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Honor and Conduct Board adjudicates cases

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on March 30 involving a student who tampered with and damaged another student’s computer via cyberspace. The accused was found responsible for all charges and expelled from the college.

For more information call Arts Management at 1-800-999-9384.

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September Events

Books Sandwiched In
Paul Miller, assistant professor of history, will discuss The Reader, by Bernard Schlink.
The book follows the life of 15 year old Michael in his relationship with Hanna, a much older woman.
A short fictional account of life in post-war Germany, the book is an exploration of sex, love, reading, and shame, as Michael discovers that his lover is guilty of an unspeakable crime.
The discussion, which will be held at noon, on Thursday, Sept. 16, in McDaniell Lounge, is free and open to the public.

For more information call Hoover Library at 410-857-2281.

WMC updates list of deadly sins with art
Scuptor Jim Roberts and Leigh Maddox put a modern spin on a list that hasn't been dusted off in more than 300 years.
Entitled, “Deadlier Sins,” the collection gives an artistic “heads up” in today’s society.

The play is the theatrical version of the movie which stars Demi Moore.

For more information call the Box Office at 410-857-2448.

U.S. Army vocal group to perform
The Vocal Arts Ensemble of the United States Army field Band and Soldiers Chorus will perform at 5:15 on Thursday, Sept. 23, at Baker Memorial Chapel.
The entirely a cappella concert includes Gregorian chants, popular madrigals from the high renaissance, and contemporary songs.
The concert features WMC faculty and is free and open to the public.

Series commemorates Polish composers
The Monday Night Music series open this semester with a tribute to Polish composer Frederic Chopin on Monday, Sept. 27, in McDaniell Lounge.
The concert/lecture series features topics that are not usually covered in a classroom setting.

For more information call Arts Management at 410-857-2448.

500,000 allergic reaction injection kits are recalled

NEW YORK - More than a half-million emergency injection kits for treating severe allergic reactions and asthma attacks are being recalled in the United States and Canada because the drug may not work.

The kits are routinely carried by people who are prone to acute asthma attacks or have deadly allergies to certain foods or bee stings, for example.

The maker of the ephedrine, American Home Products' Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, said Tuesday that routine quality-control tests found that the drug was not as potent as it was supposed to be. No one has been harmed by the kits, a spokesman said.

The recall involves three kits: the Insect-Sting Treatment Kit packaged and distributed by Derm/Buro Inc., and the Hollister-Stier-Ana-Kit and the Ana-Guard, both packaged distributed by Bayer Corp.

The kits should be returned where they were obtained, American Home said.

Philip de Vane, North American medical director for Wyeth-Ayerst, said people should take no chances and should contact their pharmacists or health care providers to determine whether their kit is being recalled.

Consumers can call Wyeth-Ayerst at 1-800-999-9384.

About 450,000 Ana-Kits and 55,000 Ana-Guards are being recalled, said Kathleen Bauernschmidt, spokeswoman for Hollister-Stier Laboratories of Spokane, Wash. Bayer said its allergy kit manufacturing business to Hollister-Stier in June. It was unclear how many kits were being recalled by Derm/Buro.

Courtesy of Associated Press

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Summer vacation at WMC

Sara Hoover explains summer working life on the Hill.

My summer vacation working on campus, working for the College Activities Office as a secretary and in the Gameroom.

I worked everyday, including weekends, and never clocked in less than five hours a day. I shared the job with another student. We each averaged about thirty five hours a week at least.

Now, do not let me mislead you, I enjoyed it. I made good money and spent time with my friends who were also on campus.

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tumn to me were boundless. I un
bearable in DMC, where some of the student workers studied.

As the weeks went by, I longed for my real vacation. Soon enough, I clocked out on the last day and said good-bye to WMC for a week and five days.

I went home, went out of town, and then enjoyed my last few days of summer in the cool air conditioning of my house.

My trip was fun, a week in Chi
cago: lounging by the pool, going shopping and Lifith Fair.

Back at home, I remember how much I enjoy the calm of my own home, dog, and family.

As I look back, the summer was not extremely terrible. I did take the statistics course I need for my ma
jor, I spent time with my boyfriend, who was there. Then, there is the money I made and the experi
ence I gained.

But, being here all summer helped me remember, after a year of being "on my own" at college, that home is a great place too.

Sara Hoover

I just saw a commercial, and it infuriated me to the point of writing a response. It demeans me and my generation. It generalized my age group to a point that disgusts me. What was this distorted ad?

Did some old men who were com
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Quirks: Beanie showdown

Anne Butler provides a behind-the-scenes glimpse at McDonald’s summer promotions.

I started working at McDonald’s in the middle of the third time Teenie Bear Happy Meal promotion (smaller versions of Beanies, sold in a package). We offered twelve regular Teenies, and later on, four Teenie Bears.

One Teenie came with a Happy Meal, or they could be bought separately. As for the Bears, there were four bears in all, only two bears could be purchased per two hour visit, and you had to buy an Extra Value Meal in order to get them. Only six BearTeens could be purchased at a time.

Unfortunately, most of the experiences I had with the Teenies were negative. The worst personal experience would have to be the Trailer Park Trash Terror (TPTT). The woman’s husband came in and wished to acquire 20 Teenies and Bears. Now, the poor husband was a few bricks shy of a load, and he couldn’t comprehend the rules that I outlined to you in the second paragraph.

The biggest one he had a problem with was that he could only take six of the toys with him. Eventually he left, shaking his head and mumuring that his wife was going to be very mad. Little did I know just how mad!

The husband’s prediction came true, and they went to the manager. The manager called the Teenie/TFTT to the counter. The TPTT asked to see theErin photo. He then told her that the TPTT was only to get six Teenies, and that he could only have six toys. She called the Branch Office to protest and was told that the TPTT should follow the rules put down by the parent company. She was only to get six Teenies per visit. The TPTT would not take no for an answer.

She entered our restaurant with her (figurative) guns blazing. She entered as other customers quickly vacated the area. The drive-thru runner hid behind the fry machine. I led all of the children, the 14-15 year olds, to safety. The manager appeared and gazed down the grill to the front counter.

Now, this particular manager was named Wendy. She is a very big and tough woman, and she stared at Wendy. A tumbleweed passed between them. Then the TPTT opened her mouth, and the birds are preparing to fly south for the winter.

The campus is changing also. Amidst the usual recruitment party yielded a large number of new staff members. Look for their articles appearing in the next issue.

The Phoenix hasn’t been immune to change either. Our office is relatively clean and organized. The annual recruitment party was held in our office. The most important changes, however, are held within the editorial staff. While Emily R. and I remain co-editors, Lauren Kelley has left her position as Managing Editor, at least for this semester, to study in Budapest for Fall 1999. Jennifer Sirkis, formerly one of our news editors, has stepped up to take over the Managing Editor position and has been extremely instrumental in getting this first issue of the semester off the ground. Stacie Underwood has joined the staff as Jennifer’s assistant, and both will take over and reorganize our subscriptions.

Erin Howard chose to become The Phoenix’s senior writer, a position which has not been filled since 1998. In the place of Erin and Jennifer, Lisa Dale-VanAuk and Kate Esposito will be editing the news section.

Kristen G. Fraser, Sarah Radice, and Mike Yestramski will retain their positions as Commentary Editor, Features Editor, and Sports Editor, respectively. Chris Anastasia joins Mike in sports.

We’re hoping that both new and old staff members will come together to further improve our award-winning publication.

After all, there’s always room for change.

The WMC flex terror

Ryan Seavolt describes an academic terror affecting the campus.

The horror, the sheer unmitigated terror—imagine what a hybrid of Count Dracula, Godzilla, and the Boogey Man would look like. If you really think about it, you would feel by seeing this awful creature. It’s painful, a thorn in the side of every science major at this college.

You think that you’ve finished with your classes for the day or that it’s time to go to lunch. But, no, that’s when it appears, when it creeps up from behind you and sucks you back into the classroom. When you least expect it... it attacks FLEX!

I’m talking about that one-hour-long class every week, which in addition to three hours of class time, and perhaps an hour lab, which seems to be necessary for some unknown reason.

The information covered in flex could easily be included into the basic class structure of the course. Another option is an extra ninety-minute class every week, and an extra class-credit given to the students who decide to attend.

However, this is not the case. Instead, we may become confused about the time of the flex class, since it does not start at the same time as the other classes of that course, or frustrated when we remember that we have another class to go to and that lunch will have to be put on hold.

What I ask for is not such a lofty goal. I do not presume to ask for an end to famine and disease or make a desperate plea for world peace. I simply make a humble plea of mercy to any kind soul with the ability to make my dream come true. Eliminate the flexes, please!
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“Not surprisingly, the group favors an expansive sound that draws on everything…impressive…melodic…evocative…laced with colorful solos and ensemble passages that draw on a variety of jazz traditions, freely and imaginatively.”

---The Washington Post

Attention WMC music lovers: jazz musician John D’earth and his octet have just released a new album entitled “Thursday Night Live at Miller’s.” This first release from D’earth is an unedited live performance and features vocals from Dizzie Gillespie and supper club in the United States.

According to D’earth’s web site, Dave Matthews says, “I’ve known John D’earth for a long time. We don’t see each other often enough, but when we do get together, I always learn something. John is first rate. He’s a great spirit, a great friend, and a great teacher…one of a kind.”

When not performing with his octet, D’earth conducts the University of Virginia Jazz Ensemble, composes, teaches and arranges music. He has arranged music for long-time friends Dave Matthews and Bruce Hornsby.

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But how legitimate are they? How much do you really save?

First, some general tips:

1. Shop around. This is a good idea in any case, but as you’ll see, there is a difference among some of the sites.

2. Stick to names you know, like Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Ecampus, one of the current major advertisers, has had severe shipping problems (3 weeks or more in some cases) and is being sued by several major textbook publishers. Ecampus is included below for comparison purposes.

3. Shop by ISBN number (the ten digit number on the back, near the price.

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However, because Textbooks.com took so long to load (ten minutes for one page!), I didn’t have time to compare prices there. Two of my books (the ones by Schmidt and Pierson) were unconventional textbooks. Books are listed by author in the following titles:

(B&N = Barnes and Noble

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Keep in mind that shopping at the bookstore supports our school.

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**Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall 1999**

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall 1999 is September 30, 1999.

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

The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students’ major academic emphases; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course. It may be a special studies outgrowth of a course. A grant may cover the cost of materials for such projects. It may cover travel expenses to libraries or special collections. These are merely examples; Dean Coley would like to see what kinds 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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BY MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

The Green Terror took on Randolph-Macon in their second game of the season Saturday, September 11. The game was the team's home opener.

The game started out with the Terror offense marching the ball field to score on their first possession. The second offensive play of the game was won by the Terror with a 40 yard strike to senior tight end Ron Sermarini to junior flanker Ryan Smith. On the next play, the two connected for an eight yard gain, then turned short and methodical, grinding the ball up field. Finally, a Sermarini pass to junior tight end Anthony Delle Donne capped the scoring drive. After Brent Sandrock easily hit the extra point, the terror was ahead 7-0.

Early on, the Terror defense was just as punishing as the offense. On their first few drives, Randolph-Macon was being punished, getting stuffed on almost every play. Freshman defensive lineman Haroon Hebron and sophomore Brian Fogelsonger seemed to make the majority of the tackles in the early going.

The next score for the Terror came on the arm of Sermarini. This time the target was junior flanker Matt "Jarty" Jackson. After that, some fans may have gotten tired of hearing Jackson's name because it was called over the loud speakers several more times for several more catches.

As the first half rolled on, the Terror defense showed why it has been the number one defense in the conference two years running. Randolph-Macon proed on several plays that they had a very skilled offensive unit, especially at the wide receiver and quarterback positions. Often in the first half, it seemed inevitable that the Yellow Jackets versus the small market city were the crucial moments were the Terror defense stepped up to force turnovers.

There were six turnovers in all for the Terror, most in crucial situations. Anthony Burgos got his second interception in as many games. Junior linebacker and co-captain Tommy Selleck recovered a fumble. To top off the defensive highlights for the game, senior safety, and All-American, Marvin Deal added two interceptions to his career total, tying, then breaking the Centennial Conference record for career interceptions.

The Terror scored again in the second quarter on a long drive that was capped by a Sermarini touchdown sneak. As the second quarter was winding down, Randolph-Macon finally answered with a long touchdown pass that made the half-time score 21-7.

Sophomore wideout Teran Powell showed that he wants to be a star for the Terror by putting in dominating performances in both games this season. The Yellow Jackets made it a priority to stop Powell this game, to avoid a repeat of what he did to Bridgewater last week. Despite many close calls, Powell was unable to break any long plays in the first half.

Star junior quarterback Matt "Jarty" Jackson from the Bridgewater defense to scamper. The Terror offense marching down the Terror defense showed why this is the year their team gets to the Super Bowl.

It seems that no matter where you turn, football is the one sport everyone is talking about. September is the time when fans have an almost unending hope that this is the year their team gets to the Super Bowl. For some, this is not such a realistic goal. Only two teams can play in the Super Bowl, which leaves some twenty teams thinking of only what might have been.

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Baseball is coming to an end, but football is just beginning

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA
Assoc. Sports Editor

These are the days when you can practically taste baseball in the air. It seems that no matter where you turn, the offensive game is the one sport everyone is talking about. September is the time when fans have an almost unending hope that this is the year their team gets to the Super Bowl. For some, this is not such a realistic goal. Only two teams can play in the Super Bowl, which leaves some twenty teams thinking of only what might have been.

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Smith named new Athletic Director

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI
Sports Editor

Western Maryland has a new athletic director in James Smith. Smith is both a former pro lacrosse player and executive director of the U.S. Intermate Collegiate Lacrosse Association.

Smith, former associate athletic director at Loyola College, played three seasons for the Rochester Thunder in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League as well as one season for an Australian club team.

Smith joined the Loyola staff as coordinator of athletic and student affairs in 1986, then moved up to assistant athletic director 1989. He ran the athletic department for about seven months in late 1990 and early 1991 as interim athletic director.

Since 1996, Smith has run the weekly polls, all-American selections, and team selections for the annual Senior All-Star Game, as head of the USA. He also helped select the players to represent the USA in the 1991 quadrangular World Games.

Smith, a New York native, was an all-American lacrosse player at high school, as well as an honorable mention in college.

He attended Cornell and helped them win back-to-back Ivy League titles in 1982 and 1983.

Smith, his wife Gayle, and their three children, Devin, Kerrin, and Shane live just outside Baltimore. He has been married since 1987.

Smith feels he is inheriting a good program here at Western Maryland, and has some lofty goals for it.

Smith feels that "the challenge now is to position ourselves to contend for the conference title every year in every sport."
Dean and students chosen to attend national conference

BY ERIN S. HOWARD
Senior Writer

First-Year Orientation is one of the most memorable experiences of a Western Maryland College student's career — whether they enjoyed it or not. It is, after all, their first real introduction to life at WMC. The program, which sometimes receives "mixed reviews" from students, is now being recognized by administrators on a national level.

Associate Dean of the First-Year Program Barbara Horneff and the six members of the Peer Mentor Advisory Board have been invited to present the Western Maryland College First-Year Student Orientation Program at the national conference for the National Orientation Directors Association in Tampa, Florida from November 6-9.

Date rape incidents at WMC

Many think assaults go unreported despite options

BY LISA DALE VAN AUKEN
News Editor

From reports, it seems that few date rapes happen on the Western Maryland College campus. Victims who have suffered from a rape, though, often have one thing on their minds: "What next?"

The options a rape victim has can be confusing and overwhelming, especially when the victim is feeling alone and scared. Working individually, each office has its own statistics when it comes to the number of date rapes on campus.

According to Joan Lusby, Smith House physician's assistant, there was one date rape victim that came to Smith House for medical treatment last year.

Susan Glore, director of counseling services and adviser to the Sexual Assault Information Team, said that the number of date rape cases from WMC varies from year to year, ranging from zero to 10.

Mike Webster, director of the Department of Campus Safety, said he knows of no date rapes that have happened on campus since 1995, but he does recall a rape incident last year.

Jo Ann Hare, executive director of Rape Crisis and Intervention Services (RCIS), said that five to 10 students show up for help a year.

One reason the statistics may be so varied among the agencies is lack of communication.

Date rape, and all rape in general, is dealt with on a confidential basis, making communication among organizations near impossible.

Campus Safety is required to report rapes to Smith House, but only if the victim asks for medical help. Campus Safety must also report all rapes to Dean Philip Sayre.

Although all the organizations are confidential, Horneff says they all work together to help victims.

"It is such a tremendous act of courage to reach out to a stranger for help," said Hare.

Lusby thinks that victims do not come forward because of the ambiguities of many date-rape situations. "Victims feel that they were somewhat part of the situation," she said.

Hare believes that this belief is a common misconception among date-rape victims. "Although the victim may have indicated "no" she may think that something she did before the rape made her at fault," she said.

For the few that do seek help, each organization handles date rape in a different way. The Sexual Assault Information Team, for example, provides information and understanding to victims through a student-run hot line, active 24 hours a day.

James Gasparo, a sophomore history and social work major, who has been a member of the team for over a year, finished training last semester and anticipates becoming a full time volunteer.

According to Gasparo, a member has to go through about 14 hours of training before he or she can become a counselor. "I know [date rape] is a problem on campus," he said, "and this is a way I can help."

Besides the hot line, the team presents a program at First-Year Orientation concerning the dangers of date rape, and they co-sponsor other rape-awareness programs.

The Sexual Assault Information Program along with Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre over the last four years, credits this year's success to the peer mentors.

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Books enters 13th year

Orientation program

Florida include two 1999 graduates, Brian Hornbecker and Aaron Corbett, juniors Meghan Humbert, Jeremiah Kelly, and Lisa Peterson, and sophomore Meg Pickette.

As part of the presentation, each member of the group relates a different aspect of the orientation program. Hornbecker discusses the Peer Mentor Advisory Board; Corbett discusses the history of peer mentoring, the mission statement; and the letter of agreement; Humbert discusses the peer mentor training program; Humbert explains the first meeting with students; Kelly and Peterson describe activities both inside and outside of the classroom; and Pickette gives the perspective of a brand new peer mentor.

The presentation focuses on several aspects of the WMC First-Year Orientation Program, which is believed to be unique, including the continuation of orientation throughout the semester through first-year seminars and the help of peer mentors. It also focuses on WMC's integration of both academic and social activities into the orientation program.

According to Humbert, mentoring incoming students throughout the first semester is a concept which is unique to WMC. "No one's ever heard of it done that way," she said. Both Humbert and Hornbecker said this distinct aspect of the WMC program generated great interest at the April conference. "It's what other schools would like to duplicate," said Hornbecker, later adding, "We are the envy of many of our competitive schools.

The students, along with Hornbecker, will also have the opportunity to attend various workshops and hear renowned speakers while at the conference. They will also enter the WMC program's theme of "Stepping into the New Millennium" into a competition for the Outstanding Use of Theme, for which they hope to win an award.

AAUW Hosts Meeting

The Carroll County Branch of the American Association of University Women will convene a meeting on International Monetary Policies to be held in McDaniel Lounge on Monday, October 4, at 7:30 pm. Speakers will be Ms. Virginia Smith, President and CEO of Union National Bank, and Dr. Margaret Murphy, Baltimore, member of the Federal Reserve Board. Faculty and students are invited, and the public is welcome.

AAUW meets regularly on campus; Western Maryland is a college affiliate of the national organization. The local branch gives a membership to an outstanding female graduate each year. For more information, phone Julia T. Hitchcock at (410) 848-1874.

WMC calender in brief

WMC presents "Ghost Sonata" Robert Meeropol is the son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosternbergs, the first Americans given a death sentence by an American court for spying, were convicted of espionage in 1951 and executed by electrocution in June 1953.

Nearly 50 years later, the case is still tangled in controversy. Thursday, October 14, 6 pm, Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, W. Main Street, Westminster. Free. (410) 857-2290. See "Lecturer" page 1

American Music Chamber Music on the Hill presents "A Potpourri of 20th Century American Music," October 24, 7 pm, McDaniel Lounge. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for seniors. All students admitted free.

Book Sandwiched In

Rebecca Carpenter, assistant professor of English, and students will present a discussion/review of "Nervous Conditions" by TsiTsi Dangarembga.

Discussion will be Thursday, October 28, noon, McDaniel Lounge, Western Maryland College, W. Main Street, Westminster. Free. (410) 857-2290. See "Books" page 2.

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Rosko promoted to Housing Director
Former Assistant Director has “Faithfully Served” WMC, says Kane

Lesa Dale Van Aken
News Editor

Beth Rosko, former Assistant Director of Residence Life, has been promoted to Director of Housing as of Sept. 6, 1999, said Scott Kane, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.

Rosko, who has been an employee of the college since July 1995, began her Western Maryland College career as a Residence Life Coordinator before she was promoted to Assistant Director of Residence Life.

She was also in charge of alcohol awareness programs in Blanche and Albert Norman Ward residence halls.

Rosko brought “Stall Stories,” anecdotes of real-life alcohol related incidents presented on flyers in bathroom stalls, to WMC and worked in cooperation with Bachus.

As current Director of Housing, Rosko is responsible for all aspects of housing administration, including room selection, new student assignments, room changes, opening and closing, and Resident Assistant selection.

As a disciplinary hearing officer with the Residence Hall Council, Rosko also deals with the daily conflicts of dormitory life among students.

Rosko also plans to become more involved with renovations and hopes to get students more involved in the renovation process.

Prior to her work at WMC, Rosko gained residence life experience at Elon College in North Carolina.

Rosko first realized her interest in coordinating college living when she was a Resident Assistant at Towson University.

As a psychology major, Rosko discovered the “life-altering experience” of working with college students in dorms to be a satisfying combination of counseling and crisis intervention, while it also was a way to “[make] a difference.”

Rosko holds a master’s degree from the University of Georgia, where she paid for tuition by working in a residence life capacity. She also has a bachelor’s degree from Towson University.

“I am always fair, and I like having that reputation,” said Rosko.

Rosko says that she enjoys working [at WMC] because she enjoys working with students.

“A lot of students don’t know who I am,” she said, “but they know my name.

Being in a position of media, Rosko has a certain reputation among students, who sometimes approach her “fearfully,” she said.

Rosko is often called upon to handle the more difficult, and sometimes personal matters of residence hall life. For this reason, students are apprehensive about meeting with her.

“They know they’re going to be held accountable if they screwed up,” she said, adding that her job is to help students learn their lessons, not to emotionally abuse them.

“I am always fair, and I like having that reputation,” she said.

