people, were clueless about this war.

The information about the ethnic Alba-
nians, KLA, and refugee countries is all cru-
tial 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 reac-
tion of complete surprise by many citizens.

This surprise is not a new phenomenon.

Newspapers are filled daily with events of 
our times. Just hope for the best, and hope 
for the Phoenix. Megan Martin takes a look at 
what criticism means to the Phoenix.

Vietnam War. That horrible war was marked 
by a huge amount of misinformation and 
confusion. Vietnam was filled 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 
kinds of interest.

This is not really any way to change this 
situation. Just hope for the best, and hope 
that leaders of NATO will make wise deci-
dions. For the decisions are left up to the un-

informed American people, the result will be 
in unimaginable.

To criticize is easy

Megan Martin

“Look at that, they spelled his name wrong again,” someone sighs in disgust.

The Phoenix never writes anything posi-
tive about my organization.

“The Phoenix never writes anything nega-
tive 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 takes the time to write a letter.

As I learned at a media conference 
sponsored by WMC’s Society for Collegiate 
Journalists, however, the Phoenix is not alone.

Do you question the quality of the paper 
ingredients and paper errors? We cer-
tainly 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 newspaper.

Sometimes it is easier to criticize. Work-

ing on the paper is tough. Layout for the pa-
er usually lasts four days. This past layout 
weekend, our editorial staff logged in over 
40 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, assign-

ing stories, doing research, and learning 
about the process. The Phoenix is an organ-
ized 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 
for the best of our abilities to put out a paper 
that is interesting, professional, and 
informative. If we slip, and it happens, it is be-
cause we are students, and we are learning.

Despite all the hard work, there are re-
wards. 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 disheartening to realize that our col-
lective hard work is overlooked for techi-
 cal problems, for a few proofreading 
oversights, 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 perpetrators, 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 MBHQ for her partner. Eventually, he found Jay in the lounge sipping coffee.

"And so the fifth line of Wordsworth's poem, The Ruined Cottage, reveals a deep understanding of human nature," Siouxsie noted.

Are you sure? I mean Coleridge was so much more effective at getting..."Jay stopped when he noticed Siouxsie was looking behind him. "Unless there's a big huge monster behind me, can I appreciate if you paid attention to me? It's rather close," Siouxsie told him, giving him her best Cheshire grin.

Jay turned around in surprise. "What up, Kay?"

"Jacko's back," Kay replied matter-of-factly, "He reassembled himself."

Jay gasped. "You serious? I mean..."

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.

"It's the age-old conflict of the authority versus the 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."

"DoCS is understaffed and certainly not really staffed. Sometimes the people they are trying to help are more inclined to punch them than thank them."

"I'm not, if you're aware of what is going on around you. If you were totally comfortable, you would be completely vulnerable."

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 campus safe. Yet, the care with which they do things is a little..."

"I think 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, the campus safety and Smith House. Smith House is confidential and equipped to offer options for students. They do not ask you up for alcohol violations."

"When you do have to walk alone during the day, it is a small school (as if you couldn't figure that out)."

"Notorious for crashing parties and smothering fun as a large, looming blanket of clouds dampening a barbecue, campus safety officers are not usually on the list of the top ten most sought after party guests."

"In fact, many officers don't offer."

"All things considered, our situation here could be much worse."

"Our jobs pretty much suck. But you're not, if you're aware of what is going on around you. If you were totally comfortable, you would be completely vulnerable."

"But, the care with which they do things is a little..."
SURVEILLANCE IN ROUZER HALLS: TRUE OR FALSE?

Ron Mojica quelches 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 an increase in 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. Society often forgets, however, of how hairy they are by the gawks and Psycho.

Video cameras in our hallways. Does our society 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 its 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 disbelief and racism. 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 everyone wanted a video recording of themselves. Even with student debates such as these, there would be no chance of winning. The halls are public areas. They could mount video cameras, but they could not have spies hiding in trash cans, and they still would not be invading our privacy.