Students interested in becoming a Resident Assistant should call Beth Rosko at extension 240.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 8/30 at 12:10 am DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only, in Whiteford Hall.
- On 8/30 at 8:43 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 8/31 at 11:10 pm DoCS documented a residence hall policy violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 9/1 at 11:22 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Dining Hall.
- On 9/1 at 2:05 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Daniel Maclea Parking Lot.
- On 9/1 at 8:16 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in DoCS Office.
- On 9/1 at 11:26 pm DoCS documented an off campus medical report, for transport only.
- On 9/2 at 12:59 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/2 at 11:30 pm DoCS documented underage possession/consumption of alcohol in Decker Student Center.
- On 9/3 at 12:15 am DoCS documented underage possession/consumption of alcohol in Decker Student Center.
- On 9/3 at 9:20 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Daniel Maclea Hall.
- On 9/4 at 11:38 pm DoCS documented a property crime at the golf course.
- On 9/1 at 12:50 am DoCS documented a rules/criminal laws violation in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/5 at 2:05 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 9/5 at 8:40 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 9/5 at 8:40 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in a Garden Apartments Building.
- On 9/5 at 2:08 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/7 at 12:15 am DoCS documented a fire alarm report in a Pennsylvania Avenue House.
- On 9/8 at 7:09 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/8 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/8 at 8:47 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/9 at 1:20 am DoCS documented harassment in Whiteford Hall.
- On 9/9 at 9:19 am DoCS documented forgery of college documents in the Water Tower Parking Lot.
- On 9/9 at 9:38 pm DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only.
- On 9/11 at 12:24 am DoCS documented a fire alarm report in a Garden Apartments Building.
- On 9/11 at 12:24 am DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only, in a Garden Apartments Building.
- On 9/11 at 12:40 pm DoCS documented an off campus medical report and rendered treatment in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/11 at 12:40 pm DoCS documented an officer’s report for failure to comply with security personnel in a Pennsylvania Avenue House.
- On 9/11 at 1:00 am DoCS documented harassment in the campus telephone system.
- On 9/11 at 3:57 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/12 at 1:55 pm DoCS documented underage possession/consumption of alcohol in Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot.
- On 9/12 at 2:03 pm DoCS documented an unauthorized access to building’s roof at Bair Stadium.
- On 9/12 at 8:13 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in a Garden Apartments Building.
- On 9/13 at 5:50 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation in a Pennsylvania Avenue House.
- On 9/13 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Daniel Maclea Hall, Eldersdene, and Baker Memorial Chapel.
- On 9/14 at 5:34 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Baker Memorial Chapel.
- On 9/14 at 9:24 pm DoCS documented a medical report off campus.
- On 9/15 at 6:51 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Englar Dining Hall.
- On 9/16 at 2:09 pm DoCS documented use of a controlled dangerous substance in Rouzer Hall.
- On 9/17 at 8:13 pm DoCS documented underage possession/consumption of alcohol in Daniel Maclea Hall.
- On 9/18 at 5:19 pm DoCS documented an alcohol violation for the possession of "kegs" in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 9/19 at 10:30 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Harrison Parking Lot.
- On 9/19 at 11:38 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in DoCS Office.
- On 9/22 at 11:18 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in DoCS Office.
- On 9/22 at 3:42 pm DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only, at CCCH.
- On 9/23 at 3:57 am DoCS documented a property crime in Whiteford Hall.
- On 9/23 at 6:05 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in a Garden Apartments Building.
- On 9/24 at 12:20 am DoCS documented a residence hall policies violation in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 9/24 at 3:30 am DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Blanche Ward Hall.

SGA Election Results and Appointments

Executive Officers
Brooke Joseph, Treasurer, appointed from 2002 class senator.
Dana Jacobson, Secretary, appointed from 2000 class senator.

Class of 2000
Kristen Fraser appointed senator.

Class of 2002
Jane Karolow appointed senator.

Class of 2003
Jamin Bartolomeo elected president.
Stephanie Knight elected senator.
Erin Collins elected senator.
Staci George elected senator.

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Date Rape

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Team offers options to victims via the hot line, selling callers where they can go to get help. One of these options is Smith House.

There, the victim will have a gynecologi-

cal exam, a pregnancy test, and get counsel-
ing from Susan Glore.

Or, if the victim desires to press charges, Smith House can call a counselor at RCIS and have the victim meet at the Carroll County General Hospital emergency room, where a special room is set up for rape victims.

There, the victim will have a rape kit completed, paid for by the state, in order to collect evidence that might be needed if the victim wishes to prosecute later on.

Campus Safety, too, has its own unique way of dealing with rape victims.

Ruth Barbour, a supervisor of nine years and a trained sexual assault investigator, and Carrie Medlin, a Campus Safety officer, are trained to deal with victims and investigations. Both have been counselors at RCIS in recent years.

Campus Safety tries to stop the problem of date rape before it starts, Barbour said. Campus Safety will do presentations on rape awareness when necessary, but not many are requested.

Despite the uniqueness of the organizations, they have one thing in common: RCIS.

Funded by federal, state, and local grants, United Way, private donations, and agency fund raising, RCIS is prepared to deal with all aspects of rape. They will meet victims at the hospital to give them support, options, and counseling, said Hare.

Counseling is also free and anonymous to hot line callers and walk-ins to their 224 N. Center St. office for approximately three to six months. RCIS also has extensive knowledge of legal proceedings for victims who want to report the crime, but that does not happen very often.

According to Hare, only three in 60 rapes are successfully prosecuted.

Hare believes there are many reasons vic-
tims do not choose to report rapes. “Victims want their old lives back,” she said. “(Not talking about it) feels like a way of getting control over the situation.”

Another dissuading factor is public opinion. According to Lusby, victims “run the risk of being victimized all over again.”

Webster, of Campus Safety, notes that a victim might experience “social ostracism” because she decides to press charges. Apparently, public opinion does not always favor the victim, which can make her uncomfortable, he said.

If the victim chooses to report the crime, there are two options. The first is to go through the school, and the second is to go to the Westminster police.

If the victims chooses to deal with the crime on a school level, Campus Safety will conduct an investigation. Then, the police will inform of the rape kit results and the crime report, but the trial will be held in front of the Honor and Conduct Board, where Director of Residence Life Scott Kate sits as judge over a panel of faculty and students.

If found guilty, the assailants minimum sanction, according to the Student Guide and Discipline Book, is suspension for both the current and following semesters.

If the victim chooses to prosecute through the police department, an investigation will be held, and the trial will go to court.

The defendant in a rape case must be ac-
quitted if there is reasonable doubt. Because the testimonies of the defendant and the wit-
ness differ, reasonable doubt is applicable, and the defendant is usually acquitted, she said.

But whether or not pressing charges is necessary to the healing process is uncertain. Lusby feels that filing a report is a step in the right direction for victims. “You want (victims) to empower themselves by having the rapist be held accountable. I am fearful of women feeling powerless,” she said.

But while it is not always necessary that the victim press charges, counseling does seem to be a very necessary part of dealing with rape.

“Counseling is critical to moving on, and growing in a positive fashion,” Lusby said. “Putting it off, saying ‘it didn’t matter’ or ‘it didn’t hurt me’ is one of the most dangerous things to do. It interrupts your ability to deal with life situations.”

Hare would agree. “You feel all alone, nobody gets it. You’re up against the world. [At RCIS] we know what to expect. We believe you. You don’t have to explain it to me, I get it. You have support here,” she said.

Despite the emotion and judicial difficul-
ties that come with dealing with rape, many college students continue to take risks that could lead to harm.

Three female students at WMC, who wish to remain anonymous, have all admitted to taking risks with their safety. Although all the students were underage, all had gone back to a room with someone of the opposite sex while intoxicated.

One student recalled drinking with a friend and offering him a place to stay for the night. In her room, the man made unwel-
come advances, until her roommate came home.

Yet despite the obvious risk the student said, “I don’t think he would have done any-
ting, but he could have.”

Asked if she would again consider bringing someone to her room after they both had been drinking, she responded, “If I knew him and trusted him, why not? I do stupid things.”

The other students told similar stories. “He was a friend, and I didn’t think anything of [bringing him to my room]. I knew I was still sober enough to make decisions,”

Hare has heard the stories before. “They believe their friends are trustworthy, even if it is a friend of a friend. Women are in denial that it can happen to them. We all want to believe we are capable enough to know who is safe and who is not,” she said.

She also asserts that alcohol is so com-
monly involved with date rape that it is “not even noteworthy.”

Matt Gribbin, a senior math-biochemistry-chemistry major and member of the Sexual Assault Information Team, speaks in the student’s defense: “I am always upset to find out that is happening, but... they don’t really imagine something is going to happen. Just because they come back to someone’s room doesn’t mean something will happen. But the risk is always there.”
Pro and Con: Should we retain the Social Security System?

**Pro:**
Within thirty years, the nation's Social Security fund will be depleted. Why are citizens so worried? The Social Security tax was originally created to help the country crawl out of the deepest financial depression in history. This system works.
As we see today, many senior citizens live less worrisome lives knowing that they saved money while working because of the mandatory tax. Social Security also demonstrates the appropriate role of the government in our lives. Instead of playing the much feared "big brother" role, the government protects money for our retirement while also allowing us to make independent investments.

**Con:**
Our nation is now faced with quite a dilemma. Forecasts predict Social Security will run out of money in 2030. Many people are worried about how this will affect their retirement and want it to be fixed.
We have already attempted to fix it several times by increasing taxes and raising the retirement age.

**Tara DellaFranzia supports the continuation of Social Security.**

We are already putting our future at risk by not saving money. If we don't save, we will be much higher as compared to the Social Security tax was a failed idea and no amount of well-prepared citizens to starve on the street? Do our retired citizens not deserve the right to a comfortable life after serving in the work force? We must maintain Social Security to avoid the social repercussions.

**Jeremy Keil debates the usefulness of Social Security.**

One cure offered for Social Security is the diversion of its funds into stocks. This is not to be done by private individuals but by the government as a whole.

If the poor were not being taxed to support the Social Security system they would not have enough to save after serving in the work force.

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Well, I'm sorry, but the government cannot change human nature. If people don't save for retirement, it's their own fault. If America wants a system to protect the poor, then it needs to give up on Social Security and institute a small welfare tax on all income and only give the money to those who need it.
Social Security does nothing to secure a decent retirement, nor does it help the people whom politicians have decided need it the most.
We need to wake up and do something about it!

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**Anne Butler** describes a generational perspective on the universal horrors of warfare.

Jack Kelley came and spoke at our campus this week in MacDaniel Lounge. Jack is a foreign correspondent for USA Today. He's been all over the world and covered everything from the Gulf War to Kosovo.

We all asked him with two drawings, one of a 16-year-old girl forced to flee her home, another of an Iraqi soldier that died in the Gulf War.

There was a photo of many teenagers in the girl's diary. They all wore jeans and T-shirts and looked like, well, teenagers. As one person next to me remarked, They look like us!
The diary of the solders had a beautiful color drawing of the man's girlfriend in it. She was proud of who she was...
The Serbian girl's diary contained a number of silly word games that teenage girls are apt to play.

She could be my child... Attempts at calligraphy in Arabic script decorated the pages and margins of the soldier's diary. He could be my brother...

Patriotic poems and symbols showed the girl was immensely proud of her Serbian heritage, the people who at the time were shooting any non-Serb.

An eight-year-old Algerian girl was shot as she ran to her mother. Even though the girl was dead by the first shot, they continued to pour bullets into the comatose body.

She was proud of who she was...
The soldier's diary had poems in honor of his missing or killed friends. Some of whom may have died because of starvation or the inadequate equipment they had.

Others may have surrendered to the Allied forces because they had no food and were desperately hungry.

He was just worried... The girl pasted pictures of her heroes in the diary. They are pictures of Serbian generals and officials; the ones who orchestrated the deaths of thousands.

The soldier wrote about how he hoped he'd survive the coming abolition is very unlikely.

Deaths of thousands. Could this be our country crawl out of the deepest financial depression in history? This system works.

As we see today, many senior citizens live less worrisome lives knowing that they saved money while working because of the mandatory tax. Social Security also demonstrates the appropriate role of the government in our lives. Instead of playing the much feared "big brother" role, the government protects money for our retirement while also allowing us to make independent investments.

Regarding this system, cannot be completely abolished because people feel that the system protects their financial status. If a person wishes to save enough money to invest on their own, the most controversial way that the government could profit from the tax suggests that we allow the government to play the Social Security tax in the stock market. Although this potential solution wouldn't exist if the stock market weren't at its peak, there would still be less money to be made on government bonds and other safe, yet weak, investments. While the market is high, the government won't lose money. This is clearly a fast and easy solution to the problem at hand. Furthermore, the government could invest anonymously and in the favor of domestic companies.

To avoid government-created monopolies and conflicts with other nations, there would be a limit on the time that the government would be permitted to invest before attempting an alternative solution. If the poor were not being taxed for Social Security, they would indeed have enough to save for retirement. Many people of all financial classes do not or cannot save for such things. Social Security protects that.

If there were no Social Security, what would happen to those that did not save? This presents a huge social problem.

Cities of the United States are already populated with homeless people. Not only would this number increase without social security, but those potential homeless would be parents and grandparents. With little or no money left to serve the right to a comfortable life after serving in the work force, we must maintain Social Security to avoid the social repercussions.

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Floyd monopolizes airwaves

Ed Schultheis observes how Hurricane Floyd "blew away" world issues.

A few weeks ago, I flipped on the tube, and it seemed that every single station was running the weather as the lead story. A category four hurricane, Floyd, was barreling down on the southeastern portion of the United States.

What a name for a killer hurricane - Floyd - not exactly a name that puts fear in everyone's hearts. Perhaps it wasn't the fact that Floyd was the center of attention, but rather it was the only "newsworthly" topic in the United States.

I thought the only way I could get away from seeing countless reporters standing on the shores of the East Coast was to watch ESPN.

I remember rolling out of bed Thurs-day morning, about noon, and I turned on the TV.

Of course, it was already set to the Weather Channel, where I was immediately greeted by the picture of a reporter hanging onto a pole so as not to be blown down the street by high winds. I thought this was rather humorous.

I decided to go get the Baltimore Sun for my morning reading, and what else do I see on the front page but Floyd.

However, I did feel the effects of Floyd as I walked to classes that afternoon in the rain and wind.

When I returned from classes, all I saw was more Floyd-this and Floyd-that.

The point that I am trying to make is that it seemed that there was no other news in the whole entire world.

I listened to Jack Kelley's talk on campus this week.

He talked about how America is a country that really isn't too concerned with things going on in foreign countries.

Maybe this explained why the civil war in East Timor, one that the United Nations is involved in, was confined to a small portion of both the TV news and the Sun.

In fact, the first time that anything outside the United States made the front page was the quake in Taiwan, killing over 1700 victims.

I am not simply saying that Hurricane Floyd's coverage was extreme; it is rather the fact that the coverage of all other news was completely inadequate. We live in a time where news comes to us instantly.

The fact that not much news comes to us from outside the United States leads me to one of two conclusions.

There is either no "real" news outside of our borders, or we simply don't really care about anything out there. I think the latter is probably the closer to the truth.

Floyd was indeed a very important part of the news that week, but it was not the only part of our lives.

We can constantly ignore all of the news that we deem "unimportant," like we have in the past.

America has been living in it's own little dome, completely impervious to anything but the most earth-shattering news.

We think that it doesn't affect us, that it doesn't concern us, and it simply doesn't matter.

Then again, it is only a matter of time before things half a world away end up in our own backyard. Possibly then, we will take a little more time to notice.
**Scientific studies examine effects of sleep in college**

Are you feeling tired and run-down? Has college and life in general got you down? Well, researchers suggest you try getting less sleep.

A new study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, reported by the Associated Press, and conducted by the University of California, Irvine, found that 12 out of 30 depressed patients experienced better overall improvement in their mood after pulling an all-nighter.

Of course, one must wonder how the other 24 patients felt.

Previous studies on thousands of people suffering from depression have shown that sleep deprivation improves the mood of over half of the subjects tested.

UCI boldly states that they have confirmed results from previous studies with posterior emission tomography scans (a technique employed to create an image of a desired organ).

There are observable changes in the brain after a night without any sleep. In the study, posterior emission tomography scans, or PET scans, showed that the burning of glucose in a part of the brain associated with sadness, grief, and worry dramatically slowed.

Okay, I know what you're thinking. "No one likes those studies, however, began in the 1960s when it was first noticed that depressed patients often felt better with less sleep.

Since that time, almost 100 studies have been conducted on more than 5,000 subjects all over the world. The results of the tests have repeatedly shown that the "no-sleep" rule holds true for most people.

However, it is believed that some sufferers of insomnia do not seem to be helped by the technique because they sleep off and on throughout the course of a night, and thus, actually do get some sleep.

Manic depressives should not attempt to stay up all night because sleep deprivation can induce mania. I would like to add to that list of people who should not try the "no-sleep" technique all those individuals who sleep in till noon on Saturday mornings.

Needless to say, you cannot pull all-nighters in the same week, as this could disrupt your circadian rhythms (our basic cycles of sleeping and waking).

When approached with results from sleep deprivation studies that indicate staying up all night may actually be of some benefit, Joan Luby, Physician Assistant at Smith House, stated, "Once in a while [staying up all night] may be okay for you to try, but if you fall into a chronic routine, the loss of sleep will affect your daytime function."

Long-term sleep deprivation can cause diminished cognitive function, difficulty focusing on your task, and, of course, fatigue, among other problems.

Nevertheless, the recent study on sleep deprivation may help researchers better diagnose patients with a certain type of depression, and even to focus on new drugs, which could target the portion of the brain that sleep deprivation affects - in this instance, three areas of the cerebral cortex.

Scientists believe that such studies may eventually lead to a fast, easy cure for depression (personally, I suggest Italian food). I have pulled several all-nighters myself since I’ve been in college, and, surprisingly, I have always found that I feel very invigorated the next morning and less tired than when I imagine. So, maybe there is something to this mumbo-jumbo after all.

Grant, if you stay up all night, your eyes will probably burn, and any improvement in mood will only last until the next time you go to sleep. Still, researchers are hopeful that the technique of sleep deprivation will prove useful for all people, particularly those of us under a lot of stress - like college students.

In fact, I suggest the next time you have a big test to study for, don’t be afraid to pull an all-nighter. Just don’t operate any heavy machinery the next day.

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**Gun buyback program draws the wrong weapons**

President Clinton has just announced that the US Government will provide $15 million dollars for a gun buyback program. If you listen to him and all those who support gun buybacks, this money must help for the deaths by gunfire. They are completely wrong and they know it.

At $50 a gun, this money will buyback 300,000 guns. That is, only if there are that many people willing to sell back their guns.

If all the money was used, that would be only a fraction of all guns in America right now, which isn’t going to make much of a difference.

Not only that, but the type of guns being bought back aren’t contributing to gun deaths. So, the guns that are going to be turned in will be either inoperable, stolen for cash, outdated, or locked up... our government is spending $15 million pointless.

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**Jeremy Keil attacks the uselessness of a gun buyback program**

**Gun Control** isn’t going to help. We can’t just easily buy guns up for school or poison the cafeteria food.

The last cause is accidental shootings of children. If you want to solve this problem require gun locks, or ‘smart guns’.

Now I know all the second amendment lovers are going to cry foul, but that amendment was put there for one reason. It isn’t so you can hunt, or kill the burglar coming through your window, it is to ensure power is in the hands of the people and not the government.

If people are using this amendment for the purpose it was intended, it will be no harder to pull that trigger if there is a gun lock on it, but it’ll be hard for your two-year-old to kill himself while you’re busy fighting off your rights.

There is a definite problem associated with guns in American modern society, but people need to stop blaming others and wasting money on useless programs for political gain.

They should start coming up with some real solutions to the problem of control in the United States...
Students make changes for new school year

Ed Schultheis discusses the changes that accompany the college transition.

When I first arrived here, I was greeted by the opportunity to meet new people and to explore all the different places here. I came from a rather modest, all male high school in Baltimore, Mt. St. Joseph. All the students knew everyone else.

That’s what brought me here to WMC. I realized however, that things would be remarkably different.

First of all, I wasn’t just going to school here, I was living here.

It wasn’t just about getting to know yourself, it was getting to know your roommate, your neighbors, and even your classmates. I take comfort in the fact though that I wasn’t the only one that went through this rite of passage.

My class, the class of 2003, has just begun its journey, and I’m sure that all of us have had our doubts so far.

I’m sure I wasn’t the only one that had to deal with being away from friends and family.

Nor did I feel alone when I realized that there were hundreds of new freshman that felt the same way, and maybe had the same reactions that I had.

I have already gone through some tough times, and some great times, and it’s only been a month.

Of course, I felt comfort in the fact that we had brothers or sisters that went before us, or even the fact that we had friends going to the same place as us.

I had neither.

Most of my friends went to colleges closer to home, and I haven’t seen any of them since we started school.

One symptom was studying all night for tests just to make sure that I could pass. Or, I set up study groups until the late hours of the night to make sure my friends could pass too.

The parking situation on campus has drastically changed over the past few months. However, this article is supposed to be about parking.

The parking allowed in the Whiteford lot has changed dramatically over the past few months. Before the construction began, there was plenty of open parking both down in the actual Whiteford lot, and also in the sections extending out towards Main Street.

This is no longer the case. I noticed in about February that Campus Safety seemed about parking. Now, all cars parked in the dreaded “parallel” position were routinely ticketed. So, unless you want to get a ticket, the number of available spaces diminished by about 15 or so.

But, I found some way to live with that. Now, the problem seems worse. There are still unclear regulations for where it is legal to park in the Whiteford lot, but I try to stick with the traditional lot, figuring I should not be ticketed in that area.

But, that only works when there are spaces available. Which isn’t often. But, judging by the tickets that abound, the reason that there are no vacancies stems from the fact that people are parking there unauthorized.

Based on some discussion that I’ve heard around campus, the number of freshman that have cars this year seems to be up. And, don’t tell campus safety, but I don’t think most of them are authorized.

To note the mention of the fact in the past parking that may unauthorized WMC students have increased. So, let’s do some basic math. More students, same number of parking spots. That would be bad math. So, let’s review the current situation. More students, less parking spots. That sounds even smarter, doesn’t it?

So, what do to about the problem? I find it particularly annoying to search for parking on the opposite end of campus late at night to park my car, and hike back to my dorm. All those tour guides who brag about WMC being so small are correct. But, the hike from the water tower doesn’t seem short after a frustrating search for a simple parking space.

I suggest a few different things. First of all, if you’re not supposed to be parking on campus, don’t do it. It’s simple. There are plenty of places where you can park that don’t interfere with campus parking.

Second, I have a word of warning. If you are authorized to park here, but don’t have your permit yet, buy it. Either suck it up and pay the $30, or enable and continue, more content with their decisions.

Now, all we know, that in the heat of the moment things can get sort of confusing, but there is a way to be sure that minor communications don’t cause major amounts of hurt.

Just clarify what you will and will not do, before he, or she, assumes you are going to do it.

It doesn’t necessarily sound dorky to say you won’t have sex with someone, if you say it the right way. We’ll leave it to you to be creative.

Plus, there are other mutually amusing occupations that might be appealing, without having sex. So, if you’re somewhat imaginative, you can probably still present possibilities for pleasure without proposing sex.

Now, saying you won’t have sex with someone before you go to a room together does not mean you won’t be date raped, but it does make your intentions more clear, and if you are raped, it won’t be because of miscommunication.

Having some friends around helps, too. They provide a network of support in those tough moments when you are not sure what to do, and they can look out for you if you are unable to. In fact, if the party is really awful, you have people to joke about it with later.

Of course, a few ways to remain safe is to avoid parties, to drink apple juice instead of wine coolers, and to never go to anyone’s room if you think you might be alone with them. But you might also consider living in a small hole, with purified air and water, and plenty of magazines.