However, I was tired of hearing and debating 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 lighting was installed as 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 setting up every container of alcohol which passes through Rouzer.

So, speculation ceased, ransom dissipated, and faith was reassured. There are no surveillance cameras nor will they be installed. Maybe there is more trust in students than we thought.

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, and needless beautification ritual that only adds to society’s preoccupation with body image.

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Manager Dionne Cooper provides order to Glar’s chaos

BY PHILIP VOGT
Contributing Writer

There may as well be a giant bullseye painted on the wall in English 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 front of the house manager, deserves much of the credit for these improvements.

Cooper, who arrives at Glar at 10:30 a.m. and often stays as late as 8 p.m., 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 Nopenhagen Suggestion Board, which encourages customers 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” are the fraternities and sororities 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.

“Makes us laugh — she can be a little 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 future 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. Cooper is not without its difficulties, however. In addition to having to deal with the millions of people for the steady improvement of Glar, she is also held responsible when things don’t go as planned.

“If something goes wrong, I get the bullseye painted on the wall,” she said.

She is also responsible for making the schedule for her employees, a task that occupies much of her time.

As a result of her responsibilities, it sometimes becomes necessary for Cooper to change the schedule constantly, trying to accommodate everyone.

Perhaps worst of all, she is expected 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 Mathers.

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 *The Cat in the Hat* by Irvine Welch and be glad you don't have a tapeworm 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 oj, 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 information 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 junk 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—1/19)

Like lemon juice, Capricorn, you taste good without sugar. It's a tart world; sweeten it up with the beautiful prose of Tom Robbins.

Aquarius (1/20—2/19)

You can do a lot with clam juice, Aquarius. The possibilities are amazing. Read some haikus; 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.

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**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 one certified student 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, OC-TALKS, the "Choose" 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 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 Glore, 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. Glore 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 Glore 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 Glore 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 even by the Allied forces, to be criminals and were transferred from 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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**Horoscopes**

**Matthew Thomas**

**Features Writer**

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**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.
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."

Rashieda George
Sociology '01

The first time I realized not all little kids worship God was in fourth grade. My sister and I had this friend, Georgiana Jones. Ominously 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 Leesee 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.

My grandmother spoke of Leesee moving 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. We lined up our pans and 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. She lived across the street from my grandparents. She could quote pretty much the whole Bible, and she sang Tony Orlando and Dawn's "Candida" at the dinner table.

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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 beer 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 bathrooms, taking out the trash, spraying and 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 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 McDaniell 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 sho (hem 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 hurdles in 13.35 seconds. Sophomore Jamie Falcone broke a school record for the 200 by a tenth of a second. She finished 2nd in the 100 and 200 with times of 12.57 and 26.10. The men fired 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, clearing over 6'5" to match Mark Cockerill's jump in 1981.

Then Baylis, Kerry Wilson, Aleya Horn, and Jamie Falcone broke the 4x200 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 3rd 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.

The golf team had a very strong showing at the April 6 Gettysburg Invitational as well, finishing 3rd of 15 in the tournament. Aldridge, Reid, and junior Craig Zaborsky each shot 78s to tie for 11th in a field of 74 golfers.

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Pro Wrestling Commentary: Top Rope Report

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA

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 (WWF, WCW) have to offer 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 inch 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 Macmahon 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 Miavia, the WWF has gained an audience unheard of on cable TV.

The new, raunchy attitude adopted by Macmahon has gained an inquisitive look from mainstream media outlets, while their 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 competition.

A recent angle has The Undertaker “dying his gimmick” and leading a Satanic takeover of the company. Couple this with the standard boss vs. employee angles (Macmahon 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 “Mean” Sid Euly, left ECW this summer after some serious injuries he suffered while wrestling. Euly was also intimately involved with ECW and WCW, and his departure from these companies leaves a void in the wrestling world.