Obviously, it might be a good idea to avoid taking our hyperbole seriously. But paying the $30, or enabling and continuing, more content with their decisions.
WMC’s Pennsylvania Avenue houses are a source of happiness, as well as frustration, for current residents

BY MALISSA MORAN
Features Writer

Imagine living in a house where there was no hot water in the kitchen, there was a huge crack in your bedroom ceiling, or there was paint chipping off of every wall.

These are just some of the conditions that students living in the 12 college-owned houses on Pennsylvania Avenue have to live with everyday.

Surprisingly, most students do not mind the conditions they have to endure simply because of the appeal of living off-campus.

However, the appeal is not so great that students do not find the maintenance problems to be annoying and wish that more attention was given to the condition of their homes.

Living in squalor isn’t much compensation for the conditions [that we live in],” says Joe Beatt, a junior living in PA 195. “But there are benefits to living in the house, like greater control over the atmosphere and being more free to do what you want.”

Shonda Wilson, Residence Life Coordinator, feels that because there is a competitive nature to obtaining the PA houses, students “are happy with what they get.”

To live in these houses, students must apply through Affinity Housing, which requires that students in each house have their own objectives and plan their own programs.

Each house is required to have five programs a semester, two of which need to include the college community.

Most houses plan community service based programs, which include deaf education, trick-or-treating in the residence halls for Westminster children, and volunteering at a homeless shelter and at a soup kitchen.

For the amount of time and effort that residents have to put into being able to live in their houses, it does not seem like there is much being put back into the residences by the college.

The PA houses are usually occupied year-round, except for a few days during the summer when summer camp residents are moving out and college residents are moving in for the year.

Joe Bent, Director of Building Operations and Maintenance, sees this as one of the biggest problems in trying to renovate or simply repair any damages before new residents move into the houses.

So many people are here over the summer that there is no time to do things,” agrees Wilson. “There needs to be a month or so to be able to go in there and get things repaired and done.”

Wilson also said that the administration is looking at how to schedule things better so the physical plant and the housekeeping services can get in the houses and get them ready for the students when they return in the fall.

So that the PA houses do get more attention, maintenance is trying something new this year.

George Glacken has been named the general maintenance person for all PA houses.

“We wanted to assign definite areas of housing to personnel,” says Bent. "He [Glacken] does repairs such as simple plumbing, repairing screens, windows, and blinds and replacing fluorescent light bulbs.”

Students have filed work orders for problems such as faulty electricity, leaky plumbing, worn out kitchen furniture, and new paint for the exteriors and interiors.

“We put in a work order for new kitchen furniture a few weeks ago, and it has not been replaced yet,” says Nathan Williams, a junior living in PA 199. “However, our kitchen was repaired recently, so the school is trying to work with us to correct things.”

Sara Hoover, a sophomore living in PA 187, also says that she and her roommates have filed several work orders for things like the electricity not working properly, the tub leaking, and the lack of hot water in the kitchen.

Jenny Weddle, a senior living in PA 189 and the resident assistant for PA 185-199, is “usually pleased with the way maintenance handles things although they sometimes fall behind and don’t have the right materials.”

Although many problems do not get fixed permanently, like the plumbing problems in the new houses, there are a lot of problems that have been fixed. For example, the exteriors of PA 185 and 187 have been renovated and the upstairs bathroom of 187 was completely renovated.

Wilson believes that since there have been a lot of renovations on campuses recently, the PA houses have not been getting the attention that they deserve.

It seems that all residence halls have been redone except for the PA houses,” says Wilson. “But there is talk that the PA houses and possibly Rouzer are next in line to get some focused attention.”

Wilson also says that "they want the living conditions to be improved" so they are trying to do monthly inspections of the houses so that "they can see exactly where the problems are.”

Bent agrees that there needs to be more focused attention paid to the houses or “they should be demolished completely.”

Even though the school is working on improving the conditions of the houses and are trying to work with residents, there are still a lot of little problems that need to be corrected. All of these little problems lead to frustrations from students and parents.

It wouldn’t be bad if there weren’t so many little problems,” says Williams. “The house isn’t in horrible condition but, for example, the carpet is old and the house needs to be repaired more than just in the kitchen.”

This year, there have been two parents that have written letters to the school about the condition of the houses.

“The items in the letters were addressed and repaired,” assures Wilson. “All issues will eventually get addressed, but it may not be immediate.”

Another feature that residents are not happy with is the size of the houses. Depending on the house, each residence has anywhere from 4-10 students living there.

All students interviewed agreed that the houses were too small for the amount of people living in them. Even with this added inconvenience, they still prefer living in a PA house compared to a dorm.

Students, however, should not have to sacrifice their standards and live in conditions that they would normally avoid.

There are steps being taken to correct the problems in maintenance, but most students feel that not enough is being done.

“We realize that the students do come first,” says Bent. “But we are trying to do our best and that’s all we can do.”

Lifetimes.com’s college chaos contest turns students’ creative storytelling into a break from back-to-school stress

(CPWIRED) Washington, D.C. September 14, 1999 — In commemoration of the back to campus season, Lifetimes.com, an Internet community that’s helping people share the experiences of life, is asking students to swap college horror stories, from endless registration lines to all-night cramming sessions, for the chance to win a $500 airline voucher.

In 100 words or less, students can vent their worst college frustrations and tell the Lifetimes.com community why they need some relief. The winning entry, judged on style, substance and amusement, will receive $500 to get away from it all by flying back home, going on spring break or planning a weekend excursion.

If you can’t fly away from the College Chaos, Lifetimes.com also suggests music and food to help cope and ease your mind.

Second prize is a $300 gift certificate from Ticketmaster for six additional letters to loved ones, students can create online SuperCards with free VoiceCard technology.

Adding voice instead of just written words makes asking mom and dad for money and food more pronounced.

On campus, RAs can use Circles to create online message centers for their floor for posting announcements and special events. Students may even want to consider creating an online support group to make it through the chaos that college brings into their lives.

“Everyone has a crazy story to tell about college, from the psycho roommate, the unforgiving professors and the financial aid office,” said Josh Johns, marketing director at LifeTimes.com. “This is a fun way for students to vent their frustrations, get a good laugh, and perhaps win some cool prizes.”
Political science department funky facts about vitamins experiences changes

BY KRISTEN G. FRASER
Commentary Editor

With a new school year beginning, change is occurring all around WMC. The political science department is no exception. It has new professors, new classes, and curriculum changes.

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Zepf, since graduating from WMC in 1994, has been involved with attendance at a summer institute in the U.S. Supreme Court. She also holds a graduate degree in education from WMC. A graduate of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, she now instructs the class "American Political Thought."

Her class represents another change in the department, the introduction of a new course. This course was intended to broaden the current political science program offerings. Currently, the department boasts over 100 political science majors.

In the future, the department hopes to introduce other classes designed to benefit both the political science majors and the campus as a whole, reports Department Chair Smith. The next proposed class, entitled "Law and American Society," is currently pending approval. The proposed professor would be Mark Patino.

The last major change this semester involves a previously established course, World Politics, offered as part of the international relations focus, has been changed. The new title is "Theories and Applications to International Relations."

This change is pending approval from the college Curriculum Committee. The course is designed to "accurately reflect the new activity of a multipolar international system. Also, it covers the personal studies of our illustrious new professor, Dr. Volker Franke," states Smith.

These class modifications and additions, as well as the introduction of new faculty create many changes for the fall semester and beyond. It is the goal of the department that these changes offer variety for both the students and those who express a general interest.

Vitamins may be the answer for nutrition-deprived college students, but you should know five things before you pop a pill

(NAPS)—Hope springs eternal with supplements. They offer the possibility of better health with little to no effort—a big bonus in today's time-stressed world.

Vitamin and mineral supplements can be an important tool for good health—particularly if you fall into the category of having "extra nutritional needs"—such as dieters, women, strict vegetarians, people with food allergies, people who smoke, individuals with chronic disorders, and the elderly.

But before you decide to pop a pill or two, or three, there are a few qualifiers you should know about.

1. Supplements are of little help if you make poor food choices.

No matter how many pills you take, they can never replace the nutritional value of eating healthful foods. Foods such as whole grains, fruits, and vegetables contain many health-promoting benefits that pills cannot deliver, including fiber and phytochemicals.

Researchers are just starting to identify many phytochemicals which are believed to have potent disease-fighting capabilities.

2. Too much of a good thing can be bad.

Many nutrients work together in the body. Consider the complementary relationship of calcium and vitamin D. Calcium is needed to deliver, including fiber and phytochemicals.

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3. A USP stamp of approval on a supplement is important.

USP stands for U.S. Pharmacopeia. It is an independent, nonprofit organization that tests how well supplements dissolve in the body. If a supplement does not dissolve well—and there are many that don't—the nutrients in the pill essentially pass right through you.

4. Natural supplements usually have little benefit over synthetic ones.

Synthetic vitamins are usually identical in structure to natural vitamins and, therefore, are utilized by your body in essentially the same way.

However, one exception is vitamin E. Its natural form, called "d-alpha-tocopherol," is better absorbed by your body than the synthetic form "d-l-alpha-tocopherol."

5. Supplements are better absorbed when taken with a meal.

Eating stimulates the production of stomach acid, which, in turn, helps dissolve the supplement you swallow. The nutrients provided from the meal will also enhance the absorption and use of nutrients in a supplement.

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BY JENN ROSS

Get out on your hands! Don’t complain of boredom because, thanks to The Phoenix, now there’s no excuse for not having fun.

We suggest that you take the WMC shuttle to the Owings Mills Metro and have helpfully provided a list of locations and things to do in “Charm City” (that’s Baltimore, for all the non-Marylanders). The Owings Mills Metro will drop off passengers at the following destinations: Old Court, Millford Mill, Reisterstown Plaza, Rodgers Ave., W. Cold Spring, Mondonden, Paxon North, Upper State Center, Lexington Market, Charles Center, and Johns Hopkins.

All of the aforementioned drop-off points are along bus routes, which will take you where you want to go.

Activities:
Peak your cultural instincts by seeing the play “Vampire Alice” at Goucher College’s Mildred Theater, September 23 through October 1. For more information, log onto vampirealice88.com or call the Goucher College box office at (410) 377-6512.

The Fell’s Point Fun Festival promises live music, food, and fun October 1-3. If your life is feeling dull, get a laugh at the Comedy Factory, located on the intersection of Light St. and Lombard St. The Comedy Factory offers comedians for a $5.00 cover charge. Call (410) 752-4189.

If you are looking for a night on the town, check out the following Baltimore hot spots:

Herron’s Sports Nest—1629 Thomas St. (410) 522-6260
Sports and a big screen TV—need I say more?

Baja Beach Club—55 Market Pl. (410) 727-0468
Drinking, dancing, and just plain fun.

Club Midnight—506 S. Marilyn Ave. (410) 391-3325 Features lots of hard-pumping house and disco to make you sweat.

Club Rumblefish—7951 Baltimore Ave. (410) 746-4477
Ladies’ night is every Thursday night.

Bohaegers—701 S. Eden St. (410) 563-7220
Live bands jam nightly at the popular bar and grill pub.

Fells Point Cafe—723 S. Broadway. (410) 327-8800
Wednesday’s college night offers free pool, as well as food and drink specials.

OK—the here are the Phoenix’s words of wisdom: Be responsible, don’t do anything illegal, have a designated driver, and HAVE FUN!!

Rat’s Web: Beware of wares and other fun

BY ANNE BUTLER

So you want some new software for your computer, eh? Do you know where to go on the web to get it? Do you know which kind you have to pay for? Do you know what kind is illegal? No? Well, let me help you, then.

There are three main categories of software: freeware, shareware, and warez.

Freeware is almost totally free (sometimes creators ask for a postcard or something in exchange for the use of the software). You can use it as long as you like, for whatever you like. You can even distribute it to others as long as you credit the original author.

Freeware programs run the gamut from games to word processors to clocks to anything you can imagine. Many times the program is as good as its expensive counterparts. Some companies release stripped-down versions of their programs as freeware (Eudora Lite is a stripped-down version of Eudora, for example).

Some places to get freeware:
NoNags (Freeware Section) - http://bluelion.net/nonags/main.html - a great site that has shareware, too.
FreeWare Publishing Site - http://www.kathobefreeware.com - This guy has an attitude, but good freeware.

Shareware is software that is a demo version. You are expected to try it out for thirty days or so and, if you like the program, to then purchase a full version.

Shareware is time-locked, meaning that you can only use it for those thirty days and after that it becomes useless. Most shareware does not come with the full capacity of the original game demos may only come with a full level, etc.

Still, shareware is a good way to try out programs and see what you want.

Places to get shareware:
CNET Download.com - http://www.download.com
NoNags (Shareware Section) - http://bluelion.net/nonags/main.html

Warez are copies of copyrighted software that are not meant to be distributed.

In other words, WAREZ ARE ILLEGAL!!! Because of this, I have included no links to any warez sites.

Even if you manage to find a warez version of a game you like, don’t download it! They are illegal.

Some miscellaneous software sites:

Jennifer’s Anime Tiny Chest - http://www.otakutown.com/twys - a collection of fun programs relating to Japanese animation and games. These are cool even if you aren’t a fan of either. Many of the programs are in Japanese, so they’re like nothing you can get elsewhere.

PC Plus Online - http://www.foldernet.com/pcplus/ - PC Plus has full copies of professional programs on their website.

And these are offered legally because they pay the rights to offer them. There are some really nice things here, so take a look.

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http://expresso.hampshire.edu/97/2ea96chair/

Exactly what it sounds like...

FEATURES

Erin and Jenn at the movies: Stigmata and Stir of Echoes

BY JENN ROSS

Two neue friends brought us to the box office line up attempt to wow view- ers wanting a pre-Halloween thrill. We saw: Stigmata and Stir of Echoes.

Stigmata: starring Patricia Arquette and Gabriel Byrne, is the story of a hairdresser (Arquette) who becomes possessed with the "Stigmata." The movie was better in its original form, The Exorcist. We’ve all heard the story of an other-worldly being taking over the will of a young woman. Filmmakers usually try to add a new, exciting twist. Unfortunately, in the case of Stigmata, the twist has been poor. While the plot is intriguing, it becomes repetitive. Watching the film, I kept waiting for the “message” I had been promised. Unfortunately, all I got was a violent scene that was originally interesting but was continuously beaten until it could barely crawl to the end of the movie.

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What kept my attention in place of a story-line were the special effects and the music. From the opening scene, it was clear that Stigmata would work well as a two-hour movie. It’s best just to stay away from this one.

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According to Terry Page, in College Activities, the shuttle will pick students up in front of Owings Mills Mall. There is no need for a reservation, and the shuttle operates on a first come, first served basis.

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Mark Honeycutt takes over WMC's Writing Center

BY ERIN S. HOWARD
Senior Writer

Mark Honeycutt is a busy guy. Not only is he the new Writing Center Director managing the always occupied Writing Center computer lab, but he is also teaching a section of Freshman Composition and making himself available to help all Western Maryland College students with their writing.

Honeycutt, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master's degree in Rhetoric from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC, began working at WMC in early July and has been busy ever since. He estimates that he sees between six to ten students a day and spends between 15 minutes to an hour with each.

In fact, over the course of our one hour interview, three students called to set up times to discuss their writing, one student stopped by his office, and a professor teaching in the Writing Center dropped in to ask, only half-jokingly, "You'll be around in case anything blows up, won't you?"

Of course, Honeycutt accommodated all of them, even rearranging his schedule and offering to stay late to make sure one student would get the help she needed on an essay.

The man is just that passionate about writing and helping other people improve their writing. A replica of Rodin's Thinker resting on his desk is a reflection of the philosophical approach he takes to writing. "Writing is a process; it's a growing experience where you learn more about yourself and who you are," explains Honeycutt.

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Honeycutt played Division I football for his alma mater ECU and was part of the team the year they won the Rose Bowl — an accomplishment for which he is still quite proud. He has also spent time training with the U.S. Olympic weightlifting coach.

Recently married, Honeycutt says he now spends much of his free time with his wife, Sherry, working on their new house. "Doing handyman stuff which I don't really know how to do," he says, laughing.

In the future, Honeycutt hopes to get his Ph.D., but for now his focus is the Writing Center. "Right now the biggest plan is to make the Writing Center a place where every student who needs help with their writing can get the best one-on-one help possible," said Honeycutt. "That's the mission of the Writing Center."

"He is offering students services that we needed and really haven't been able to offer until now," says Panek. "It's amazing what he is able to accomplish," says first-year student Kate O'Neal, who has received help from Honeycutt on several occasions. "He'll take your work, and by just looking over it briefly, he'll be able to point out exactly what you need."

Fortunately for WMC students Mark Honeycutt does not mind being such a busy guy — his door is always open.

WMC Army ROTC student wins Honor Graduate title

BY FRANCESCA SAYLOR
Contributing Writer

While most people this summer were busy working on their farms, twelve WMC Army ROTC cadets were proving themselves at Advanced Camp in Fort Lewis, Washington.

While they all did their best, Cadet Jarrod Gillam earned the highest score in his regiment of 236 cadets. For his efforts, Gillam was rewarded the coveted title of Honor Graduate.

The Association of the United States Army presented Gillam with a medal and $150. However, he still managed a high PT score which, combined with his completion of several obstacles and a high score on basic rifle marksmanship, earned Gillam the Recondo patch as well.

Gillam scored 99.100 on land navigation and received four excellent ratings and one satisfactory rating on his leadership positions. An excellent in the highest rating one could receive on a leadership position. Doing so was very difficult due to the amount of physical and emotional stress cadets endured at camp.

Because of Gillam's exemplary performance during training, he was assigned as the commander of his battery for the last week of camp. Gillam attributes his success to "focusing on the job at hand" and "getting it done to standard" without letting himself be distracted.

He is hoping these qualities will help him get assigned to the branch he wants — Infantry. After all, his favorite part about camp was acting as a squad leader during a night ambush exercise.
Money and baseball: a sports commentary

BY RYAN SEAVOLT
Staff Writer

It's September, and the pennant races are heating up around the major leagues. Well, they are in at least a couple of divisions. You see, the single biggest problem with baseball today is that in the last few years has not been fan attendance. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa brought fans back to the ballparks again after a few years of subpar fan attendance.

The problem does not lie solely with greedy players either, although their quarreling over one or two million dollars when they already made $10 or $15 million a year does seem very petty.

Likewise, the problem has not been with team owners like George Steinbrenner, who spend tons of money on talent and dominate smaller market teams. Oh, wait, maybe that has been a factor. We have seen this trend grow the last few years. While a collective bargaining agreement, and the subsequent ability it would have created for smaller market teams to compete with larger market teams, would have helped to alleviate the problem, the strike and the endless negotiations that followed it in 1994 solved very little, if anything.

Baseball’s problems escalated in 1997, when the owner of the Florida Marlins at the time, Wayne Huizenga, simply "bought" a World Series championship in the off-season by spending megabucks on such talent as Alex Fernandez, Moises Alou, Bobby Bonilla, manager Jim Leyland, and others.

Okay, some of these players are having the greatest of years this season, and Alou has been out for the entire year with an injury, but, at the time, they were the "cream of the crop."

The Marlins went on to win the World Series that year, and then their owner proceeded to trade away all of his high-priced talent.

The next year, the Marlins finished in last place in the National League East and will likely do so again this year.

For the Montreal Expos, Pittsburgh Pirates, Oakland Athletics, and other teams, keeping a high payroll year after year proved to be too taxing with the small market of fans and finances available to each team. So, the A’s and Pirates dismantled their excellent baseball teams from 1992-1993, and the Expos followed suit, starting in 1995.

The San Diego Padres followed the Expos act by dismantling their National League pennant-winning team in the off-season, after they lost to the Yankees in the World Series, and the Seattle Mariners now appear as if they are going to trade either Ken Griffey Jr., or Alex Rodriguez.

To make matters worse, the Atlanta Braves and New York Mets, both large-market teams, are the two major organizations that seem to be in the hunt for the services of the two Mariners all-stars. So, the strong get stronger, and the weak get weaker.

At the beginning of the season, virtually everyone who knew anything about our national pastime picked the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, and yes, even the second-year Arizona Diamondbacks, who "reeled in" Randy Johnson in the off-season, to win their divisions.

All of these teams have millions of fans in their surrounding areas, and all shelled out big money to bring in high-priced talent in the off-season. Some of these teams, such as the Braves, owned by Ted Turner, even have their own television station to air all of their games.

Not surprisingly, all of these teams are currently in first place.

So why aren't our high-budget Baltimore Orioles in contention this season? The answer to that is simple: a good baseball team, it appears, cannot always be bought.

Certainly no one but Peter Angelos could possibly think that Mike Timlin would be an effective closer and that a team can cope with losing Rafael Palmeiro, Roberto Alomar, and Eric Davis. Manager Ray Miller added to the team's problems, by insisting on playing Delino DeShields at second base when rookie Jerry Hairston is clearly the future of the team at that position. Only recently has Hairston been getting ample playing time.

The Orioles also lack the presence of a serious power-hitter who can lend some protection to Albert Belle in the lineup. Above all else, the Orioles need to bolster their pitiful bullpen. They've been with- out a reliable closer or setup man all season.

So what can we expect next year? Not much from the Orioles as they begin to rebuild, and most likely much of the same scenario of large-market teams dominating small-market teams.

My World Series prediction for this year? I'll go out on a limb and state that I think a big-market team will take the prize (insert Yankees or Indians here).

Oh well. There's always next year.

Sports for the rest of us - Intramurals

BY GREG LEIBER
Staff Writer

It's the fall season on campus, where you can see many varsity sports teams competing on the fields and many leaves collecting on the ground. It is also time for intramurals at Western Maryland College, which has been a part of life on the hill since the college opened. Over the next few months, many people will be competing in a variety of organized and recreational activities that are offered by the College.

According to the Director of the Intramural Program, Keith Reitenbach, intramurals at Western Maryland College are sports based and have their office in the athletic department, which is unlike many other colleges where the intramural programs are run by the college activities board. Hired initially as the college's lacrosse coach, Reitenbach has been the program's director since 1993. During his time as director, soccer, floor hockey, and ultimate frisbee have been added while the basketball and volleyball programs have been expanded.

There are many intramurals in the fall semester including touch football, soccer, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, cross country, and badminton. The sports are organized in many different ways. For example, there are recreational and serious divisions for touch football so everybody can participate, but every team plays each at least once. In the playoffs, they set up a bracket style tournament for the teams to compete for the championship. The champions of a particular sport are also rewarded with WMC Green Terror tee shirts as a bonus for the winners. Games are usually played every couple days, but the schedule will vary depending on the weather or the use of the facilities.

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Calendar of Events
Monday, October 18th
Smash out the Stress-Memorial Square-sponsored by BACCUS
Luminaries in Memorial Square-sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma
"Last Call... A Sober Look at Alcohol Abuse" an entertaining and captivating production using comedy, drama, juggling and other vaudevillian techniques to shed light on alcohol abuse issues-Forum sponsored by BACCUS and IGC.