The big two (WWF, WCW) have been making moves to attract new fans, but it seems that the ECW model of smaller, more intimate shows may be the way of the future in wrestling.
Statistics as of April 10, 1999

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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), Jones Richard Carpenter Jr. earned an evolution in college athletics.

Men's lacrosse defeated by alumni coaches

BY WILL SMITH

Since the rivalry began in 1971, the Green Terror men's lacrosse team has 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.

"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.

Women’s tennis team backhands opponents

BY JULIE DEVELIN

The women’s tennis team swept Catholic 9-0 on Thursday, April 8, improving their record to 61-2 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 Hoford, 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 Hoford also posted singles victories.

The Terror swept the doubles with wins from Henderson and Desrosiers, Lyter and Sheridan, and Maxcy and Jamie Conely.

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.

Henderson and Desrosiers 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.

As a senior-coach and the coach-athletic director are over.

The Terror suffered their lone setback this past week with scores of 9-2 and 11-6.

The Terror swept another double-header from Franklin and Marshall this past week with scores of 9-2 and 11-6.

Softball defeats Washington and Franklin and Marshall

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI

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 Swierkos 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.

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Swierkos and Cipolloni both pitched seven innings on the night.

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A late rally ended the second game to send it into extra innings, but to no avail as Urmias ended the game two innings later.

Urmias and Western Maryland have either won or co-held the Centennial Conference Title since its inception in 1994.\n
"Definitely made me want to win more than usual," recalled junior Charlie Heinzler, "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 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.”
Working to combat AIDS apathy

BY JENNIFER SIRIUS
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, 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 concern 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 students. "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. "(AIDS 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 educators, 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 Continued on page 5

Student dealer addresses drug problem at WMC

BY MATT THOMAS AND JULIE DEVYLEN
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 psychodelic drugs, ranging from acid 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 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 customers of the supposed dealer.

Efforts to contact Campus Safety Director Mike Webster for comments last Friday were unsuccessful. In a recent 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 said, "I'm not doing it 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.

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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. Louis Dundes and Rodney 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 marijuana in the past month. These drugs include hallucinogens such as LSD, psilocybin (mushrooms), ecstasy, and PCP; narcotics such as speed, crystal meth, and Ritalin; and opiates such as heroine 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.

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 give 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."

"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.

Scott Kane,
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 law breaking 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 3.0, and he would like to graduate with a 'B' average. "I'm not trying to be cocky," he said. "I'm in a student first, and a drug dealer second."

Students debate drug use

The first story in The Phoenix's two-part series on drug use at WMC

By J U L I E D E V E L I N a n d M A T T H E W T H O M A S

When 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.

"I don't think there is a problem. I think [authority figures at WMC] are being uptight. I think they're over-focusing and searching [users] out."

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.

Campus clean-up beautifies WMC

By M E G A N M A T I N

A handful of sleepy students spent Sunday morning, May 2, working around campus preparing the campus for Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation ceremony, 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 Investiture 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' 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 knew low attendance would be less than 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 DEAN POND

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 slobberous 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 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 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?

Terminex, the college’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 recent-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 conscientious effort to solve the roach invasion, but there are varying opinions on what things should be done differently.

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Computer labs to make transition to PCs

BY ABIGAIL D. ENGEL
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 ensure that the graduates of this institution are technologically compatible with business and industry. In order to assure they keep abreast of rapidly changing technology, they have begun to make necessary transitions to PC 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.

Many students and faculty members who were interviewed feel the transition to PCs will be a positive change. They 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; also, most incoming students are not or will not be bringing PC-based systems with them. This transition will make it easier for students to use the writing centers and their personal computers in conjunction.