Tuesday, October 19th
Tie One On- Glar Plaza-sponsored by CAPBoard

Wednesday, October 20th
Alcohol 101-Hill Hall-sponsored by Phi Kappa Sigma
Detective Martin Johnson-will address fake ID's

Thursday, October 21st
Midnight Milk and Cookies-Ensor Lounge

All Events are Subject to Change

Phoenix Spotlight: Marvin Deal
BY MATT HURFF
Staff Writer

For Marvin Deal, playing cornerback, or football for that matter, has not always been his primary athletic concern. The first love for this New Carrollton, Md., product was soccer. He did not begin playing football until his senior year when he was urged by his father to take to the gridiron. Even then, Marvin Deal was a quarter back by trade, not a cornerback.

Despite this, Marvin has thrived at the cornerback position at Western Maryland College. This fact is evident in his Centennial Conference record 21 career interceptions and the two third team AU-Ameri-

The Terror "got momentum into their next few games against Norte Dame and Goucher. You can't dislike a team that has 'underdog' written all over them and still finds a way to win.

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Green terror football unravels Ursinus

BY MICHAEL JENKINS
Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 25, the Ursinus Bears arrived at Bair Stadium to take on the Green Terror. The Terror were victorious 36-15. The action started fast for the Terror, as the defense shut down Ursinus' opening drive.

The offense then drove down the field and scored on their opening drive, highlighted by several tough runs up the middle by sophomore running back Kevin Parker. Senior offensive lineman Terry Orta made a crushing block near the sideline on a sweep on a key down in the middle of the drive. The scoring play of the drive was a 22 yard scramble run by senior co-captain quarterback Ron Serrnarini.

The touchdown was the first of three rushing touchdowns, to go along with a career high 140 rushing yards, for Serrnarini on the day.

At this point Green Terror fans are used to seeing the opponent lose momentum and control of the game and watching the Terror rack up a big blowout. This did not happen. Ursinus came out with their guns blazing. The Bears drove down the field on their next possession and scored.

The score was tied, 7-7. Defensive coordinator Al Thomas' defense went on the field, and made big plays, as they have all year in trouble situations.

Sophomore defensive linemen Brian Fogelsonger and Josh Galemore teamed up on a sack on a third down play to effectively kill the drive.

After the big third down play, Ursinus set up for a field goal but the punt was bobbled. An Ursinus receiver looked open on the fake, but when the holder threw the ball, co-captain Matt Meiklejohn jumped up in the air and knocked it down.

The rest of the first half was back and forth until all-around player Terron Powell, usually a star wide receiver, lined up in the backfield for a goal line play. Coach Tim Keating gave the ball to Powell on a running play, on which Powell dove into the end zone. This gave the Terror a 13-7 lead heading into halftime.

The only negative note of the half was a questionable clipping call.

Terror quarterback Ron Serrnarini dropped back for one of his many successful passes this past Saturday.

The Terror came out and dominated the second half. The defense had big plays throughout, including a safety by Aaron Barrdalin, an interception by Rob McCraken, and two interceptions by Centennial Conference record holder Marvin Deal.

Tommy Selecky, the returning All-American linebacker, made three tackles for losses in the second half. Selecky has made several big plays this season that can't be displayed in a box score.

In the second half, the Terror offense racked up 21 points. One of the touchdowns was a pass to junior flanker Ryan Smith. The following play, a two point conversion, was also caught by Smith.

Dominant play at the line of scrimmage by seniors A.J. Barcetto and Dan Harrison was the starting point for many of the biggest plays for the Terror.

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Volleyball garners national ranking

BY MIKE YESTRANSKI
Sports Editor

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Well, they plan on doing everything in their power to prevent that from happening again this season. According to captain Heather Tolkach, the team has been "running, lifting, swimming, and just about everything else you can do to condition."

Hard work and determination seem to be a common theme around this team. Jessica Rouse, and the rest of the team, feel "real excited about the rest of this season."

The team is 5-0 in conference play at press time, ranked first in the conference and sixth in the nation.

When asked if she was worried about other teams hunting for them now that they are ranked, Tolkach said, "We're hunting for them, and everyone else ranked above us.

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WMC dedicates science building

Lewis dedication boasts speakers and improvements

Information courtesy of Public Information Office

The long anticipated opening of the Lewis Hall of Science on Saturday showed off the $13.4 million facilities. Although the building was officially opened to students taking science classes in August, the dedication was held on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel.

Dr. Paul A. J. Janssen, of Belgium, was the guest speaker at the dedication. Active in work to discover an AIDS vaccine, Janssen was given an honorary degree at the ceremony presented by James Mellhorn, chair of WMC’s Board of Trustees and President/CEO of Episcopal Ministries to the Aging. Inc.

Janssen is credited with founding Janssen Pharmaceuticals, which became a part of Johnson & Johnson in 1961.

He is also chairman of the Janssen Research Foundation and was honored by the Belgian government in 1990 when the title of Doctor of Science from WMC was awarded. The dedication also included remarks from John Willis, secretary of state for Maryland.

Opening 19 honorary degrees from twelve different countries, Janssen received his first American degree of Doctor of Science from WMC.

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To some, the investment seems well worth it.

Four stories and 50,000 square feet, the new Lewis appears to be a major improvement from the old science hall.

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Freshman directing major community service project for Honors Program

Erin S. Howard

Senior writer

The WMC Honors Program is taking on a new project for its current semester: the Race for RAINN, a charity that creates awareness for the cause of domestic violence.

First-year student, Stephanie Knight, is directing the Race for RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network), a 5K foot race to be held on April 9, 2000, for the Honors Program’s yearly community service project.

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The future of the Greek system

MALISSA MORIN  Staff Writer

At WMC, students are given the unique opportunity to join a Greek organization. In recent years the number of students who actually pledge a fraternity or sorority has decreased.

This trend has been seen at many colleges across the nation. And at WMC, the numbers show that it has taken its toll on many Greek organizations.

For example, from fall 1996 to date, Al- pha Nu Omega’s chapter total dropped from 46 to 20 active members. Phi Delta Theta fraternity’s chapter total dropped from 32 to 14 active members.

There are four sororities and five frater- nities on campus.

The sororities are Alpha Nu Omega, Phi Alpha Mu, Phi Mu, and Sigma Sigma. The fraternities are Alpha Gamma Tau, Gamma Beta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Currently, with a student population of almost 1,500 students, WMC has 189 Greek students, about 13 percent.

During the spring semester of 1999, there were 226 Greeks.

The spring semester usually sees a larger number of new members because second semester freshmen are allowed to join a fra- ternity or sorority.

The number of Greeks in the spring sem- ester of 1999 increased by 15 members from the fall semester of 1998.

"On this campus, some organizations have the mentality that the smaller their organ- ization, the better," said Betsy Chimock, Greek adviser. "Unfortunately this type of thinking hinders recruitment."

Recruiting new members is a problem that many organizations face each semester.

"National Greek organizations usually have more support and direction than local chap- ters because of their national headquarters."

This fall, the two organizations that recr- uited the most new members were Alpha Nu Omega, which recruited 11 new members, and Phi Kappa Sigma, which recruited five new members.

All other Greek organizations recruited at least two new members.

"This campus has the potential to be 40 to 50 percent Greek," said Chimock. "But this potential is hindered because there are chap- ters that don’t do much to get their name known."

But Chimock admits that this semester more than previous ones, different chapters are planning programs to get their names spread around campus.

For example, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Mu, and Phi Sigma Sigma are all sponsoring an event during the upcoming Alcohold Awareness Week, scheduled for October 17-23.

Chimock also cited one example of all the sororities eating lunch together in Glary every other week to help create unity and spread their names.

"The more [the organization’s] name is spread around the other chapters, the better," she said.

Problems arose when SGA members and the owner of Baugher's, Mike Blundin, vice-president of the SGA, began to doubt Alumni Affairs' devo- tion to the project.

"I never said ‘you’re not having a parade this year,” he said. "But I do under- stand. ‘I never said ‘you’re not having a parade this year,” he said. "But I do under- stand."

Although the SGA members understood Rytter to have vetoed the homecoming parade, Rytter believes there may have been a mismun- derstanding. "I never said ‘you’re not having a parade this year,” he said.

But Rytter also felt that it was unfair of the SGA to “go behind [his] back” without keep- ing him informed of their actions, since he was so directly concerned.

"From a personal level, I would have liked them to have come up and talked to me about what they were doing,” he said.

When questioned about the misinformation Ryner had given the SGA concerning the college’s inability to acquire flatbeds, Rytter claimed to have spoken to the owner of Baugher’s, Margorie Baugher.

He called her “aggressive” about giv- ing the flatbeds to WMC because of some damage done to one flatbed last year and be- cause the pumpkin harvest would complete Baugher’s annual contribution.

However, an employee who wishes only to go by Scott, told The Phoenix that there had never been any plans to deny WMC the flatbeds and that the pumpkin harvest would not prevent Baugher’s from giving WMC the equipment.

Both Margorie and her husband Alan, who works with her, have told The Phoenix that they have never had any plans to deny WMC the flatbeds.

Rytter said that he understood that WMC could obtain the flatbeds, but he also said that the owner had insinuated that the donation would be difficult. Rytter decided that acquiring the flatbeds would be an inconvenience.

"It was a judgment call on my part,” he said.

Concerning the contractors, Rytter referred to a problem at last year’s parade.

Citing an accident which involved a trac- tor, a flatbed, and an antique car, Rytter ex- plained that Finch’s, of December, was hesi- tant to lend the $50,000 tractors to WMC again.

"We’re concerned about having a tractor in the parade."

Although the office asked organizations, including the SGA, for help in paying for the damage, Alumni Affairs, with some help from Dean of Student Affairs Phil Seyde, paid for the tractor, said Rytter.

Keith Gough, Finch’s Agriculture Ser- vices Manager, confirmed the company’s hesitance in giving the tractors to WMC as of December, but the company was not dis- couraged enough to stop donating the tractors.

As for the road permit situation, misin- formation around the field was another way to bring the homecoming events into one main area, said Ryter.

And although Ryter said that the idea was not the best viable option, he said that he went to the SGA in the beginning of the semester for more creative ideas.

According to Ryter, Alumni Affairs has been as active as possible in planning the parade.

The Phoenix would like to amend a story in an article entitled “Mark Honeycutt takes over WMC’s Writing Center” in the September 30 edition. Honeycutt played in the Peach Bowl, not the Rose Bowl.
Alcohol at WMC

MALISSA MORIN  Staff Writer

Across the nation, alcohol related crimes and injuries plague college campuses every year, including our own.

“One or two students have already been hospitalized this year for the effects of excessive drinking,” Scott Kane, director of Residence Life, said, noting that “this number is fairly consistent with the past.”

But perhaps surprisingly, these incidents apparently have not affected the way students perceive alcohol, and a high percentage of students on campus continue to drink in excessive amounts, according to a recent survey done at WMC.

“Students don’t change their opinions [about drinking] because it doesn’t affect you personally, then you don’t think you need to change your behavior,” said Megan Friday, a senior psychology major.

“Right after something occurs, it changes your outlook briefly but not long term.”

Even when incidents do happen on campus, students’ opinions on the dangers of drinking do not change because they “will have the outlook that it could never happen to me,” said Andrew Allen, a junior political science major.

Last April, the college conducted a campus-wide resident satisfaction survey that also included questions about alcohol use.

This survey was also conducted at 159 other colleges and universities across the country.

Results showed that 22 percent of students on this campus claim they do not drink at all, compared to 31 percent nationally.

Kane said that he thought this number was “surprising and impressive.”

On a another note, five students on campus who do drink, 38 percent consume two or more times a week, compared to 26 percent nationally.

Although Kane said that floor parties are on the increase and alcohol use is on the rise, he noted that “there is no hard and fast evidence that there is more drinking generally on campus in the past few years.”

Although Kane said that there have been more floor parties recently, he also noted the decrease in the amount of alcohol violations during the 1998-99 school year compared to past years.

On Friday, October 6, 1998, during the fall semester, there were 250 discipline cases involving alcohol, 247 during the 1997-98 school year, and 240 during the 1996-97 school year.

Friday believes that because “the lack of other entertainment- the college and the city of Westminster provide, students are bound to continue drinking,”

Mitch Alexander, director of College Activities, said that events that are sponsored through his office, usually “not more than 50 students attend,” even though alcohol is sometimes served.

Bonnie Bosley, health education coordinator, said that there are a lot of alcohol education programs sponsored by the college that students must attend.

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After that, students are exposed to programs about Alcohol 101 and Alcohol Awareness Week.

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Despite the Greek reputation for throwing parties, WMC houses some dry organizations. Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma sororities have been dry since their founding, and nationally and Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities also boast the dry label.

By saying they are dry, the fraternity or sorority must keep their living space and their clubroom alcohol free. However, not everyone agrees that the dry label is really making a difference.

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But Kevin Dooley, vice president of Gamma Beta Chi, believes that “there is a consensus over the country that Greeks drink more than non-Greeks because those who tend to join sororities and fraternities usually party more and drink more.”

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WMC plans for more renovations

STAFF WRITER

The major construction that has been ongoing for years is coming to an end. The new science building is finally complete, as is the walkway in front of the Lewis Hall of Science and McDaniel Hall.

The walkway in front of Lewis Hall is to be expanded into the lobby level of the building, which is a major renovation. Seidel said that brick paths will be constructed all the way into campus from Main Street, and the road in front of the campus will be revamped to include a parking lot in the front of Lewis Hall of Science and McDaniel Hall.

The brick paths will add to the look of the campus, and the new road will make it easier for students with cars who are on that side of the campus,” said Seidel.

The design for this construction is completed, and the college is analyzing the bids and the contracts. The work will be complete within the coming year, according to Seidel.

Also in the works is a renovation of the old Lewis building. According to Seidel, the plan is to remove all non-learning space from the building, and the math and computer science departments will occupy the first floor, the second floor will contain computer labs, and the physics department will be housed on the third floor.

The communications and economics departments will relocate from Winslow Hall to Lewis.

The renovations will increase the number of classrooms on campus, they will provide a greater variety of classrooms, and will increase the flexibility of classes, according to Seidel.

The plan is still in the design stages and waiting for budget approval, however, Seidel said that “our goal is to have the buildings completely renovated and ready to go by the Fall 2000 semester.”

Seidel also commented, “All of this is part of an effort to have all of the facilities on campus up to a high quality.”

Renovations that will also affect the entire student body will be an upgrade of the Internet service in the residence halls. The budget committee recommended approved funds for the renovation, and experts are currently being contacted to determine the best technology for the project.

The plan is a direct result of the growth within the last three years of the number of students requiring Internet access on the dole. And, according to Seidel, the work will be done by this year.

Seidel remarked that “renovation is a good thing, because we’re always trying to improve residence life on campus. However, the major renovations are coming to an end.”
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**Carroll County offers meningitis vaccine**

**NEWS**

Joan Lusby, Certified Physician Assistant, commented that they are looking into the possibility of giving the vaccine at Smith House.

She also mentioned that this vaccine will be a requirement for next year's health form.

**Flu shots**

The flu shot will be offered to students by Smith House this fall. Influenza, commonly called the “flu,” can lead to serious complications and even death due to bacterial infections in the respiratory tract.

On October 27 and 28, from 11 am to 1 pm, students and faculty can receive the shot for $5.00 in Emor Lounge.

The flu shot should be taken at least two weeks prior to the start of the influenza season to allow your body to build a defense against the flu. The influenza vaccine must be taken each year.

Most students at WMC live on campus, which makes the residence hall a breeding ground for the influenza virus once someone gets sick.

The flu shot is relatively painless, and you will not experience flu-like symptoms afterwards. It also lessens the effects of a cold.

The flu shot also helps the body fight off any other respiratory infections.

Typical symptoms of the flu include high fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, head aches, muscle aches, and extreme fatigue. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can also accompany the influenza infection.

**The future of the Greek system**

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The incident occurred during a pledging activity, when a female took approximately one bottle of bourbon and had to be hospitalized.

Because of the incident, the names of both organizations were barred from recruiting. All of the chapters work separately for their own benefit.

Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, also believes that since Greeks open a lot more than less than 15% of the population carry the germ, less than 1% of the total population are susceptible to the bacterium and can develop infection of the blood or the fluid around the brain (meningitis). The germ is spread by direct contact with secretions from the nose and throat, such as by kissing, sneezing, and sharing of cigarettes, drink, and food.

Although meningococcal meningitis plagues an estimated three to ten people out of a population of 100,000, it's still an illness to handle with precaution.

Meningococcal meningitis is an extremely serious illness, and those who don’t know us, don’t support us and don’t see the good we do,” said McAleer. Others, like Neal, do not believe the college is supportive enough of the Greek system.

"There are a lot of things the school could do, like help with recruitment, but they just don't do it," said Neal. "The students can't really support the system themselves, they need the school’s help."

In response, Sayre cited three ways, specific to Greek chapters, that WMC lends a helping hand.

First, one staff member from the College Activities Office and Residence Life is assigned to the Greek system. Second, the college promotes the system, said club-room for meetings and other social events. Third, Greeks are provided with housing on campus and are allowed to choose their residence hall.

Lake Page, an independent junior environmental biology major, realizes the good that the Greek organizations do but knows that most people “have the mental picture of the movie ‘Animal House’ when they think of Greek life.”

Although this stereotype is one that Chimock and many Greeks feel, said McAleer, “There are some organizations that could possibly be on the road to extinction,” said Sayre, "but that isn't because the school wants to get rid of them, it’s simply because of their financial situation."

President Chambers believes that if the Greek system on this campus disappears, it is the students’ fault.

“The college would not be worse off without the Greek system,” said Chambers. “But if the students want to keep the system here, then there will be administration support for what the students want to do,” Chambers said.
**COMMENTARY**

**WMC Internet headaches**

I'm sure most of us have sat around in our dorms at 11 pm on a weekend night waiting to get online to do some work. I know I have. I know that just about all my classmates, and neighbors have also. This is one of the biggest problems with the current antiquated Internet system here at WMC.

I know that we have all heard so much about the system already, but as more students have computers in their rooms, it's not going to get any better. Not helping the matter are the over crowded writing centers and computer labs. I have walked by the centers on my way to classes and tried to work on some of my work in the lab in Hoover to no avail. I always see jam-packed labs which just drive me back to my room to try to get online from there. The problem is, I am only a freshman, and I haven't even been around for finals, which I imagine only intensifies the problem.

My friends from other colleges have told me about their extensive networks running all through the dorm areas. I say that they are just jealous of our long wait times and slow speeds.

Edward Schultheis comments on WMC computer delays.

When we finally access the Internet. Recently, however, Information Systems has informed us that they have added more connections for us to access the Internet.

While this is a plus, it still leaves a lot to be desired.

I, already come back from my classes in the afternoon, flip on the computer, and click on the WMCppp connection. To my surprise, the normal 45 people waiting in queue has remarkably dropped to 30 people ahead of me.

While it seems not to be a big number, it can be when you have a report to research, and those 30 people in front of you seem to just trickle away slowly.

When you finally get online, it's a whole other story. It often feels like Chinese water torture, with the excruciatingly slow loading times. But it's all good.

I think I have found the key. Either you have to get on in the morning or you have to wait until all the other normal people have gone to sleep or, at least, have gone off line.

Since it is virtually impossible to get on, the computer system, this can pose a problem to many students who are waiting messages.

Many of my classmates didn't get an email from our professor telling us that class was canceled. Not a huge problem, unless you were one of the ones that just sat in the room for 30 minutes waiting for an email from our professor telling us that class was canceled.

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Do movie stars make good presidential candidates?

The presidential elections are coming up soon. College students everywhere will have to make a decision about who they think should run the country. It seems there are many alternative choices this year, but do these alternative candidates have any chance?

I suppose this phenomenon can be traced back to the irrepressible Jesse Ventura. This auditor turned governor gave us reason to not vote for a politician, and the trend seems to be developing further in the presidential race.

else can really be said? He can make a pretty speech no doubt, but does that mean he will be elected to the nuclear codes? I think not. He seems like a nice enough guy, but does that give him the reign of the free world?

About the same time Beatty made his exploratory comments, a stream of other would-be candidates started sprouting up. I would like to assert that the reasoning for these campaigns is purely marketing and self-promotion.

Kristen G. Fraser discusses celebrities in the presidential campaign. The Republicans.

Those sound like good qualifications, right? Moving on to another high profile possible candidate...

NewswEEK this week profiled Donald Trump and his exploration of the possibility of a presidential run within the Reform Party.

Again, he has set forth no political agenda at this time. He simply seeks up the media attention error of California. This has not been officially discussed yet, but it seems merited.

He completes the group of celebrities that are something more than a coincidence and are possibly developing a trend. This trend of celebrities in the political arena is an interesting turn and seems to only be successful in the 1990's. There really seems to be nothing in common with these celebrities and another famous movie star, Ronald Reagan.

Though Reagan did experience many years in front of a camera in Hollywood, he moved onto political offices in many different areas, such as the governorship of California, before becoming president.

These celebrities are not doing this as a result of the traditional steps followed by Reagan. They have little or no practical political experience to guide their "campaigns."

What, then, is the point? Their personal gains seem fairly obvious at this point. Personal profit and free public relations with the press are quite beneficial to these individuals.

This would not have been possible without the proper American toleration for these statements from Hollywood.

It's a growing trend that Americans are tired with traditional politicians. A new win in Minnesota expresses that strongly.

The fact that such media attention has been given thus far only reemphasizes that American voters are interested in more than the traditional political campaign issues. More traditional candidates should take notice of these celebrities but not because they are a threat.

Public reaction to them shows that they represent a voter sentiment of intolerance of politics as usual.

The most successful presidential candidate might be determined by whom can present ideas in a way that is appealing to most Americans. Now, the celebrities are looking up the limelight, using their fame to draw media attention.

The presidential candidate who can steal the limpette with an issue that is pertinent to Americans could very well win the next election. Learn from the celebrities by getting the attention of the American people.

This campaign has more celebrities than the Oscars, and they all want to be Commander in Chief. And they thought this would be a boring election year!

More traditional candidates should take notice of these celebrities but not because they are a threat.
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commentary

The Pub's four-star dining experience: Journey to the dark side

The intention of the WMC Pub (or Grill, if you’ve had the privilege of having heard that) is to supplement the meal plan and provide a social environment for students. They accomplish this goal only minimally. We need to improve the Pub, for the list of problems is long while the list of benefits is short.

The staff and management of the Pub are a source of much discussion. Where to begin? This subject itself could be the source of a very long tirade. The staff of the Pub exhibits many qualities of incompetence. It is the tendency of the Pub staff to unkindly ascertain the name of the food, if they are not spending their time mumbling or whispering the name in a manner that is impossible to hear. The staff has been known, on more than one occasion, to yell the name quite short-temperedly, in a tone of voice leaving everyone wondering why Charlie Brown’s teacher showed up to work a shift at our humble institution.

Often, the line to place an order is incredibly long, held up by an obviously under-staffed team of workers.

This is usually followed by the wait of as long as an hour for a meal. The average person seems to be about the same.

There are so many qualities of incompetence and so little time.

Let’s imagine a typical scenario for a WMC student anxious to use a fourth meal. We’ll call him “Bob.” He enters the Pub, fills out a form after deciding that there really aren’t any decent food choices on his list. Undaunted, he decides upon the “wings” of some free fries.