Campus Safety Blotter

• On 4/6 at 1:00 pm DoCS documented physical abuse for threatening or dangerous conduct at Blanche Ward Hall.
• On 4/7 at 5:00 am DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance at Whiteford Hall.
• On 4/7 at 5:00 am DoCS documented a theft at Albert Norma Ward Hall.
• On 4/7 at 1:12 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment at Englert 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 Decker Student Center.
• On 4/11 at 12:40 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 rendered at the DoCS office.
• On 4/12 at 2:20 pm DoCS documented a felony theft at Decker Student Center.
• On 4/15 at 6:19 pm DoCS documented an assault at Albert Norma Ward Hall.
• On 4/17 at 5:00 am DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance at Whiteford 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 rendered at the DoCS office.
• On 4/18 at 3:01 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Blanche Ward Hall.
• On 4/18 at 12:49 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 Englert Dining Hall.

WMC Unity adopts family to get in touch with community

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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 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 fun.

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, Chris Farrar, Alison Klein, Courtney Krasowski, Jennifer Martin, Taylor Redding, Corinne Brinnier, Mariell Bushko, Christie Dotson, and James Gasparo.

Next year, WMC unity is hoping to help more families and to expand their membership. Please call Alison or Erica at 856-386 to get involved or find out what WMC Unity is about.

Submitted by WMC Unity

CSA designed for students' needs

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 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 college 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.”

The commuter lounge provides a place for commuter students to relax during the school day.
Headliners Splitsville performed songs from their debut album, Repeater.
Letters to the Editor

A misunderstanding?

Dear Editor,

We all make mistakes, and often in our lives, we interpret or perceive things differently from one another. 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. However, 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 aploy 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 Fool's joke, which Kelly asked to be taken in the light and jovial nature in which it was intended.

However, realizing that not everyone was fooled, 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 was not conducive to the community we have here.

While I certainly respect his point of view, this is not the "Washington political game" 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 people 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. He could 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 hosts monthly class meetings, and he organized and helped with the building of the Class of 2001's first homecoming float.

Beyond that, he has listened to students' concerns on the orienteering process, the honor code, the plagiarism system, the student bill of rights, and many others.

He has been someone who has constantly pressed on others when they were willing to allow the administration to have their way with the students.

Yes, what happened was wrong. But those who went about themselves, wrong, and 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 would be proud to call a friend...I know I am!!

Matthew Burger

Roommate survival tips

Danielle Lounacone 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. Getting through their stuff or listening to their conversations violates that right. Diaries have looks 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 fun time for the energy deficient, it's just that we would rather be sleeping. So please, keep the morning happy 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 is a noise policy, follow it.

There's also a policy against harboring illegal animals. Even if you don't know that her pet or her boyfriend living in the corner of the room, it shouldn't be there.

I've been 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 days. I'm not perfect, and I know I have to work on this. Recently someone 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.

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The joys of a semester in France

As most students know, two and a half years of living in France 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 beer, a wine glass, and my dictionary, I headed for the diverse shores of La Belle France.

I've now been in Dijon (yes, the place in France), 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 wines 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 interesting experience.

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Former editor Kate Hampson praises the experience of travelling abroad.

As a drinking age here, you're used to doing things all the time.

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 don't think I'm a loss.

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 cigaretttes. Crossing the road is a life-threatening task, and eating in one of the school cafeterias leaves your clothes and hair smelling like you just spent an evening in a jazz club.

However, the French people's reputation for rudeness is pretty much unfounded. In fact, I don't think I would have won an award for the friendliest nation ever, but once you get to know people they are really very generous and kind.

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 many local vineyards, I was invited back to the famous 'home to open an evening.'

The social opportunities in Dijon are a lot better that in Westminster. There is actually more than one bar, and there are even several nightlife spots! Like at WMC, Thursday is the main party night, and we have a different club that we have to go to end of the month. The locals really don't seem to know about making of us, and we must appear to be a little odd.

One of the best things about Dijon is that people are friendly and seem to like it. 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 had more fun in these last months than even before.