After waiting eight minutes to simply hand in his order, Bob walks away from the counter, stocked with his third choice of chips. As he waits for his food, Bob goes out in search of a table. He finally encounters a sticky table, covered with ketchup and mustard of trails. Lovely, isn’t it?

He looks around the Pub, noticing its sparse conditions and lowly decorations. Bob hearkens back to the memories of other college cafeterias where he was filled with a sense of school pride as he walked into their version of the Pub.

Their version was filled with school memorabilia and other indications of school pride.

He remembers old sports memorabilia and pictures of the mascot plastered prominently. Nothing like that can be found here, only green walls.

Starting to feel depressed, Bob is driven to the soda machine to fill his drink. Out of habit, he presses the ice dispenser. Naturally, it is empty. Why should there be ice there?

So, Bob moves on to the big ice container. The unsanitary conditions of dirty, collectable ice weigh on his mind, but he is supposed to be relaxing in the Pub, so he puts thoughts of germs out of his head.

The loud pumping noise rings in Bob’s ears as the soda machine indicates that it needs to be refilled. Undeterred, watery Coke fills his cup.

Bob sits down, contemplative about this break from his typical flat soda in a water way. Of course, Bob knows better than to try the other side. That soda machines is perpetually broken.

A second attempt to avoid depression is made as Bob seeks something that almost sounds like his name being called over the loudspeaker. After responding in a record two and a half seconds, his name is called again, this time impatiently.

Obviously, warp speed is required for picking up food in the Pub.

After receiving a dirty look for the crime of picking up food, Bob returns to his seat. As he is about to start his French fries, he notices that there is no ketchup to be found short of licking it off the table.

So, Bob braces the line AGAIN, and peacefully requests ketchup. Apparently, the ketchup is being hidden behind the counter. Bob finally receives his ketchup and moves on to eat.

It was a good thing he found a table when he did, for now the Pub is completely full. There is little room anywhere in the crowded environment for any more people.

Bob looks forward to refilling his drink. He fills it and gulps down the flat soda.

He wonders why he wastes his time; this would be the tenth time that he could potentially complain about the flatness with little effect.

Finally, Bob experiences an epiphany usually reserved for philosophy class. The Pub staff has no reason to improve, there is no competition. Students are too broke to go off campus for food. What will happen if the uninterested students to complain about poor selection, poor quality soda, or long waits?

Suddenly, his wings don’t look so appealing. And, by the way, they’re cold.

quirks: A parking lot can be dangerous

"Ah, dammit!" I said, slamming the steering wheel.

"What?" Maggie, in the passenger’s seat asked me.

"There are no freaking parking spaces in the Whitford lot!" I groaned and turned around into another row of cars. Maybe a squid magically become free... or not.

"I hate this! There’s never any parking spots in here!" I repeated.

"We could go to the Harrison lot or the one behind Gill," Maggie suggested.

I replied, "I just don’t want to walk that far, especially at night. I pay good money to park on campus, and there should be enough spaces here!"

Maggie shrugged and looked out the window. "There’s one!" she shouted pointing to the far right of the lot. Izoomed over there only to find the space already occupied by a huge fine.

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"What’s that?" Maggie asked.

"Well, freshmen are allowed cars on campus!" I explained.

"But they get around it by making some dumb excuse like they have a job or something. I can see it if’s for a medical condition or something.

"...freshmen are allowed cars on campus, but they are required to park in a special lot about a mile away from campus itself."
Too much personal information available on the Internet

Do you feel safe where you are right now?

Ask this because, as I recently discovered, anyone, anywhere, can find out a lot about you simply by typing your name into a web search engine.

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Jessica Fitzgerald exposes the tangible threat of Internet spying.

I am, I asked what he was doing, to which he proudly responded that he found a way to find a map to anyone's house, provided he was allowed to enter the house. He found out that they were listed in the phone book.

I started playing around and managed to find a high school friend's address, create a map to my boyfriend's college, and calculate the miles from my roommate's home to my uncle's house.

I always thought he was. Obviously, I had every intention to use this information in the most innocent of ways. However, not all people have the same scruples as I.

Some people could really use this information to do serious damage to a person, either physically or emotionally.

I don't know what steps can be taken to make this sort of information harder to get. It may even be impossible.

But, if anyone reading this has any brilliant ideas, please write in and let me know.

Maybe then I can get some decent sleep during the night.
Too many politicians - and the election is a year away!

What is the big deal lately? I have seen enough junk on television about the presidential elections to last me a lifetime. Forbes this, Gore that, Beatty whatever. The only problem is that the elections aren't until November of the year 2000. That is more than a year away! Don't you think it's a little premature to be discussing presidential hopefuls this early in the race?

I was even surprised to see the usually controversial "Politically Incorrect" Bill Maher talking about the presidential race. Citing that he doesn't normally talk about presidential candidates so early, but if they were willing to throw it out for all to see, then he could then start his barrel.

Politics, it seems, has become one of the largest businesses in the "free world" at least.

Edward Schultheis experiences early presidential campaign overload.

a Republican, a Democrat, or maybe even a reform supporter. Perhaps I'm a little bit of everything. My roommate simply jokes that I am going to hell because I am not a Republican. Man, I'm not joking. I thought it would be a hard enough decision to choose between Gore and Bush. Now, however, I have so many other choices such as Forbes, Bradley, Buchanan, Beatty, and Trump.

Oh wait, never mind, I was wrong, it's still just Gore and Bush. Oh, where have you gone Dan Quayle? We need a simple person to cut through all this madness. Maybe we can just have Bill stick around for another four years. Perhaps Hillary can just take over for her husband for the next eight years. By then Chelsea will be old enough, and then she can take over the family business. In any case, it would solve a lot of political problems for sure. The point is simple. There simply is too much madness right now, and it's not even over.

Perhaps it's just that we love elections so much that we want to start a whole year early.

In fact, maybe we should just move the election to next Tuesday just to get it over with. That way we can devote our television and news experience to more thought provoking topics.

The recent spurt of presidential candidates only enhances my notion further. Can we just cut it out? I mean if I wanted to see so much political fluff, I could turn on my roommate's wall and see George W. Bush stickers, and he even has part of the Steve Forbes online poll, which I am sad to say that I joined.

I mean really, Warren Beatty for president? Donald Trump? By the time they get out of office, they would have gone through four first ladies. It seems that every single movie star with money thinks they can take over the White House.

Warren Beatty for president? Donald Trump? By the time they get out of office they would have gone through four first ladies.

November 2000 is still more than a year away. So Gore moved to Nashville. So Bush did inhale. So what? This might be the first election I can vote in, but I am sick and tired of seeing all this junk far away from the election. My only consolation probably will be by next year they won't have enough dirt on the candidates to run.

Oh, nevertheless, it's politics, what is my thinking?

Pat Buchanan can't catch a break

In his new book, A Republic, Not an Empire, Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan makes the argument that the United States should have no involvement in World War I. He contends that the United States had no important national security interests in the conflict and so should have stuck with a policy of "isolationism." Buchanan doesn't stop there. He goes even further; saying that if the United States had not become a participant in World War I then the war most likely would have ended in a bloody stalemate.

So, Buchanan claims that World War II would never have been fought because the German people would not have had so much fear and resentment of the Allies.

Thus, Adolf Hitler would not have had the opportunity to rise to power by playing upon the fear and anger of the German people.

Needless to say, critics of Buchanan are taking this opportunity to pander to the fear and anger of the German people.

Bill stick around for another four years. Perhaps Hillary can just take over for her husband for the next eight years. By then Chelsea will be old enough, and then she can take over the family business. In any case, it would solve a lot of political problems for sure. The point is simple. There simply is too much madness right now, and it's not even over.

Perhaps it's just that we love elections so much that we want to start a whole year early.

In fact, maybe we should just move the election to next Tuesday just to get it over with. That way we can devote our television and news experience to more thought provoking topics.

The recent spurt of presidential candidates only enhances my notion further. Can we just cut it out? I mean if I wanted to see so much political fluff, I could turn on my roommate's wall and see George W. Bush stickers, and he even has part of the Steve Forbes online poll, which I am sad to say that I joined.

I mean really, Warren Beatty for president? Donald Trump? By the time they get out of office, they would have gone through four first ladies. It seems that every single movie star with money thinks they can take over the White House.
JENN ROSS AND ERIK JERINGAN

Former WMC student and director of the Gospel Choir Eric Byrd has just released his solo debut CD entitled, "The Fire Within."

According to Byrd, he waited so long to release an album because "it was a long time before I realized I had anything legitimate to say that would warrant a record."

Byrd describes his style as a combination of blues, gospel, and contemporary jazz. This mixture, rather than staying within any one style, simply "made the most sense to me."

Musical inspiration came at the early age of seven, after seeing Ray Charles on TV. "I'd never seen anything like Ray Charles in my seven years of life. He has the perfect marriage between his voice and his instrument."

After watching Ray Charles sing "Abraham, Martin and John," during a Martin Luther King Tribute, Byrd decided he wanted to play the instrument Ray Charles did.

His family supported his love for music. He began playing the piano at eight years old when his father brought one home.

Byrd remembers that after he expressed his interest in the piano to his father, the rest happened quickly. "The piano was in our house before my mother knew he was going to buy it."

Byrd grew up in Willingboro, NJ, which is "kind of a hip area to be from." While at Willingboro High School, a WMC admissions representative described a school that sounded perfect to Byrd.

He filled out an application for early admission on the spot, the only college application he filled out. His decision to apply to WMC was, in his mind, driven by a higher power. "God has a sense of humor. God will prepare you and order your steps."

Byrd originally wanted to be a journalist but "was distracted by music." He played piano for the first-ever WMC Jazz Night and made a name for himself in the music department.

After graduating in 1993, he was recruited to come back to WMC in 1994 to direct the Gospel Choir. Initially, Byrd turned the job down because he did not think he was qualified for it.

Eventually, when he was offered a pass to park anywhere on campus, he agreed to take the job. The new responsibilities were difficult.

Byrd's words, "It's not easy being green."

Byrd's favorite parts of his role as choir director are his students and the ability of the music to create a bond between everyone involved.

Ondercin wins accounting honor

JODY ULLERY

Recently, one more name was added to the list of outstanding people at WMC. Senior Lubomir Ondercin, a business-economics major who excels in accounting, is the recipient of the "1999 Outstanding Achievement in Accounting Award" given by the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

Ondercin was selected for this award by Ms. Susan Milstein and Ms. Sue Singer. Milstein chose Ondercin over all other candidates because "he is the best! He is an outstanding accounting student with a very high average in accounting as well as in total GPA."

Ondercin dedicates his achievement to "long hours over the accounting books." He also acknowledges the wide range of accounting programs offered by WMC for making him well prepared for future employment in accounting.

Ondercin is involved in many community service projects as well as several student organizations on campus.

He has been an active member of the International Club for three years. He recently joined Sigma Phi Epsilon. He also volunteers to do one of the most dreaded things that Americans must do each spring.

Yes, that's right, he helps with their income taxes! He is a participant of VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

In the distant future, Ondercin hopes to go to graduate school. After graduation, he plans to move to New York and work for an investment or accounting firm.

Ondercin listens to his father's words. "Expose as many people to the music as possible."

Eric Byrd performs the first weekend of every month at "Chameleon" on Main St. in Westminster.

His Gospel Choir has a concert Dec. 4 in Alumni Hall at 7:30 pm. To hear more from Byrd, purchase his CD at the WMC Book Store for $12.

Or visit his web site http://www.ericrobyrd.com to download music samples and order the CD.

Glar-cipes!

Tips for making cool, fun foods at Glar

FRED KAROS

Pita Pizza
1. Take one toasted pita or bagel, and cover in pasta tomato sauce.

2. Sprinkle with cheese of your choice, be it feta from the salad bar or deli cheese.

3. Besides that, you can add just any combination of tasty ingredients that you can think of, except maybe bean sprouts.

   Here are a few options: lunch meat, pepperoni, peppers, mushrooms, onions, olives.

4. Sprinkle with garlic powder and oregano, which are at the pasta bar.

5. To cook, either microwave it or ask a Glar employee to place it in the pizza oven.

Pasta Salad
1. Get plain pasta, found at the pasta bar.

2. Sprinkle with cheese, and add with any combination of the following: shredded carrot, tomato slices, onion, olives, deli meat, cabbage.

3. Add dressing of your choice from the salad bar, and toss.

Fruit and Cream Cooler
1. Mix canned peaches, pears, or apples from the fruit bar with honey, which is found in the hot beverage area.

2. Then pour regular or flavored creamer over the top. You can also squeeze lemon juice over the cream, but be aware that this will make the cream chunky.

3. Lastly, sprinkle with cinnamon, which is located at the pasta bar.

Fizzy Yogurt Cooler
1. Pour soda of choice over a glass of frozen yogurt, ice cream, or sherbert.

Caffeine Cooler
1. Mix coffee, chocolate ice cream, creamer, and a packet of sugar.

Angel Food Surprise
1. Pour creamer over a slice of angel food or other unfrosted cake.

2. Sprinkle with cinnamon.
**Rat’s Web by Anne Butler**

Ah, the 80’s. Most of us grew up in that decade. And most of us grew up with the cartoons of the 80’s. Now you can relive those days through the World Wide Web. I now present Part 1 of the Toons series: 80's Toons!

**“He-Man”** is the preeminent cartoon from the early and mid-80’s. It made over a billion dollars in its five year rise to the top. The effeminate Prince Adam turns into the manly He-Man and battles the evil Skeletor. This also includes She-Ra information.

He-Man.org - Great site, tons of info
http://www.he-man.org

The He-Man Page - has some of the cheesier morals, but not as much info
http://www.speakeasy.org/ohh/heman.htm

Cringer’s He-Man Site - Doesn’t look like much, but great info
http://www.west.gn.net/eterna/he-man.html

And who can forget those anthropomorphic feline wonders, the “Thundercats”?

Erit’s Thundercats Stuff! - sounds too much
http://members.yahoo.com/qqzzd0927/tcats/index.html

Thundercat’s Oblivion - nifty stuff!
http://www.seas.columbia.edu/~ecm19/tcats.html

One of the preeminent girls’ shows was lots of pies and earrings, and the Holograms.”

http://members.aol.com/cakkari/rindex.html

The Starlight Jukebox - a complete collection of the songs from Jem
http://www.pangaea.ca/~fudge/jem.html

And here are some links to some other shows of the 80’s: “GI Joe,” “Fat Albert,” “Inspector Gadget,” and “Rainbow Brite.”

The Ultimate GI Joe Cartoon Website - lots and lots of info!
http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/Set/4151/

Fat Albert’s Hood - lots of nice stuff, including icons
http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/Network/1848/

Go Go Gadget - find out what Dr. Claw really looked like!
http://gogogadget.simplenet.com/index2.html

Welcome to Rainbow Land! - nice info and lots of pics
http://members.aol.com/ekakkari/rindex.html

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**WMC Entertainment Box**

**WMC Shuttle Schedule**

No car? No problem.
You no longer need to spend all weekend stuck in your dorm room. The WMC shuttle will begin Saturday, September 18 and run every Saturday during the semester, with the exception of fall and Thanksgiving break. According to Terry Page in College Activities, the shuttle will pick students up in front of Campus Safety beginning at 12:00 pm. There will be a pick-up every hour until the last pick-up at 9:00 pm.
The shuttle will drop off and pick up students at the following locations: Main Street in Westminster, Cranberry Mall, Owings Mills Metro, and Owings Mills Mall. There is no need for a reservation, and the shuttle operates on a first come, first serve basis.

**Local Movie Theaters**

Hoyt’s Cranberry Mall, Westminster:
Phone: (410) 857-1410
Prices: Adults are $6.00 before 6:00 pm & $7.75 after 6:00 pm

General Cinema, Owings Mills:
Phone: (443) 384-0081
Prices: Adults are $5.50 before 6:00 pm & $8.00 after 6:00 pm

Lowes Valley Center 9, Owings Mills:
Phone: (410) 363-4194
Prices: Adults are $5.00 before 6:00 pm & $7.75 after 6:00 pm

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Just for you, we went to Baltimore. You, too, can have an adventure—just follow our lead.

Get a map of Baltimore City at the Information Desk, and make your own fun day trip.

We decided to start with high culture and work our way down. Our first stop was the Walters Art Gallery, located at 600 N. Charles Street. The $3 student admission price was a small price to pay for all the treasures the Walters holds.

The Walters boasts many spectacular works of art. Start off in the Palazzo, where you will find an overview of the history of world art.

From there move on to the Hakeman House, also known as the Asian Art Wing, which holds Chinese, Japanese, and Korean art. The Hakeman House also includes a cafe and a gift shop.

Beginning October 26, you can experience art from the Middle Ages through Monet in the “Vive la France” exhibit.

The Walters are open today from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday, and 11:00 am until 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, be sure to take advantage of free admission from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The museum is closed on Monday.

The Walters had our artistic juices flowing so much that we decided to continue exploring high culture at the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA), located on Art Museum Drive, and North Charles Street.

Most of our time was spent admiring the works of Monet, Renoir, and Manet in the “Faces of Impressionism” exhibit, which will be showing until January 2000.

Another exhibit you should be sure to visit is “Robes of Deliverance: Ritual Garments of the Buddhists of Japan,” which will be showing until the end of February 2000.

The BMA is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm and Thursday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm. Sunday hours are from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm, and the museum is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Admission is only $4 for students with ID, so make sure to bring yours if you want to save a couple of extra bucks.

We made the transition from art to film when we stopped in the Inner Harbor to watch part of the taping of a new John Waters film.

Speaking of waters, we had great fun at the National Aquarium in Baltimore watching the fish swim and the dolphins play in the new “Coastal Connections” dolphin show.

You should be sure not to miss “Venom: Striking Beauties,” an exhibit featuring venomous snakes, spiders, and fish, because it will only be around for a few more months.

Admission to the Aquarium is $14, but well worth it.

Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, Friday from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm.

All this culture and fun was building up an excitement, you will surely be tired by the time you leave the museum. Make sure you have appetizers and drinks at the bar.

If you don’t get there early, you may have to wait up to an hour and a half for a table.

Never fear, because you can either explore the one hundred-plus stores in the mall, or if you’re over 21, have appetizers and drinks at the bar.

We, of course, chose to shop. Who can pass up spending quality time and money at J. Crew, Bath & Body Works, and the Gap?

Once we were seated at the Cheesecake Factory, we knew why we had to wait. This popular restaurant serves over two hundred dishes, ranging from pasta, seafood, steak, sandwiches, and of course their delicious cheesecake.

They make over 55 different varieties of cheesecake! Most tables enjoy a scenic harbor view. If you don’t get a window seat, the soft art deco decor makes a soothing backdrop for your meal.

Come prepared, as it is easy to get tempted to splurge. The average price for most meals is $10, but the portions are so large you will surely need a doggie bag.

You can burn off the extra calories by walking over to ESPN Zone where you can test your skill on one of their many simulated sports games. Game cards can be purchased in increments of $5 for 15 game points.

Most games are 15 to 20 points per hour or half-hour of play—yes, some games do last that long.

If sports are not your thing, travel over to Fells’ Point for shopping or other recreational activities.

There are many unique gift shops and clothing stores. Music lovers must be sure not to miss The Sound Garden, which has a large selection of new and used CD’s, including hard-to-find favorites in every genre.

As far as the bars go, take your pick. Make sure to stop in at Maxx’s on Broadway which has 143 beers on tap. Just be sure not to go alone, and be responsible.

After such a jam-packed day of excitement, you will surely be tired and maybe out of cash.

If you take the WMCA shuttle, make sure to get back to the Owings Mills Metro station before 9:00 pm or else you will be “S.O.L.”

Hey! The Phoenix has student creative writing on the next page.

If you want to be published in the Phoenix, contact Sarah at x8386
**Spotlight on WMC's creative talent: two campus writers**

**Traffic/ Lisa Dale Van Aukén**

"You'll stop traffic, kid," they said. And with her bouncy blond hair, her big green eyes, and her long, lean body, she never doubted it.

When she was 15, a heavy black woman in a black Buick, which looked as if it belonged to the Anti-sweatshop movement and had a hot pink business card, was looking for models. Her father almost laughed at the woman, as he explained, "Karen, honey, the modeling type isn't for you."

Karen's momentary flattery faded. She had not seen her father in years. They had a difference of opinion, of... lifestyle.

Now, she sneered sarcastically, "Back to the sunlight as it screamed at her hotly from rolled her eyes at him, and watched. He had called, and the beeping on her watch had to follow the Dead. And it was great: it was school by now, but she had forgone college didn't matter if she talked to herself. No one could see her counterpart leaning on her seat, laughing and prodding his buddy's back with an elbow.

"Baby, Baby," he said out the window, his mirrored sunglasses settled on the bridge of a hulking nose, beneath his short brown hair. She wondered if he was a football player or some sort of athlete. He might not have been. She really had no reason to think he was of any sort. Baby, not let me go? She ignored him.

"I'm talking to ya, Baby." She knew she shouldn't answer. "I just wanna know why you wouldn't let me go? My grandfather's gravel roadway and around the corner. "I'm talkin to ya, Baby." She knew she wouldn't answer. "I just wanna know why you wouldn't let me go? My grandfather's...?"

That was where she went wrong, when she started forting her impulses....

**Time/ Jay Levy**

"Time... what does it all mean? How does it affect a single soul, over the course of all that lies beyond—a great and endless expiration?"

"Nothingness, a void? Questions, questions with no answers, just more questions. Each one trailing through my head, more complicated than before. How can I solve anything in this state, in this time?"

"I have no idea."

"The answers won’t come."

He gulped by in seconds, but lasted an eternity.

"What can I do," he said aloud.

No answer came.

"Lovely, no one else knows of a solution either."

His tone of voice was cynical; he was trying to upset his environment. His name was Kozox; Sir Longworth was what he wished to be called. His ancient face showed pain and mass suffering, not age.

Long nights without sleep caused circles to crawl up under his grayish eyes. Snow colored hair trickled down the front of his chin, appearing to be neatly combed and trimmed. His bald head glistened with a dull green hue, partly from the ceiling above, but mostly simply sat and sipped his tea. The herd-soaked liquid was hot. It burned his tongue and scarred the back of his mouth as he drank. Yet he hardly noticed. He turned, took his cup like a squad grasping his pray, shuffling the burning sensations in his mouth away.

His voice erupted, "What?" He snickered at his own remark, but still no answer arose from around him.

The coffee shop in which he sat had a natural look. The use of greens, browns, and tans reminded him of so many places that he'd seen and visited.

The colors brought back so many memories; he remembered being the send voice in Jefferson’s ear as the American Constitution was born. He could remember being at McKinley’s side as the last few words slipped from his lips; but mostly, the memories of sitting on Gettysburg Hill, before the great battle, jumped to the front of his mind.

He saw great death that day, more than in his entire life. The pain still haunted him; he should have fixed it; why oh why did he let the battle rage on.

"What a horrid time, but at least now its over, at least for them," he murmured. Sudden- ly, he stopped, smiled and continued, "You’re not all right. Nothing... that’s right, nothing is the answer. I can only hope that isn’t all there is, however."

He stopped at sipped his tea once more. He looked here from all around, to read, to write or just to socialize. Longworth placed his tea down, and sat back in his chair, stretching his muscles and glaring over the crowd. He noticed that lack of spirit from around him, all was quiet and still. However, he continued aloud.

"What is there for me? I have done so much in my time, been influenced more than I ever dreamed to be."

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"I've travelled the world over on many occasions, on the Viking ships that conquered the Celtic, on the mighty Mayflower that founded this very land. Even on the comfortable cruise ship that lost its tragic fight with an famed iceberg."

"Why, I've even travelled off this rock of a planet, to other places of existence not yet known to man. I've walked on the dusty terrain of this moon; on the scorching surface of our star; I froze in the polar caps of Mars, only to thaw at the end of the universe. Cruel gods..."

"I ask you again, what is the answer for me?"

He lifted his head at glanced at the opposite wall. Still no answer. He noticed a picture, a painting of a wondrous creature from space.

Are we alone? he thought.

His tone was both sarcastic and full of hate.

The damn universe will never be alone. Hate, fear, love, pain, all and each will sustain life, and death.

He rose from his chair and pushed it in, gabbled his cane and left the half-full cup of tea. Longworth’s table was the last in the store, and he would have to walk through the crowd to reach the exit. Again the crowd didn’t move. In fact they didn’t move anymore, and lord knows when they would again.

Violet corpses lay at the tables, in their original chairs. Most lay hunched over, their thick blood on the tables and floors. Peaceful, in a way. Some bodies lie back in their chairs, eyes showing torment and pain. Others had faces not even death could look upon. All hair was the same color of white, along with the color of the pale, bloodless skin.

Longworth simply walked through and held out an old, yet strong hand to open the door. It seemed the old man had not noticed what was there, but he did.

In his time he had become immune to the effect of the dead; the images no longer played disgusting over his mind. No, his uneastness was lost to him during the second of earth war, during the time of the Holocaust. Insensitivity to death was a hard thing to gain, but for Longworth it was about time. He paused.

"Are you— do you know the answers?" He turned, searching for an answer one last time. All he received was the image of the recently dead.

I guess not.

Sighing, he opened the door. However, the cold hand of the afterlife wasn’t through in its fatal mission yet. Longworth turned again.

Eyes, Evil eyes started through empty corpuses. Each dead being sat upright, head turned to meet the gaze of the leaving immortal. A green hue erupted from the empty sockets, the green color of death.

Mouths moved in slow, bulky gestures. Voices of the dead sounded, all with sadness, screaming and with no rhythm. Longworth heard nothing.

So he turned away from the petrifying stare, then glanced again. The bodies had returned to their living state. Their artificial afterlife was gone. They were lucky; they were not beyond Longworth’s help, even if they couldn’t help him. Their artificial afterlife was gone.

"Alas, No, Questions remain, answers are lost. Time has been wasted here; I must travel elsewhere now; my questions must be answered."

With those words, Kozox continued his journey.
Reversal of Fortunes In The NFL, Yankees and Red Sox Play Backyard Ball

Hello again, sports fans, and welcome to the latest installment of my rather headstrong rantings and ruminations about the world of pro-athletics known as "The Sports View.

First, let's take a look at the NFL. This is a season with more twists and turns than that stretch of I-79 outside of Pittsburgh. What a year! Who would have guessed that the only team undefeated thus far would be... the St. Louis Rams?!?

In the WNIT, that alludes to the apparent coming of the apocalypse, the Rams, who have lost over 95 times in 1990's, are now the most dominant team in the league.

It is not like the Rams are barely getting by either; this team has been beneficiary of many a lapsided score this year. Now I know what you're thinking, "this is just the outcome of some poor schlib selling his soul to the devil in order to see his or her team have one great season. (Very "Damy Yankees" style for all you Broadway fans out there.)"

I think in the case of a good coach like St. Louis' Dick Vermeil being allowed to build a contending team from the ground up without any meddling from the front office and with the support of the fans.

Ravens fans take heart, maybe you can be like the Rams someday. (I believe that is the first time I ever advised anyone to be "like the Rams." Jeez, what is this world coming to anyway?)

Speaking of advising people about football, before the season, I would have advised anyone, and everyone, to put their money on either the Broncos or the Falcons to win the Superbowl this year.

In a strange bit of irony that only a masochist would appreciate, both these teams are experiencing some terrible luck that is making winning a game difficult.

Both teams have lost their star running backs to injuries and have had to rely upon inexperienced back-up quarterbacks due to the retirement or injury of the starters from last year.

Nobody could have seen the fall of these teams to have happened so soon after their success. If there is to be a lesson learned from this, it is that any team must have capable back-ups at all skill positions in today's era of constant injuries.

Remember playing baseball in your backyard as a kid? Whenever we did not have enough players, we would use "ghost runners." You know, as place fillers that would be only able to move up if knocked in by a human hit.

Well, bring this up because apparently the Red Sox are using ghosts runners in their American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees. I could tell because the Yankees can seemingly tag mid-air and cause an out. The only way I can explain this is due to Boston's use of ghost runners.

It is this or the umpires are grossly negligent in their calls in this series, and we know American League umpires are always flawless, right?... right?

Well, that's about it for this installment of "The Sports View," but before I go, I want to send out some get well wishes to Darren Drozdoc.

Known as "Droz" in the WWF wrestling organization, this former stand-out at the University of Maryland and former member of the Denver Broncos, was injured during a match a few weeks ago.

In this match, Drozdoc sustained injuries to his neck and spine and has lost feeling in his lower body and legs.

Drozdoc is said to be conscious and in good spirits and will be soon entering rehab for his injuries. Doctors are still unsure whether the paralysis will be permanent or not.

I think I speak for all readers of this column when I send out prayers and wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Drozdoc and his family. Until next time, I will see you in the cheap seats.

Cross Country runs to a national ranking

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

For the first time in school history, the Western Maryland College women's cross-country team earned national ranking as they received the number five spot in the NCAA Mideast region coaches' poll.

The top three teams in this poll go to the national championships on November 20. The team has won three of their five invitational this year. Sophomore Jill Krebs has set school records, winning three goal medals and two silvers this season.

Krebs finished fifth in a field of 238 at the Dickinson Invitational, leading the Lady Terrys to their second best overall finish ever and their best since 1991.

Krebs finish was the best individual performance since the silver metal win by Kendra Weible in 1991.

The team's overall standing was also helped by sophomores Diana Pool in 27th place and Jayne Karlow in 28th place.

The WMC men's cross-country team came in 26th out of 28 teams at the Dickinson Invitational. Senior Brendan Henderson finished 120th of 215 to lead the Terrors.

Volleyball victorious despite key injury

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Green Terror volleyball team finished fourth at its own tournament, partly due to an injury suffered by all-leaguer Brianne Bray. Bray injured her ankle in a first round 3-1 win over Bridgewater (15-8, 9-15, 15-6, 15-12) and sat out the rest of the tournament.

The Terror defeated Eastern 3-0 (15-8, 15-13, 15-12) before falling to Gettysburg, 3-0.

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The Sports View

CHRIS ANASTASIA
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Men's Soccer Buzzes Beaver, 3-0

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team fell to Johns Hopkins by a score of 5-0. The Terror never even challenged Hopkins goalie Charles Huang, as Huang had no saves in the shutout win.

Earlier, the Terror shut out Albright 2-0.

Jon Pitonko, a senior playing his first year of collegiate soccer, came off the bench to break the tie early in the second half with his first collegiate goal.

Captain Ryan Bowles added the second goal late in the game.

Swarthmore upset the Terror at home a few weeks back by a score of 3-2. Darren Wolf and Charlie Lefever had goals for the Terror in the loss.

Gosline Ryan Deiflauge recorded another shutout in a 3-0 victory over Beaver College at home. Wolf, Bowles, and Tom Long all had goals for the Terror.

The Terror also dropped games to Franklin and Marshall, 1-0, and to Gettysburg, 3-0.

A Terror kicks his way to a team victory.

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Don't forget about WORLD AIDS DAY, December 1st 1999
Since she was a child, Beth Blasi has played soccer. At first, she didn’t like the sport, but it has grown on her.

It is a good thing for Western Maryland’s soccer team that she stuck with it.

The Columbia, Maryland, product was the conference co-player of the year in 1997, and is having another incredible season.

She has already been named the Centennial Conference player of the week twice and has received many accolades in her four years on the woman’s soccer team.

Many of her achievements were exemplified on an October 7 home game against Swarthmore.

In the 6-0 victory, Blasi registered her fourth career hat trick and set a school record with at least one goal in eight consecutive games.

Her play goes beyond personal goals as the team set two school record with its eighth consecutive win and fifth shutout in a row.

According to Blasi, she loves the fast pace and intensity of the game.

Many fans see her as an aggressive, fast player, which is evident in her league leading fourteen goals this season.

Her influence goes beyond the scorer’s book, as shown by the team’s success this season.

She says that the team is very young, but is enjoying a school record eight game winning streak and a tie for first-place in the conference.

Her goals include helping the team continue their current success and possibly the NCAA championships down the road.

She doesn’t have a favorite game or moment in her career, but considers it all a very good experience.

An exceptional athlete, she played both soccer and lacrosse in high school and at WMC.

Off the field, Blasi is working toward a degree in physical therapy and exercise science, and she hopes to compete in some co-ed soccer and lacrosse leagues in the future.

She loves the game and is looking forward to future success for the team and herself.

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Women’s Soccer

In spite of the Villa Julie loss, senior sweeper Meghan Giorno explained that the wins are, “Building momentum because we were getting pumped up. Being number one, tied with Gettysburg and 6 [wins] and 0 [losses] in the conference feels great.”

In preparation for upcoming games, Giorno explained that the team is focusing on “maintaining possession as a team and a lot of teamwork,” which has been exemplified by 30 of the team’s 36 goals being assisted.

The Green Terror is now tied for first place with Gettysburg, who they face in their last game of the season. Johns Hopkins, who was also tied for first, lost in a conference match versus Gettysburg, thus being knocked out of the top.

The Terror still has to defeat Franklin and Marshall Wednesday at 4 pm in Westminster and then face Hopkins on Homecoming at 11 am at home. The Terror is in a position to take the conference because of the tight defense and strong goalkeeping that has allowed only 10 goals in 12 games.

Offensively, they have Blasi as the go-to player with almost half (17 of 36) of the team’s goals and seven others have shown that they can get the ball in the net, too.

Field Hockey Upsets Johns Hopkins, 1-0

An upset-minded Terror team took the field against Johns Hopkins this past Monday and handed the Blue Jays their first conference loss by an overtime score of 1-0. Goalie Jessica Horwath made 15 spectacular saves in regulation to force overtime and allow freshman Kate Facciponti to score the game winner 19 seconds into the overtime period.

The Terror fell to Goucher by a 4-2 score this past week. Horwath had 10 saves in the loss, and Kerry Wilson and Stephanie Peery each had a goal in the contest.

The Terror also dropped a 2-0 game against Bryn Mawr. Horwath had 13 saves in the loss.

Nationally ranked Gettysburg handed the Terror a 5-1 loss two weeks ago. Sarah Fogler scored the lone Terror goal, and Horwath had 12 saves in the defeat.
Statistics as of Oct. 17, 1999

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Terror football destroys Dickinson, almost fumbles Muhlenberg

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Throughout Centennial Conference history, no team has had more wins or conference titles than Dickinson. However, the torch for Centennial Conference dominance has just been passed to the Green Terror. Just in case you live in a cave, the Terror football team has won 25 straight regular season games.

Included in that consecutive game streak are two Centennial Conference titles and two playoff trips. If the Terror won this season against Dickinson, the current senior class would be the only people, from any school, to go undefeated against Dickinson in Centennial Conference history.

The game, played at Dickinson's Biddle Field, was extremely one-sided. The Terror's Brent Sandrock started the game off by kicking deep into Dickinson territory, and the kickoff coverage team kept the Red Devils inside their own 25 yard line.

On Dickinson's first play from scrimmage, freshman Kurt Simpson knocked the ball loose from the Dickinson running back, and sophomore Brian Fogelsonger picked it up. After only two offensive plays, senior quarterback and two time Centennial Conference offensive player of the year, Ron Sermarini connected with junior flanker Matt Jackson for the score.

After a brief possession by Dickinson, the Terror began a long drive which was capped off by a touchdown run from junior running back Joe Kendroski.

The game remained one-sided throughout, as Dickinson was never able to mount any offense. That can be attributed to the Terror defense more than any problems with Dickinson's offense.

The Terror offense was on point as well, since touchdown's were scored by Sermarini, Jamie Harris, and two by Terror powder. The final score was 42-0.

A football season is long, and teams go through emotional extremes. The differences between the last two games were ridiculous. Two weeks before their overpowering dominance at Dickinson, the Terror had a scare at Muhlenberg. The Terror scored first on a short pass from Sermarini to Powell.

After that score, the offense sputtered. Muhlenberg quickly took advantage and scored twice before the half. It was the first time that the Terror had trailed in the regular season in the last two and a half years.

The team continued to trail throughout the third quarter and most of the fourth. The Terror defense came up big at these points and kept Muhlenberg off the scoreboard.

Eventually, the offense took a cue from the defense and mounted their comeback.

Sermarini led a late drive which spanned 99 yards. On a long third down play, sophomore Chris Hamilton caught a 19 yard pass across the middle to keep the drive alive.

Then, 29 yards out of the end zone, the Terror threw a jump ball pass to Powell, who easily caught the pass over the much smaller defensive back for the score.

The game appeared to be heading into overtime when Sermarini hit Powell from 36 yards out with the game winning pass and only 56 seconds left on the clock.

This win is very important for the Terror. The squad has made the playoffs for two straight years but then lost. The Terror haven't had a close regular season game in the past two and a half years.

Perhaps this nail-biting win will help the Terror cope with tougher post-season opponents, providing they make it again this season.

Women's Soccer Bashes Bryn Mawr 8-0, 9th straight win

AMY BITTINGER
Staff Writer

On Saturday in women's soccer action, the Green Terror (9-3 6-0) unloaded its offense in an 8-0 victory over conference foe Bryn Mawr. This increases several Terror records broken this season including consecutive wins at 9 and consecutive shutouts at 6.

The first goal, which turned out to be all that was needed to secure the victory, came in the second minute of play by senior Marci Short who received a pass from sophomore Trucye Castor.

Just three and a half minutes later, senior Beth Blasi, last week's All Conference player of the week, scored her first of three, off of a pass from senior Alaina Herndon. This goal increased Blasi's personal record of consecutive scoring games to 9. Blasi got her second goal later in the half, which ended with a fourth goal by Castor.

Four more goals in the second half, including Blasi's third at the 50 minute mark of the game, gave her a third hat trick for the year.

The defense didn't see much action because Bryn Mawr had only five shots in the game. But, junior goalie Becca Lyter had one outstanding save to increase her record shutout streak to 410 minutes and 29 seconds.

The day before the scoring barrage, the Green Terror was held scoreless in the 45 remaining minutes of the September 9th game against non-Conference team Villa Julie.

The game on September 9th was postponed after the first half, at which time Villa Julie was up 2-0, because of lightning. However, the loss is counted toward September 9th and not October 15, thus the winning streaks continue.

In the game, the Terror held Villa Julie nearly shotless with two and had 14 shots of its own but couldn't get any in the goal.

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A Lady Terror runs past the competition.
Updated Email system makes communication quicker, safer

MALISSA MORIN
Staff Writer

Do you ever find yourself waiting for what seems like forever to log onto your college provided email account?

Well, your troubles are over, according to Christine Mathews, director of Information Services.

On Sunday, October 24, 1999, the college temporarily disabled the computer network and instituted a change in hardware for the college provided email.

The change comes after a lot of frustrations and problems with the old hardware. According to Mathews, the previous server was "a lot older and needed to be changed."

Instead of the ns server, which the school purchased before anyone currently attending the college was here, the school is now using a server called opus.

Mathews called the switch "a faster, better server."

Before the change, students, faculty, and staff were all on the ns server.

The plan was to put faculty and staff on one server and students on another server.

Currently, faculty and staff are still on the ns server while all student accounts have successfully been changed to opus.

Mathews did note, however, that faculty and staff will soon be moved to opus but on a separate piece of hardware.

Information Services had
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Campus debates binge drinking trend

MIKE STOKES
Staff Writer

Another alcohol poisoning incident occurred last Saturday, October 23, on the college campus. The poisoning took place in Rouzer Hall and involved a male resident.

According to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the student has since recovered from the incident.

The aforementioned incident was not the first on campus this semester, nor was it the second. However, there is a question as to how many alcohol poisonings have occurred to date.

Webster’s search of Campus Safety reports on their database revealed that the incident was the first on campus this semester.

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Ghost Sonata actors, designer recognized

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

Three students from the WMC theatre department were nominated to compete in regional competitions during the American College Theatre Festival Jan. 13-16, 2000, at Clarion College, Pa., for their roles in Ghost Sonata.

Students Erika Roskowiiski and Lyrique Webster were nominated for their acting roles and hope to win the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, a prestigious award which provides financial assistance to outstanding student performers.

The Irene Ryan Foundation presents 16 regional awards and $500 scholarships to each winner at a regional ACTF competition.

Winners of regional awards then go on to compete for two national awards with $2500 scholarship at the National Festival in Washington, D.C.

Also recognized, Cassie Domser received a Certificate of Merit for Costume Design and will present her designs at ACTF for the Barbizon Award for Theatrical Design Excellence in Scenic, Costume, or Lighting Design.

Roskowiiski, a senior theatre major, is a second time nominee. "I was shocked partly because I didn’t have a large part and because I didn’t have a large part and because
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WMC celebrates Chambers’ 15th year

President reflects on his years of service

EDIN S. HOWARD
Senior Writer

When Dr. Robert H. Chambers first became president of Western Maryland College in 1984, he “didn’t have a clue” as to what to expect.

“No one tells you how to do these jobs,” he admitted in a recent interview.

Now 15 years later, it is clear that Chambers has more than a “clue” about how to run a college. In fact, in honor of the 15 year anniversary of his inauguration, the campus community has planned a semester long celebration of his achievements as president.

The various celebrations, jokingly referred to as “The year of Bob,” by Chairman of the Board of Trustees James Melhorn, include the surprise presentation of a $300,000 Presidential Endowment Fund in Chambers’ name at the Founders Society Dinner in September and the campus-wide special program to be held at the November 8 First Thursday.

“We’re not celebrating me so much as we’re celebrating the college and what has happened over a period of time that has been very good for us,” said Chambers of the festivities.

Other members of the campus community believe Chambers’ accomplishments are well worth celebrating. [See related article on page 3]

The fact is Chambers never expected to be at WMC for 15 years. In fact, as he said, “No college president plans to be at any college for 15 years.”

According to Chambers, the av
Changes improve college email

Junior Eric Brind'amour logs on to the new email system which promises more space and faster responses. The new system, called opus, was installed on October 24.

Hackett and others feel they should have been told prior to the switch.

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Mathews has told students that they do not need to use the word opus in their email address. It should remain as follows: user id@wmc.edu."

The online system is for a web-based email program looks bright, according to Mathews. Right now students are still using pen and paper and facing difficulties like being unable to receive bigger files with pictures and stricter than ns."

"I know this sort of thing is important to the students," said Mathews. "We're not sure when the change will happen, but it will be soon." For now, students will have to be satisfied with pen and their new server, opus."

Changes improve college email

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planned on making the switch from ns to opus during fall break so there would be no inconvenience for students, but the original hardware was believed to have been stolen off a UPS truck.

So, installation had to be pushed back. Preparation for the switch began a week before installation occurred.

Maxine Grotz, systems and network programmer for Information Services, and Wallace Newspaper, programmer/analyst for Information Services, did so much work in preparation, the switch on Sunday went smoothly," said Mathews. "They had to prepare to move more than 3,000 accounts."

Now that the change has been made, students can enjoy a faster machine and increased disk space.

Another criticism of the new system is that students did not feel Information Services gave them much information on the new server and many were confused when they tried to log-on for the first time.

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President Chambers reflects on his personal accomplishments

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"It's hard to organize your schedule in a rational way," he said, admitting that, while he has been an avid runner for over 32 years, he often goes running just to have the opportunity to be alone. He also finds it hard to tell people "no." "Everyone wants something, but there's only so much you can do," he said.

Chambers, who equates his job to being the mayor of a small city, says there are many reasons he loves his job and not all of them are the obvious ones.

It is a surprise to him that with such eclectic tastes - his office contains everything from African and Asian art to college memorabilia to a collection of kitschy coffee mugs - would work with a set of hardware that allows him to do "a little bit of everything." In a single day he might act as teacher, tour guide, and lobbyist.

Nor is it a secret that he simply "enjoys the place," or finds that, "just being here is a pleasure." His attention to the aesthetics of the campus is widely known. But it is surprising that he enjoys the pressure and politics that his job entails.

He spends a great deal of time in Annapolis dealing with state government issues and is a member of various boards and associations, such as the Maryland Independent College and University Association and the Commission on Higher Education's Middle States Association.

Nevertheless, those activities keep him away from the school about which he is so passionate.

"All of these things take time, but I enjoy doing them," he said.

However, when boisterous laughter suddenly erupts from the conference room adjoining his office, interrupting the interview, Chambers turns and says, "Do you see that? I like that. That is how a college should be," making it clear that it is the people he works with who really make his job worthwhile.

His highest priority has been "to bring to the college the best possible people at every level... We've been very lucky. You won't find another college with people like this," he said. "We've got the best."

Other accomplishments which Chambers is particularly proud of include the "extraordinary changes in the look and feel of the campus," the WMC-Budapest program, and the $40 million Defining Moment Capital Campaign.

"I view it as part of my job to make this college stand out from the rest," says Chambers.

He believes that overseeing Hoover Library, the science center, the addition to Levine Hall, as well as establishing the first American college in Budapest, Hungary, and spearheading the college's first major fundraising effort, have made WMC more distinctive.

Yet, Chambers still equates much of this success to the people he works with. He says the moments of recognition which have meant the most to him are more personal than the grand achievements in fundraising and building that he will most likely be remembered for.

"I was made part of the community," said Chambers while pointing to an elaborate wall declaring him "Honorary Alumnus - A class of 1951." Another festivity of Women's History Month will be the "Phenomenal Woman" contest, where students and staff nominate phenomenal women they admire. Twenty of these women will be recognized at a formal luncheon.

The group has three long-term goals: to form a strong voice for women's issues; to continue with the annual events and to have the heritage sequence include women and other heritage of the United States.

The group's advisor, Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services believes that gender embodies a culture of its own.

"My main purpose for starting this group is to broaden the definition of multiculturalism; that it is not just race and ethnicity but also gender. It's very broad and encompasses a lot. The diversity isn't just for students of color but for the whole community. It's a value on this campus," she said.

Again, this group welcomes all WMC men and women to their 6:30 pm meetings every Tuesday.

Watch for upcoming events..
Is binge drinking becoming a trend? Continued from page 1

By Joanne Vattimo

In the process of investigating the possible increase in alcohol consumption among college students, the College Health Services at Western Maryland College have been doing their best to keep track of alcohol intoxication incidents. According to Dean of Residence Life, Kane, there have been three alcohol poisoning incidents reported on campus so far this year.