The campus is a 25 minute walk from where I live, and I usually go there and back at least once a day. The town center is 35 minutes on

If you are even remotely considering studying abroad, go for it.
AIDS: Support, Awareness, and Prevention (ASAP) has always prided itself on the fact that we are an organization that WMC that actively educates the student body on STD's and HIV/AIDS and passes out free condoms.

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 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.

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 students are prov- ing themselves to be more conservative than they've ever been. All the cliches 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.

Jennifer Sirkis and Janet Keymption 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 undeniable 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 any- thing wrong with promoting prophylactic use at all. It has become a strong part of the cur- riculum and are available for students as a re- source.

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 ourselves and newspapers just don't want students don't choose to abstain. Additionally, all ASAP members have been trained in AIDS education and are available for students as a re- source.

In response to some of the letters re- ceived, it doesn't matter what "type" of stu- dent you are. We can't tell you how many stories we have heard from typically "aca- demic" or "moral" students who have en- gaged 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 should become a stronger part of the cam- pus, winning the Griswold-Zepp Award and national grants in the past.

Students know that they can come to any ASAP member for condom and reliable in- formation. We feel that this is more effec- tive 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 cam- pus and see signs promoting safe sex. Par- ents can be confident that the message of safe sex will be spread throughout the WMC com- munity.

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 un- fortunate and new infections. The crisis is not over. Bearing 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 plann- ing next year's activities - that, for now, in- cludes 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.

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 maga- zines and newspapers depicting the flight if 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.

WTO? We started in the Balkans; in the city of Sarajevo, nationalists assassi- nated the heir to the Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

The millennium-old ethnic tensions be- tween the Muslim-Albanians and the Or- thodox-Slavs is also worth mention.

The political science, or the course "Western Civii- zations," this could be seen as an overview of the World War I scenario, especially when the NATO bombings aren't proving to be a success.

Although the world seems poised to go to war to stop the ethnic cleansing of the Serbian, students seem particularly re- mained from the issues.

Enclosed in a comfortable bubble where our principle worries are "What am I going to do this weekend" and "I have a pa- per due tomorrow." The students seem 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 Arme- nians 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 stop- ping this. And bombing is not going to stop the problem either.

What is this 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 neigh- bor hates me and hates me enough to kill me and my children.

So, maybe we can live in a two story house, with 2.1 children, and own a 1.7 of a car and never have to encounter an armed militia ready to shoot you.

But, if you did? 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 I: 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 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 1980s.

I watched the preview, and laughed as CSPO 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 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.

"WEEKS IN ADVANCE! Does anyone else think that this is just a little odd?"

He continued to explain that he stayed camping out, with computers, DVD movies, phones, food, and everything else he could possibly need. It seems to be better than his apartment. There were many other people waiting with this fine gentleman, all Star Wars fan.

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So, America, brace yourselves. I hope those poor movie 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.

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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 surrounded me. They revealed an elderly grey squirrel dressed in a well-made suit.

The old squirrel was flanked by two, big looking squirrels carrying violin cases. Behind the trio came a human, Eric "The Mole."

I jumped. 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.

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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 ourselves."

I frowned. "Well, that's just how I got 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 talk. I guess you, 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 Jerry, make sure he 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."

Kristen Fraser explains the phenomenon of the true Star Wars fan.

Ron Majic comments faculty on their efforts to aid refugees in Kosovo.

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Eve 6 featuring Angry Salad:

WMC's Campus Concert 1999 Draws Sizeable Crowd and Rocking Response

Four years ago, at La Crescenta Valley High School in California, two freshmen hit the corner of a gym, deep in conversation. While their peers clamored to shoot the next basket, Max Collins and Jon Siebels shared about their dreams of becoming rock stars, muses over their chance to sign up and end up being very soar of themselves.

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Max Collins, lead vocalist

Today, Collins proudly boasts that his dream is coming true. He and his bandmates, Jon Siebels, along with drummer Tony Fagenson, formed Eve 6 (RCA Records). The trio was signed to a recording contract two years ago, but is 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 are different. RCA signed as for what we'd turn into."