Webster University, the college health services of which are affiliated with WMC, has been keeping statistics on alcohol poisonings for the past year. According to Webster, the number of alcohol poisonings has increased significantly from last year. However, Kane believes that the increase of alcohol poisonings might be more than just a trend.

Kane said that the increase in alcohol poisoning incidents is due to the increase in binge drinking among students. He also said that the college has been trying to combat this problem by implementing new policies and procedures.

The college has also been working with local hospitals to provide better treatment for alcohol poisoning. Kane said that the college has been able to get better treatment for students who have been poisoned.

In conclusion, Kane believes that the increase in alcohol poisoning incidents is due to the increase in binge drinking among students. He also said that the college has been working with local hospitals to provide better treatment for alcohol poisoning.

-- Joanne Vattimo
Students push for class on race relations

As of late, there has been no official designation for which department will house the study. This issue will be resolved after a proposed meeting with various faculty members. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the last steps of the program and to find interested faculty to teach the course.

Currently, Dr. Debra Lemke and Dr. Vera Jakoby have expressed an interest in participating.

This class serves as a way for WMC students to exhibit their desire to address diversity issues on campus.

"As an institution, we have made a commitment to become a more diverse institution. And that decision starts from the Board down," states Dean Henry Reiff, an administration member who has become involved with this study.

The evolution of the class stems as early as November 1998. During the Candlelight Vigil held last year, John Springer, of the Interfaith Action for Racial Justice Inc. spoke of the need for WMC to have "a call to community."

After being inspired by the class "Prejudice and Power," a group of four students felt compelled to get involved. Junior Amanda Cline, seniors Raini and Rashmi Wright, and junior Jeanne Chamberlain began the process.

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The faculty was a crucial element in the process. "This really would not have happened without the support of the faculty," states Cline.

The four students presented their proposal for the "call to community" study groups to the committee.

It went then to the Faculty Committee where it subsequently died.

However, during this semester, Reiff, who also sits on the Diversity Task Force, became an advocate for the idea. The students and Reiff were able to present the idea to the faculty.

Originally, the idea of a voluntary club or organization was discussed, but the institutional backing of an independent study made it more likely to be taken seriously.

"If we think diversity is important, we should be willing to offer credit for students who are willing to approach it as an academic slant. It gives more of an incentive to join study circles," argues Reiff.

Reiff is optimistic that the proposed independent study will get through the final bureaucratic steps, but stresses that it is not yet complete.

If the study proceeds, it would be offered as an independent study for the Spring 2000 semester. It is not listed in the current class catalog, but an addendum would announce it to the campus.

The first semester was undoubtedly considered a trial run to focus on fine tuning; it appears the class would be welcomed on WMC. Cline said that "breaking down prejudices and building community are the goals of the program."

It is the hope of the students involved, as well as many others, that the millennium is marked by a true call to community for Western Maryland College students and a formal recognition that racism is a problem on campus.

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Ogle takes a breathe for Smoke-Out

SEAN POND
WMC Staff writer

Everyday Ernie Ogle makes a short trip from his office in telephone communications to the outside of Decker Center where he pulls out a pack of "cigs" and lights up. With every inhale he grows more and more addicted, and with every drag, he becomes less likely to quit.

Ogle, like thousands of other Americans, has been smoking the majority of his life and finds it virtually impossible to kick the habit. Well, Ogle's opportunity is here, and he has decided to quit for one day. On Nov. 18, WMC will join the rest of the United States in The Great American Smoke Out, giving smokers an incentive to start their long journey to a smoke-free life.

Ogle has been a respected member of the WMC community throughout his 29 years of employment. He has been smoking cigarettes for the past 38 years, except for one brief spasm of nine months when he attempted to quit.

During that short time, two fellow employees quit their jobs because Ogle became irritable. He had to hire new help and retrain them, putting enormous amounts of stress on him. He states that "it was back outside Decker lighting up. It became a crutch in some ways. The addiction to the nicotine is tough, but more than that, the actual habit you build up over the years becomes extremely hard to break."

When asked why he first started to smoke, he responded, "A lot of people were doing it. I started to enjoy smoking, and eventually, I found it to be somewhat of a stress reliever."

Many other Americans have begun to inhale as Ogle did many years ago. According to a combined study from the American Cancer Society, everyday more than 3,000 adolescents in the United States smoke their first cigarette. One third of these new smokers will eventually die of tobacco-related diseases.

More than 400,000 people die every year from smoking-related diseases. That is more than deaths from alcohol, crack, heroin, murders, suicide, car accidents, and AIDS combined.

Now Ogle will use The Great American Smoke Out to find a healthier, smoke-free lifestyle. "I've been requested by a doctor to quit anyhow. It's not going to be easy but is something I have to try anyway," Ogle said.

So what exactly is this Smoke Out deal?

On November 17, the day before the Smoke Out, tables will be set up outside of Clar and at Decker Center, manned with pledges, candy, and free T-shirts.

If you sign a pledge and trade in cigs, there you will receive a care package containing gum and mints helping you get through your day.

In order to acquire a stylish and comfortable white long-sleeve T-shirt, you must attend a gathering later that night in McDaniel Lounge.

There, three speakers will give their personal testimony, and the hard facts about smoking and other tobacco products.

To help smokers after the day is over, the Health Center is going to be holding a support group that will meet every two weeks.

If Ogle can attempt to throw away his pack of "cigs," there's hope for everyone.

"From having been a smoker for years now, it would have been better to quit at a younger age. The longer you hold a habit, the harder it is to break," Ogle advises.
I partook in a community service activity last Sunday, of my own free will without tangible benefits to myself. Yes, I had to wake up at 7:30 a.m. on a Sunday. Yes, there were things I could have been doing that would have better served my self-interests. I could have been doing work, sleeping, watching TV, eating, doing laundry, or participating in some other self-interested activity. But did I? No, because I made a commitment to help with the activity. Why am I so bitter then, you might ask?

I am not bitter that I sacrificed this time, but I am bitter that over half of the people who committed themselves to doing the same failed to do so out of selflessness. It is not even this single incident that vexes me, but rather, the all too familiar trend of selflessness that it represents. The problem does not just exist within the realm of community service but everywhere. People have turned into self-interested fiends. It is extremely difficult to find a person who will offer to forfeit their time for another for no self-interested reason, and it is even more difficult to locate a person who will actually follow through with this commitment. Where did this attitude come from?

Were humans always so selfish? I find it hard to believe that people have always been so self-absorbed. I believe that the cause of this problem relates to technology. With technological inventions, we have evolved into a world of less and less personal beings. We cannot relate to the person next door because we never even talk to him. We have no need to communicate with others for we live in relatively isolated shells of prosperity and technology. Americans are probably the worst victims of the disease because they live in such a fast-paced, technological environment. It is not just that we have no need to talk to our neighbor; we do not have the time to talk to him. Our society has mutated into a depersonalized, depressing world. All we care about is ourselves; all we have time for is ourselves. What kind of world is this?

Not the kind of world in which we should be living, that is for sure. We need to awaken from our daze of selfishness and simply look at ourselves. We need to stop for a few moments and visit the guy next door. We may not think we have the time, but we need to take the time. If we do not find this time, what will we become?

That is a question I personally never want to see answered.

Devon Reesor calls for more student participation in community service. It was hardly a situation in which to expect a fair trial....

Jennifer Sirkis and Kate Esposito question WMC Honor Code procedure. Perhaps witnesses should be allowed to testify without the accused student present. If so, students would be more willing to be totally truthful.

After all, isn’t the purpose of the Honor and Conduct Board to see that students are given a fair, impartial trial?

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Everything was done in a serious, methodical manner. In all of our classes, our professors just briefly mentioned the Honor Code.

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Was this even thought about when the new system was implemented?

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In our opinion, the code does little more than promote dishonesty among those who, maybe for good reason, are not willing participants or do not want to be held accountable for the actions of others.

Are students informed on Honor and Conduct Board procedures?

Jane walks down the hallway and is herded into the room by a formal escort. She swallows the lump in her throat and steps inside, unsure of her fate. At least seven faces stare up at her from around a long table. Most are unfamiliar.

"Have a seat," says her escort. A small black tape recorder is placed a few feet in front of Jane. The red light glows as it is activated. One man questions her as the others sit down, studying her face.

Jane must agree to tell the truth or face harsh consequences. Nervously, yet calmly, she answers each question hoping her turn will end.

She cannot help but give side glances at the accused student, sitting nearby, knowing that what she says will help determine his fate.

The questioning finally ends, and Jane is permitted to leave the intimidating atmosphere behind. Jane sighs with relief; her turn is over. The next person is called to the room.

Is this what you may be wondering if Jane witnessed a murder or is being investigated by the FBI for smuggling illegal drugs?

However, this situation was a reality for both of us last week as we were summoned before the Honor and Conduct Board to testify as witnesses in a "cheating" case that occurred in class.

Because of our experience, we feel that the "new" changes to the Honor Code should be reconsidered. If the changes to the Honor Code remain, however, students need to be more informed of their rights under the code.

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Letters to the Editor

In response to "The Pub's four-star dining experience"

Dear Editor,

Not every Pub consumer feels the way "Bob" does. The October 21 issue of the Phoenix presented a very critical point of view on the appearance, the staff, and the food presented in the Pub.

I am certain that Bob must be describing the pub from the perspective of a fourth meal consumer, whereas I dine there regularly for lunch, breakfast, and only occasionally during the fourth meal time-frame.

I have not noticed the disgusting mess that Bob so explicitly describes. For the most part, the Pub is tidy, the conditions are nicely staffed, and the workers speak quite clearly and in audible tones.

The food is very tasty and nicely presented. I get tired of these negative reports against my friends in the Pub. They don't realize that they are understaffed.

It seems that the only people there that do not seem to realize how understaffed they are during peak meal times are the people responsible for scheduling and hiring.

Our Pub workers are often balancing several tasks at once, trying to keep up with the pace. They really do need additional staffing.

Instead of spending valuable time moaning and complaining about the appearance of the food and the lack of condiments, stop, politely remind our overworked friends that supplies are low and that the tables need to be tidied.

I do this and, most of the time, the workers put aside their three or so other tasks to fix the problem.

Often they do not even think about the things that are needed outside of the grill area, as they are so busy trying to get our food ready in a timely manner.

Perhaps the powers-that-be could send in an extra worker from Glar just before, or after, the peak hours to help refill the ice machines, restock soda machines, refill condiments, and other various tasks.

If these things are checked before peak times, customers are less likely to have a source of a complaint.

As to the fourth meal hours, I have definitely noticed a transformation of the Pub with the change from chaos.

Food and trash are left on the tables and the floor because select members of the student population are willing to pick up their own refuse and deposit it in an appropriate receptacle.

They appear to get a kick out of watching others complain about their mess. They present Academy Award performances at pretending that their trash is someone else's problem.

I have complained about the appearance of the late hour Pub to the boss, and he in turn verbally chastised the day workers and suggested that they could do better.

The reason the Pub is a mess is not the lazy attitudes of the workers, but rather the inability of certain students to be responsible and pick up after themselves.

If you break a ketchup pack on the table, either by accident or as a joke, clean it up. When ice and soda ran out, tell someone. Be nice to our Pub workers; they can only do so much.

If you dislike the decor of the Pub, you have the power to change that. Contact school officials, and lobby for a change in this area.

As for the scoop in the icebox, I'm right there with you on the germ thing. It makes me sick when I see hands that have been who knows where reach into the ice cooler and scoop out previously contaminated ice.

This has got to change! It is downright unhealthy!

Abigail Engel

As a freshman here at WMC, I am not sure exactly what reputation is associated with Rouzer Hall, but whatever it is, something tells me the building is living up to it.

I sat down to write this after an interesting run-in with Campus Safety.

Two men from the Department of Campus Safety knocked on my door, inquiring as to whether or not I had just thrown something through my second-story window.

When I pointed out that my window was not even opened, they went on their way, telling me that they were going to check with my neighbors upstairs.

As a resident of Rouzer Hall, such encounters are neither surprising nor uncommon.

As a freshman here at WMC, I am not sure exactly what reputation is associated with Rouzer Hall. Whatever it is, something tells me the building is living up to it.

From the dirty bathrooms to the over-heated laundry room, something always seems to be broken in this place, not to mention the front door.

The situation gets to be such that you begin to feel sorry for the Resident Assistants who, despite the benefits, were somehow tricked into being responsible for imposing order.

I have recently learned that, until the total bill reaches the amount of ten dollars per resident, no one will actually be charged.

This makes me happy because it shows that Residence Life understands we are not all to blame for the damage that occurs to the building.

Still, something must be done about all this.

I cannot believe that there is no solution to this problem. I know that it seems insurmountable, but I still believe there is a better way to deal with the problem of building damage than making uninformed people pay.

Perhaps more patrolling by Campus Safety would cure this problem, at least in part, until a better solution can be found.

In Rouzer's case, this might be the best solution, seeing as Campus Safety's office is already part of the building.

Besides, they are an innocent person's best insurance from unfair billings. As they can tell you, I did not throw anything out of the window.
**Commentary**

**Glar lacks vegetarian choices**

Kate Esposito discusses the lacking vegetarian menu in Glar.

Unbeknownst to many, especially to those who plan the menu at Glar, there are a growing number of students at WMC who refuse the tickets at steak night and stay away from Cajun dishes. No, they are not from the FDA, these people are vegetarians. And there are more of us than you think. According to the Vegetarian Society of the United States, a little over five percent of the population are vegetarians, and the number is steadily increasing.

This brings us to the main question: We vegetarians need food, better food. At least something having nutritional value or taste.

As you may be thinking, there but are lacking of vegetarian options at Glar: vegetarian salad, vegetarian bread, vegetarian pasta, and that wonderfully ambiguous dish, vegetarian moussaka.

That is all well and good, but not good enough. First of all, although there is usually a vegetarian entree on the daily dining hall menu, there is also the shepherd's pie, it is so covered in spices that it would turn even titanium stomachs.

In addition to these wonderful main dishes, the dining hall also offers humus, tofu, and garden burgers. This may be true, but they are also not edible.

The humus and tofu sit on the salad bar, neglected and alone. None of these three feature vegetarian items. The Pud could certainly feature a vegetable sub, using the same ingredients put into the salads.

As for vegetable options, these needs to be a bit more considerate of the vegetarian diet, considering that there are people that actually follow it.

**MD Attorney General missing the mark in plans for gun control**

Gun control is already one of the most controversial issues in politics today. But now, Maryland's attorney general is proposing new laws which would require tighter back-ground checks on anyone attempting to purchase a handgun, and making fingerprinting for all potential gun buyers mandatory. That's what the problem is. These measures may not seem too unreasonable. Did I mention that his long-term goal is a statewide ban on all handguns owned by citizens?

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. says that only law enforcement officers and gun collectors should be permitted to own handguns. In his words, the rest of us private citizens must give them up because the "cost has become too great." Curran hopes that his recently released 58 page report entitled, "A Fair and Just Approach," will prompt the public to discard their handguns.

Curran may seek to sue gun manufacturers for the violence to which their products contribute. Now, correct me if I'm wrong, but I have never seen a gun magically rise into the air and squeeze off several rounds into the flesh of a victim.

What I have read about, however, are gang-related shootings, disgruntled employees opening fire on former co-workers at the shooter's former workplace, and warped high school students who decide to shoot their classmates and themselves.

It seems to me that the real issue should be the intelligence, mo-
Affirmative action: A policy for idealism or an outmoded system holding people back from success?

Affirmative action has been in use in this country for over 30 years now. It is intended to hold people who discriminate against minorities accountable; however, this is already covered in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees equal protection under the law for all people.

Affirmative action does nothing but harm minorities. It guarantees that minorities will be represented in the workplace but does nothing to ensure that minorities are given the education necessary to compete in the workplace.

Although affirmative action is applicable to all students, it is also associated and not only viewed as something that helps blacks. It is a sad part of our history that slavery existed. We cannot make up for that fact by giving jobs and college degrees to people who have failed to prepare to become a part of American society.

There are many reasons why blacks are poorer and less educated than whites. 

Who sold out their race for selfish reasons. Unfortunately, this problem still exists. I will admit that I do not have many black friends. I do not receive more treatment and prejudice from their black peers than from white peers and educators because they are viewed as "trying to be white.

I believe this is a serious obstacle to blacks becoming successful.
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CD Review: Thrillcraft’s latest release, “Rehab”

MIKE YESTRAMSKI

Thrillcraft is an unknown act that played the MP3 tour at Towson University. On their seven song CD, “Rehab,” you get a good mix of genres and moods, but you really never grasp the message Thrillcraft is attempting to send.

The first three songs (“Die Happy,” “Come Down,” “Speed of Sin”) all remind me of early 90’s alt-rock. Very Dinosaur Jet-type feel. The slow, mumbling vocals, the lead bass for the verse, and the chorus of faster guitars all could have been pulled directly from J Mascis’s notebook.

Movie Review: Fight Club

JENNIFER ROST & ERIN JERNIGAN

Fight Club is brilliant and funny film; a social commentary that will make you check your value system at the door.

Fight Club stars Brad Pitt and Edward Norton as two men who are taken, along with the viewer, on a Marxist voyage of self-discovery. Norton plays a frustrated white-collar worker, suffering from insomnia and filled with disgust at his empty, consumerist, emasculated life. When he meets Pitt’s anarchist character, who advocates reconnecting with one’s inner man through violence, the “fight club” of the title, sparks fly.

Their experimentation with violence takes them to a place where the real challenge is finding personal freedom, however far off the beaten path it takes them.

When this ride is over, you’ll be tired and bloody and thinking “what a long, strange trip it’s been.”

Thrillcraft is a craft made specifically for thrills, such as a jet ski.

MP3: A music revolution

MP3.com is one of the most popular new ways to get music. Essentially, it is a massive website with access to an unending amount of music and spoken work tracks that are downloadable and playable from your computer.

In order to play a track directly, a 28800 bps modem or higher is necessary, but on my roommate’s 5 year old IBM, with a 28.8, direct play is jumpy if it happens at all. Computer owners who have CD burners, or a fast computer with lots of memory, will get the best results from this site, because they will be able to play their music (or spoken word) while running other applications or will be able to record songs to play elsewhere.

The most revolutionary aspect of MP3.com is the ability for artists to make their music available to the world. The only things necessary to make your music available to the world is a MP3 file to upload, a photo or two, and an email address.

FEATURES

Area band Thrillcraft plays Towson with the MP3 tour

ERIN JERNIGAN AND JENNIFER ROST

Senior Writers

We recently met Thrillcraft, the band characterized by lead singer Tristan as the “real f—ing thing.”

Thrillcraft, opening for Sonic and the Goo Goo Dolls on the MP3 Music and Technology Tour, came like a shining light in an otherwise dull series of opening bands during the Towson show. This mainly club band, which hails from Manhattan’s East Side, has gained a loyal local following. However, they are looking to branch out to other regions, including the Maryland area.

According to Tristan, “We’ve been an arena band for years but nobody knew it.” They joined the MP3 website in April in hopes of making their music available to more listeners.

It’s easy to see that performing on the MP3 tour is the perfect opportunity to reach more people because they are “a captive audience. . .we pretend they’re here to see us.” He also says that performing in a large venue is “an adolescent dream come true.”

Their press review on MP3.com describes their first CD, “Rehab,” as akin to Bleach with disgust at his empty, consumerist, emasculated life. When he meets Pitt’s anarchist character, who advocates reconnecting with one’s inner man through violence, the “fight club” of the title, sparks fly.

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What a long, strange trip it's been... Robert Hunter Chambers completes 15 years as President of WMC

Who is that... buttoned man? Doonesbury creator (and friend of the Pres) Gary Trudeau at Chambers' inauguration ceremony.

Robert Hunter Chambers being sworn in at his inauguration ceremony, in 1984.

Students may not realize it, but Chambers enjoys teaching undergraduate classes, in addition to fulfilling his administrative duties. Here, Elmo makes a brief appearance.

Pres. Chambers and Captain Kangaroo stand together at the Captain's honorary degree award ceremony.

One of Chambers' proudest accomplishments at WMC has been the establishment of the new science building.

Chambers spends much of his time in Annapolis, dealing with state government issues. Here, he is seen dealing with Maryland Governor Parris Glendenning.

Left: WMC is proud to host the Ravens football team during their summer practice. Here, Pres. Chambers and Ravens owner Art Modell "put their hands on the ball."

Take me to your leader! Pres. Chambers welcomes all newcomers to WMC—as long as they're only here to learn!

All photos courtesy of Public Information Office
Ani DiFranco: rockin’ like a mutha in Gettysburg, Pa.

The journey of a pumpkin:
Scene One: Two women standing behind myself and my friend Julie in the line waiting to enter the Gettysburg College student union. The security guards are being bitchy, strictly enforcing the no-purse, no-recording devices, no-food or drink rules.

These two women are on a mission: to present Ani with a lovely little jack-o-lantern, glowing with a small candle inside, and they are full of sheer joy at being at an Ani concert.

Scene Two: Julie and I are at the door, and the security guard is telling the women that they probably won’t be able to get the pumpkin into the concert. We joke about it, being a bomb, and wish the little guy good luck.

Scene Three: Ani appears on stage, bends into the crowd, and pulls up the happy jack-o-lantern. She laughs in pure delight and launches into one of her spoken word soliloquies. It’s a wonderful, intensely human moment, pure Ani.

It’s a wonderful show. Jason, Julie, and Dan were back as her accomplices, and a warm, familial vibe radiated from the threesome.

Ani herself was a blaze of light, pouring through classics like “Unreachable Face,” and “The Dinner,” mixed with some more morose songs.

Limes curling with infinite tenderness over Tori Amos.

There were several gorgeous and haunting love songs, shot through with anguish and an underlying fierce will to survive. Ani paused a few times to talk with the audience, sliding from playfully funny banter about dead flies, to moving, charged musings on the uselessness of the drug war, and ending with a powerful one-two punch of “My Country ‘tis of Thee” and “Song that, aah, I can’t quite remember the title to.

The audience was in ecstasy, the applause so loud and sustained that Ani came back for a moving encore, marvelled by only one moron yelling, “Marry me, ani!” Ass.

Other than that, and a little bit of obnoxious crowd pushing, the vibe was welcoming and warm, and I left feeling like $30 was cheap for the ride Ani took us on.

Ani’s picturesquely illustrated aspects of life in America, ranging from the intimacies of unconventional, modern romances, and the forgiving spirit of families, to the politics of free-form radio and the warped physical self-image of American women.

But for the amount of singing Williams did, she did even more talking.

Dar Williams: live and talkative, still all good

She stood alone at the altar of a massive stone cathedral. A single spotlight on her shining blonde hair was the only source of light in the ghostly room.

While the hushed, even reverent, murmurs of the audience rose up to the windows in the vaulted ceiling, she began to strum her guitar, bringing a new kind of warmth to the rainy October night.

It was the perfect atmosphere for Dar Williams, a folk singer from New York State.

In Montclair, NJ, 30 minutes outside of New York City, Williams’ concert was presented at “Outpost in the Burbs,” an organization for “folk who care,” which meets in a stunning American Gothic cathedral.

Williams’ angelic voice complemented her surroundings perfectly, filling the artistic religious architecture with an art of her own.

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Although Williams can be incredibly funny, (like when she taunted the audience by introducing a song, saying “I’m the only one who knows this song really means, so… ha-ha”), she tended to ramble on while the audience was impatiently craving her next song.