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"Angry Salad ready to back the band's first release. Eve 6 featuring Angry Salad's first single, "Inside Out," has received great reviews and has received attention from RCA's investment is paying off. The band's name comes from an idea and creates lyrics and music to match the idea.

"The song that is interesting because it starts out insecure and ends up being very soar of itself. It takes you through the progression of heartbeat and breathing everybody to the point where it's all okay and you're screaming it out and letting it all go."

Max Collins, Eve 6 lead vocalist

Other highlights of the show were the introduction of a "hand-scatzing" song, in lead-vocalist Siebels called it, and their most popular song, "Inside Out," which had the entire audience on their feet, bumping and down in unison.

Siebels claims that he and his bandmates still work with the strings virtually unnoticed, but judging from the size of the crowd that gathered around it, as they attempted to hear the tour bus and leave WMC, that a lot of anonymity may be slipping away from some of Eve 6's concerts.
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 swoon 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 Styself 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. It didn’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

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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 a few 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 a little too relaxed. If I had to choose the one I liked the most, it would have to be Understanding Europe. 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 nicely. It was near the train station, which made travel easy.

So where did you go?

Kate: I went to London for a month. 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 unmolested 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 buses 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 gives 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 street 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 $1.

What could you buy? Was there anything you took for granted in the United States?

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 like 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 to 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 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 someone?

Dave: The school did not have a reliable computer lab.

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 my financial aid transfers with you.

Jeanne: It was an incredible opportunity. I would’ve regretted not going.

A large beer - 1 liter - was $11.

Nick Johnson
WMC’s Annual Spring Fling
A day of music, games, sun and fun in the Quad

All photos by Trang Dam

Students fight it out in the “moonbounce” boxing ring.

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.

A caricaturist draws WMC students free of charge, and wins rave reviews.

Good food, good fun: some campus organizations sponsored food kiosks to feed hungry partiers.
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.

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: Suck it!

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.

Horoscopes

Matthew Thomas

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 best of the college. It was also said that the Phone Center brought in $1.3 million, which represented $30 per Tuition. This 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 $53 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.

"Dining Room" is well done

BY JOAN FAULKNER
Features Writer

After seeing the theater productions "Loose Ends" and "The Roar of the Greenseal, 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, 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 entirely 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

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 campus as well as its 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 deserts 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.

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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 jobhunt.

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.

1. Education
   - History teacher.
   - Psychology teacher.
   - English teacher.

2. Merchandising
   - Lowe's.
   - Border's.
   - Spencer's Gifts.

3. Consulting Services
   - Avon representative.
   - Cellular phone sales rep. at Wal-Mart.
   - Avon representative.

4. Hospitality
   - Graveyard shift at the Econo Lodge.
   - Internet porn.
   - Cat Tracker.

5. Legal Services
   - In Nevada, they're legal.
   - Cat Tracker.
   - Llama Cam.

Political Science/Government
1. Consulting Services
   - The Ragin' Cajun? How many of them are there?
   - The Ragin Cajun?

2. Merchandising
   - Rat's Web
   - Elmo Cam

3. Advertising
   - Internet porn.
   - Llama Cam

4. Consulting Services
   - Read: euphemism for unemployed.
   - Elmo Cam


“Tomi Petty’s Echo and "Fountains of Wayne’s" Utopia Parkway.”
Jon Siebels
Eve 6
Guitar/vocals

“The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill by Lauryn Hill. Her music has a good beat and the words are really touching and meaningful.”
Robyn Perlow
Sociology '00

“N'Sync (self-titled) because their music is fun and relaxing.”
Kristine Knox
Biology '00

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Kash Wright
Music
by Trang Dam

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Features

60 Seconds

What’s your favorite recent musical album?

“Tom Petty’s Echo and "Fountains of Wayne’s" Utopia Parkway.”
Jon Siebels
Eve 6
Guitar/vocals

“Limp Bizkit’s” Three Dollar Bill, Y’All. It’s got a fast paced sound which I like.”
Brian Butterhoff
Business/finance '02

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Rat’s Web

by Anne Butler

Since no one sent me the address of their homepage, I can’t do that this time. So you all have to put up with my favorite topic of late: Animal Web Cams.

What’s a web cam? Well, it’s a video camera that is connected to a computer and focused on something. The camera takes a still picture or video at certain intervals and uploads them on a website.

Jon Cam (made popular by Ally McBeal) is an example of a human webcam. Today, I’m focusing on webcams that are generally trained on animals of all types. So let’s begin with my favorite animal, the cat!

These humans live with 20 cats that they’ve rescued, so it’s likely you’ll find at least one sleeping. You can even leave messages for each cat. (Contrary to what they say, I haven’t found any piles of cat hair yet.)

Kitty Cam - http://www.kittycam.com
Kitty lives in the conference room of a office in California. You might see Kitty sleeping or possibly clawing the legs of an office worker on lunch break.

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.humanesocietyofmiami.org/petcam
These puppies are very cute, and fortunately, they generally get adopted quickly.

Llama Cam - http://www.losoby.com/cam1.htm
I'm not entirely sure what the attraction is, but Rick and Lois seem to enjoy their llama farm...


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SillyCam - http://www.analytical.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.acepick.com
Okay, so it’s more of a human cam, but this Netherlandser (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!

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Pet Cam! - http://www.humanesocietyofmiami.org/petcam
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African Cam - http://www.african.com/
Images live from Africa of animals stopping to drink at a watering hole.

Now anyone in the world can see these majestic creatures.

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

Magic 8-ball Dissection Page - http://obf.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 pisicole 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 termites 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 Mikovandza, a tiny village located about 40 km from Mbigou.

Since the population of Mikovandza is only 40 people, there is no water pump. I get most of my water for drinking and washing 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 Lebous crawled over to me and asked if I would bring him back a soccer ball from Mbigou. I explained to him that if I gave him a gift, then all the other kids would want something, too. He said that no, the “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 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.

Christian Wilwohl on student teaching in Marseilles

Bon jour WMC, mon amour d’assis’tante a 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 great deal since that first lesson, and I began speaking more and more English to them.

My pupils have proven themselves quite clever; they understand what I’m saying through gestures and drawings on the board.

As for 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 Quartier Nord to giving private English lessons to a retired doctor who lives in la Corniche (Marseille’s “Beverly Hills”), from experiencing Provence to sunbathing in les calanques, from literally dancing on the buns in Plaine to attending a squatter’s soiree in an abandoned factory, the parameters of this experience have been known no boundary. My only regret is that it will be over soon.

Christian Wilwohl graduated from WMC in 1998.
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 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 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.

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 high-
est number of votes in any elec-
tion or poll this year.

First referendum in at least a de-
cade 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.

In 1964, golfer Norman Manley achieved consecutive holes-in-one on a course in Saugus, California and both holes were par-4s.

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,

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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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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 Adelphia, 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.

BY CHRIS ANASTASI

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 in 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 Helmsley of the Corporation/Ministry facing the unlikely pairing of Rocky Miavia 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 Miavia 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 form 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 want to remember and pay tribute to Richard Rood.

"Ravishing" Rick Rude: 1958 - 1999
Statistics as of May 1, 1999

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The 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.
Golf team approaching end of stellar season

The golf team awaits a decision on its quest for a third NCAA bid.

Western Maryland College golfer 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.

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.

Giorno is a senior who is fourth in 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 helped the Green Terror (2-5) 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 fourth 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 went 10-1 during the regular season in doubles 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 Robin and Katie Rouff, who joined them on the first team along with league singles champion Jennifer Pao of Swarthmore and runnerup 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.

Desrosiers, 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

The women's tennis team finished the season with a team record of nine wins and two losses, 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.

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