True, her anecdotes were almost always amusing, such as when she described her most sacred revelation while sitting in a posture of Buddhist meditation: “I need to see a therapist.”

But sometimes, I found myself seeing how many words I could make if I rearranged the letters in her name.

Not a very challenging game since there’s only three, but it passed the time between songs.

Unfortunately, to compound the matter, Williams’ strings were out of tune too many times to count due to the humid NJ weather.

So to fill the amount of time that she spent tuning, and retuning, and returning her guitar, she chattered about everything and nothing.

And while her easy, conversational manner was perfect for the intimate setting, it was obvious when she had to stop mid-song to retune that she was becoming frustrated with her performance.

Overall, it was the atmosphere that made Williams’ concert a success. In a holy building, Williams’ made it clear that she was putting herself on the line when she sung her honest, soul-searching songs.

It is music that makes you question yourself and everything around you.

If you want mad, energy-driven, political, chicks-with-guitars-rock, you may want to head off to see Sleater-Kinney, or Ani DiFranco, but if you want a relaxing, meditative journey through the complexities of human relationships, the backwoods of America, and the human spirit, go see Dar Williams. It’s worth it.
The Sports View: A debate to remember, series to forget

Normally, I would start my column with a review of the World Series, but unless you live in or around New York (or are running for a U.S. Senate seat from there), you really did not care what happened.

Needless to say, The Yankees won the Series in a four game sweep, showing definitively that they are the best team money can buy.

Although this was their third Series win in the last four years, I have a feeling that the more lasting memories of this season will be the incredible season had by Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez and the career records for home-runs and hits set by Mark McGwire and Tony Gwynn.

In all, a very unmemorable World Series, but don’t worry too much, pitchers and catchers report in only three and a half months.

One interesting thing did come out of the World Series this year. The Major League Baseball All Century Team was named via fan ballots and announced during the series.

Some interesting selections were made, including Roger Clemens over Greg Maddux and Ken Griffey, Jr. over Barry Bonds or Ricky Henderson.

Although Clemens and Griffey are very good players and are certain Hall of Famers, Maddux has been as dominating, if not more so, in the 90’s and Henderson is the all time leader in stolen bases.

To say that Barry Bonds does not belong on this team and Griffey does defeats all of Bond’s career goals.

Also, leaving Steve Carlton off this team seems like a big mistake considering he is arguably the best left-handed pitcher of all time.

In the end though, that is the reason for these type of lists: to cause debate and to get people to take a closer look at the rich history of Major League Baseball.

Speaking of the All Century team, one name on the list that had to surprise people was Pete Rose. Rose, the all time leader in hits is serving his lifetime ban from baseball for gambling and thus cannot be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Fans of the game have seemed to forgive Rose for his past transgressions and by selecting him to the All Century team, they seem to be sending a message to the baseball elite that they should except Rose as well.

It seems that the Ravens have made yet another change at quarterback with Tony Banks replacing the ineffective Stoney Case.

This may not be as bad a decision as some Ravens fans may think.

Banks has a high-caliber arm, one thing Case seriously lacks, and should be able to execute coach Brian Billick’s offense more effectively than Case or Scott Mitchell could ever hope to do.

Banks’ downfall may in fact lay in Billick’s play book.

The Ravens’ coach must simplify the reads in this offense so that Banks, who is known to react ineffectively against pressure, will feel more comfortable and be able to build some confidence.

A confident Banks could mean a season with an actual working offense for the Ravens this year.

One last note before I go. Remember in week one when the Redskins lost to the Cowboys in overtime after having a huge lead evaporate?

The New York Giants do, as the Redskins destroyed the Giants in New York by a wide margin the next week. Well, last week, the Redskins again lost to the Cowboys.

Maybe someone should warn this week’s unlucky opponents, the Chicago Bears, that the Redskins may have a chip on their collective shoulders after this loss, too.

Women’s soccer upsets F&M, hammers Haverford, 4-3

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On Homecoming Saturday, in the cold and wind, the Terror lost a tough game to Johns Hopkins 3-0.

Then, the following Wednesday in Haverford, Pa., the Terror regained their winning ways by defeating Haverford 4-3.

In that game, Marci Short got the Terror up in the second minute of play. That was followed by two Haverford goals.

Then, with four minutes left in the half, sophomore Thea Bayly tied it up again off of an assist from freshman Lauren Harrison.

Shortly into the second half, Castor got the Terror back into the lead off of an assist from sophomore Kara Moran.

Two minutes later, junior Tara Calton scored to give the Terror their fourth goal. Haverford was unable to overcome the deficit, only scoring once more in the game. Lyster finished the game with three saves.

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As the last Western Maryland field hockey team of the millennium, the Lady Terror definitely left their mark on the field. Despite what the Carroll County Times had to say about them, the hockey team made a name for themselves this year.

With their outstanding conference win over Johns Hopkins, the terror ended as the only team in the conference to beat this number one ranked team. Was it the home field advantage that led WMC to victory or the desire and determination of the seven seniors to step up the intensity?

Maybe it was the neatness that the six freshman brought to the team or the fact that Western Maryland had the most returning players in the conference that brought them, 'the hockey team made a few more years to play for her."

When talking to her team only minutes after reading the article, Manolovich told them how she usually doesn't care what people think, but she does not like to be misrepresented.

"Manolovich explained, "This is a life lesson. I trust a lot of people. I trust what people tell me. I trust my relationship with people. You have to be careful of the media. I trust what people tell me. I trust a lot of people."

"The article was rude and put down our coach. However, she is a great person and really knows the game. Manolovich told them how she achieved. "Our team was closer this year than the past two years; we communicated," says junior captain Sarah Fogler."

Communicate is exactly what this team does. From team dinners to Homecoming tailgate parties and their own parents weekend to camping trips, this field hockey program is definitely on its way up. Although their record may not reflect it this season, these girls led by their new coaching staff are ready to take WMC field hockey to the next level.

"A little consistency is all they need to climb to the top in the next few years. "I've seen a loving relationship in terms of caring about each other this year. I didn't see this character at the beginning of the season. On the field is a mutual relationship of expectation. My players support each other and help each other to learn," Manolovich comments on the way home from an away game.

"As for the last few games, the field hockey girls didn't give up. Their Homecoming game went into triple overtime before WMC was able to write off Franklin and Marshall as another win. After 70 minutes of regulation with the score tied at one to one, the teams competed in 30 more minutes of scoreless play."

"Moving to a stroke off, senior All-conference goalie Jess Horwath made a spectacular five saves while junior Ashley Meehan and sophomore Lauren Cernak both scored, bringing the overtime score to WMC 2, F&M 0."

"This overtime win is recorded as a 2 to 1 win. They wrapped-up the season on Saturday with a tough loss to Wash."

"As one of the captains put it, they all enjoyed laughing together, crying together, winning together, losing together, sweating together, running sprints together, and playing the sport they all love together."

"They left some pretty big shoes to fill, but there is no doubt that these determined athletes can do it."

"To Shelly Dinterman, Tammy Fletcher, Jess Horwath, Lolita Johnson, Kristy Knox, Melissa Reynolds, and Kerry Wilson, the seven seniors that have guided and shaped this team for the past four years, you will be missed."

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### Volleyball flips F&M to become conference champs

The Green Terror women’s volleyball team guaranteed themselves a share of the Centennial Conference title with a 3-1 victory over Roberts Wesleyan (15-6, 15-7, 16-18, 15-11). Western Maryland (21-9, 9-1) was led by Freshman Kate Wall’s 20 kills and 20 digs. Sophomore Jessica Rouse contributed six aces and 32 assists to the victory. Junior Honesty Drumgoole had 21 kills and 19 digs in a 3-1 loss to Moravian that earned the Terror a third place finish at the Halloween Classic at Elizabethtown College (15-11, 12-15, 15-13, 16-14).

Earlier in the week, the Terror beat Johns Hopkins 3-0 (15-7, 15-11, 15-11) and earned a share of the conference title when Franklin and Marshall upset Gettysburg 3-2.

The Terror finished in a three-way tie with Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall for the Centennial Conference Title, but Gettysburg will be awarded the NCAA tournament bid due to their amount of out of conference wins. Senior Captain Heather Tolkach spoke for the team when she said they were “happy about being the conference champs, but [the team was] a little disappointed in not getting the NCAA bid.”

Drumgoole had eight kills and Wall had 15 digs in the win over Johns Hopkins. Drumgoole, Brienne Bray, and Wall combined for 31 kills earlier in the week in a 3-0 (15-5, 15-4, 15-8) over Swarthmore. At that same tri-match, the Terror defeated Ursinus 3-0 (15-5, 15-4, 15-8).

Prior to that, Drumgoole had 31 kills and 17 digs as Western Maryland knocked off 20th ranked Franklin and Marshall 3-1 (15-8, 15-10, 5-15, 15-9). "With the win against F&M, it was obvious that we had the confidence and talent to be recognized as a strong force in the conference," Drumgoole said after the game. Rouse added 53 assists in the victory. When asked her thoughts about her team’s season, Rouse stated, “Being tri-conference champs was a big accomplishment. I was happy with our strong finish.”

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**CHRIS ANASTASIA**  
Asst. Sports Editor

Stacy Seward bumps the ball to begin the Terror offensive attack.
Cross country runs away with school's first ever league title

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Terror women's cross country team won the school's first ever Centennial Conference crown this past Saturday.

It was the first time a Western Maryland cross country team, male or female, has won any kind of league crown.

This accomplishment includes the many years Western Maryland spent in the Mason-Dixon Conference.

The team vaulted from second to last place last season and into championship status this season by defeating defending champion Dickinson by one point, 53-54.

Sophomore Jill Krebs finished second in the race, 3.33 seconds behind Joko Agunloye of Swarthmore.

Football wallops Widener, 57-20, flattens F&M, 19-0

MIKE JENKINS
Staff Writer

In the past two undefeated seasons, the Green Terror have played only average teams, outside the conference, during the regular season. A rap against the Terror in those undefeated seasons is that they had an easier schedule than most of the teams play. Place kicker Brent San Wood made their typical contribution, Heinke replied, "I was trying to keep up with my teammates, who all ran great. This was a complete team effort. Everyone contributed."

Krebs finished in second place last season and into championship status this season by defeating defending champion Dickinson by one point, 53-54.

Sophomore Jayne Karolow finished 11th, followed by her teammates Holly Thompson and Diana Pool, who finished 12th and 13th, respectively.

The biggest finish might have been freshman Blaire Heinke's 15th place finish. Heinke passed Dickinson's Elizabeth Allen at the last second for the team victory.

When asked about her contribution, Heinke replied, "I was trying to keep up with my teammates, who all ran great. This was a complete team effort. Everyone contributed."

Karolow felt the win was "extremely exciting. We shocked everyone with this win. This is really great that we will finally get some attention now because most of the school didn't even know we had a cross country team. We have no seniors on this team, so we should come back even stronger next season."

The week before, the team finished sixth at the Gettysburg Invitational. Only 5 Division II schools, all nationally ranked, beat the Terror.

The Terror beat all 18 Division III teams, including Messiah, their closest rival.

Widener started all four years. New offensive line coach Paul McCord acknowledges Deal's incredible talent as a kick returner.

However, he is also quick to point out that Deal wouldn't be able to get a yard without the strong play of the entire punt return unit.
Members of Alpha Phi Omega stop to say "cheese" at the international dinner. From left to right: Hillary Bieke, Danielle Price, Phil Vogt, David Stysley, Jackie Aguglia, and Stacey Myers.

Cameras in computer lab not kept secret
Administration not playing "big brother" to students

LISA DALE VAN ARKEN
News Editor

Although many students are not aware of the surveillance equipment in a computer lab on campus, it seems that the administration did not mean to keep its existence a secret.

Five hidden cameras, which were installed in the Charlestone lab at Hoover Library when the lab became available 24 hours a day, was incorporated into the campus security system last year. The cameras do not have an audio feature, according to Christ Mathews, director of Information Services.

Since a lab attendant could not be available for 24 hours a day, the administration decided to incorporate a surveillance system into the lab's security system.

The question then becomes, if the system was installed so long ago, why don't many students know about it?

Phil Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, explained, "It's not a secret. But it's not that there was a bill passed saying that there are cameras."

Benji Kuger, director of the lab at Hoover Library, also speculated that the system was not publicized because of possible damage to the system if some unscrupulous student discovered it and its whereabouts and capabilities.

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ASAP sends condoms straight to mailboxes

MELISSA MORIN
Staff Writer

Got condoms?

Well, if you don't, you could have received them anonymously, and for free, through campus mail if you had returned your request form that was put in your campus mailbox this past week.

This program, which was sponsored by ASAP, (AIDS: Support, Awareness, and Prevention) was part of the way in which this organization helps to promote safe sex.

The members of this organization decided it would be a good idea to hold a program like this one because, after some members had talked to RA's, who have condoms to give to students who request them, they found students are not asking their RA's for condoms.

"We figured this would be a discrete way for students to get condoms," said Kristen Amrein, public relations chair for ASAP.

"Some students might feel odd coming out of Smith House with a white bag or asking their RA for condoms. Through campus mail, the condoms were put in a white envelope, so it would look like a regular piece of mail."

Another reason why ASAP

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Guest Director visits for presentation of Scapin

Bob Garman, actor, writer, and director directs Scapin for WMC’s viewing pleasure. Moliere’s comedy is presented in a variety of styles of theater. The play ends its run this weekend.

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

For the latest WMC Theatre production, Scapin, a new director has come aboard. Bob Garman, a seasoned actor and director, has a long time membership with a political satire group called “Groos National Product,” an improvisation troupe called “Comedy Spots.” He writes, acts, directs, and sometimes eats fire at the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Also, he teaches theater at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Equipped with a BFA in acting at Virginia Commonwealth University and a MFA in directing at City University of New York, Garman was invited to WMC to direct the Moliere comedy Scapin, chosen by Alpha Psi Omega.

Ironically Garman, having directed the play three times previously said, “I’ll never direct it again.” Garman shares his experience that although acting can be a hassle, directing is easy for him. Garman believes in the importance of artistic freedom and tries to use as much actor input as possible. Stage manager

Here Today, LEADING TOMORROW! THE MARYLAND CONFERENCE FOR PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES A Student Women’s Leadership Conference:

To be held at Mount St. Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, MD on Saturday, December 4th from 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Registration fees are only $5 and include breakfast and lunch. Space is limited so register today. See your office of student activities for a registration brochure, or visit www.msmmary.edu/mcwpcu

Students weave yarns at WMC Tellabration event

If they didn’t know it already, Joann Hay’s students are quickly finding out that spinning a good yarn is a great tool to calm fidgety youngsters.

In fact, good stories should captivate any audience, said Hay, a college instructor and professional storyteller.

Hay and the students in her “The Art of Story Telling” graduate course will try to do just that as they tell stories for all ages at Tellabration ‘99 On the Hill, a storytelling extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 20.

“Listeners will hear humorous tales, folklore, heartwarming stories, and much more,” Hay said. “There will be something for everyone.” The program, upon request, can also be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

The schedule includes a presentation for preschoolers from 9:30-10 am; children in kindergarten and first grade from 10:30-11 am; grades 2-3 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm; and grades 4-6 from 12:45 pm-1:30 pm. All programs for young, school-age children will be held in Decker auditorium in Lewis Hall and are free and open to the public.

Hay, a nationally-known storyteller and musician, will present a concert for school-age children and adults from 2:20 pm in Decker auditorium. Tickets are $5.

The evening storytelling concert, recommended for ages 10 to adult, because of a ghost story, will be held at 7:30 pm also in Decker auditorium.

Tellabration is a national event held the Saturday before Thanksgiving and has been celebrated on every continent except Antarctica.

The event is the creation of J.G. “Paw” Pawkerston who, during his first year, helped put together six sites in his home state of Connecticut. Designed to build grassroots support for the age-old art of storytelling, it moved to a few more states in 1989 and in 1990 spread nationwide with sponsorship from the National Storytelling Association.

“The magic of storytelling is that there’s an intimacy between the teller and the listener,” Hay said. “It is like sitting down and having a conversation, so there’s a bond that develops. Storytelling reveals the spirit of the teller, and it nurtures the spirit of the listener. One child even told me that he would rather listen to a good story than play video games.”

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However, with the current situation, that system is not working as well as it used to.

In addition to their problems with salary, many of the housekeepers feel they lack the respect of their bosses.

One housekeeper said, “We are always criticized, no matter how good a job we do. They tend to pick on us a lot, not only our bosses, but others, too.”

The housekeepers interviewed said that Whelan is not the one doing the criticizing, yet they were relentless and shrewd. Whelan said, “With all of the crap we put up with, literally, like cleaning up vomit, diarrhea, you name it, we deserve more respect from everyone.”

Whelan also appreciated the entire student body, saying, “The students are great. They really appreciate the job we do here, and they show us a lot of respect. Just the other day two students from Albert Norman Ward Hall presented two of my employees with a fruit basket.”

Whelan adds that their job is tough, however, he said that his staff is comprised of great people who do great work.

“These people do a great job of completing their work with what they are given,” said Whelan. “Even at 3 pm, when most of the shifts are over, the workers always come into my office smiling, never dragging their heads.”

Whelan went on to say, “We do our job because we care about the college, and we care about a healthy and happy environment.”

And although they are successful in completing their jobs now, one employee is worried about the future. “We are trying to maintain a high level of quality with less resources, and how long do you think we will be able to do that?”

Guest Director visits for presentation of Scapin

Cassie Donner, a junior theatre arts major, says, “It was cool working with a new director. The cast is fun and I like it.”

Freshman biology major David Trader, playing the role of Sylvestre in Scapin, also agreed.

“[Garman] is a great guy to work with, really free spirited. Anything is possible. We can try anything once, and if it doesn’t work, we throw it out and try again. He’s done a great job,” said Trader.

When asked about future plans with WMC, Garman said he has enjoyed his time at WMC and “plans on making [himself] available to [the theatre department] as seen fit.”

Garman says that Scapin is a play about “scams, theatre, and joy,” and the audience would enjoy it because it is “funny.”

The play is the story of a scheming servant who’s witty and mischievous nature gets him in trouble as much as it gets him out of it.

This will be Scapin’s second running weekend. The play starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are at the box office. The charge is $3 for students and $5 for adults.
ASAP's convenient contraceptives subscriptions

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thought this would be a good idea because not many students know the organization has condoms to give out. At the beginning of the semester, the organization was given a case of 1,000 condoms by the state of Maryland. Because so many request forms were returned by students to receive the condoms, there are none left at this point.

"It [the program] grew so quickly and unexpectedly, that we have run out of condoms," said Aimee.

"We are going to ask Smith House for some more condoms, so we can fulfill the requests that we have already received," said Aimee.

Originally, students were receiving four condoms at a time, but now, since the organization is running out, students are receiving only two condoms at a time.

"This is another attempt by members of the college community saying that they care about the students," said Robert Honeff, associate dean of the First Year Program.

"This organization is helping the college community to become more aware of disease and personal life issues," said Robert Honeff, associate dean of the First Year Program. This is another attempt by members of the college community saying that they care about the students.

Honeff is a strong believer in what ASAP represents and teaches students.

"It was a very informational session and extremely well-done." Although ASAP does promote safe sex, they preach abstinence as the best form of contraception.

"We are not trying to promote promiscuous sex," said Stacey Myers, president of ASAP.

"It is my opinion that people are having sex, and we realize this, so we want to help them have safe sex," said Myers.

World AIDS day set to educate WMC

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Editor-in-chief

Dec. 1 is day one of a year-long drive to raise awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that affects the world. WMC will be host to its third annual World AIDS Day, which focuses on young adults, who currently represent close to 50 percent of new HIV infections in this country alone.

The event will be held Dec. 1 at 7 pm in Ensor Lounge.

Dr. Laura Cheevers of The Johns Hopkins University will address issues specific to the AIDS epidemic in the United States and the WMC community.

Also, two gentlemen who live with AIDS, Ron Baker and Calvin Dorsey, will speak about their lives.

This year’s theme for World AIDS Day is “AIDS - End the Silence. Listen. Learn. Live!”

The program is designed to educate, while involving people in discussions about HIV/AIDS.

WMC’s World the WMC AIDS Day event will also include music provided by Insight II to Life and a skit performed by ASAP.

Two panels from the AIDS NAMES Quilt will be displayed in Ensor Lounge for the entire week. Literature on HIV/AIDS will be available at the display.

The event is a way for the WMC’s World AIDS Day program is the presentation by two people living with AIDS.

Speakers with AIDS “always have a powerful impact on the lives of students,” said Bonnie Bosley, Health Education Coordinator.

APO anticipates becoming a chapter

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helped SERVE build a house in Leesburg, and labeled mailings for Alumni Affairs. Within the last few weeks, APO helped with setting up and with ushering at the International Dinner, where they directed parking at the Homecoming game.

Those members who stayed on campus during the summer volunteered to pick other students up from the bus and train stations to bring them back to campus.

Jowh Brossman, who is a recipient of a recent service event, ’I really appreciate the K-Mare Against Drugs project because all of the members helped out, which was a positive feeling," said Aimee.

We invited other frat members on campus to come along and "help us.

At the race, kids had a chance to sign up and race on various kinds of vehicles. Older children drove go-carts, while the younger ones raced with big-wheels.

K-Maret offered $5 for every child who signed up. APO and the other volunteers helped on the track and were buddies for the little kids on the big-wheels.

The event raised over $10,000 to help in the fight against drugs.

What you witness at an APO meeting, which is held every Thursday at 10 pm in McDaniel lounge, is a group of friends who work together on each task. They still leave time for a nightly trip to the Pub and an intense game of Frisbee at 11:00 pm, however.

"The best thing about our fraternity is that we are friends before, but now we’re even better friends," comments Elisabeth Crockett.

Danielle Price emphasizes that "it’s service with a friend." APO is still looking for more members. One can be in APO and pledge another Greek organization as well.

"Before the Fraternity was open to anyone on campus; all you have to do is attend the meetings and display interest.

There is no pledging right now, you just have to have pride in your community and the selflessness to serve it!
SGA in brief

Class of 2000
- Senior Class Gift
- Senior Week Events
- Fundraising Ideas
- Senior T-shirts will be sold as a class fundraiser.
- 100-Day Party for seniors is on Feb. 11, 2000

The next senior class meeting will be announced next semester.

If seniors have any questions they can call Kelly Dannavant, ext. 8010; Kristen Fraser, ext. 8019; Wally Sansilvio, ext. 8300, or Chris South, ext. 8912, or send email to cls2000@wmdc.edu.

How can you get involved?

If you take interest in what is going on around campus, join us at one of these meetings to voice your opinion:
- Public Relations Committee - (Meetings - Mondays at 8:00 pm in the SGA office) Committee Chair: Jamin Bartolomeo
- Academic Committee - (Meetings - Mondays at 9:00 pm in the PUB Committee Chair: Steve Sharkey
- Campus Life Committee - (Meetings - Mondays at 9:00 pm in the PUB Committee Chair: Steve Sharkey
- Social Committee - (Meetings - Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the first floor of Hill) Committee Chair: Kelly Dannavant

And just so you know...

The ride board is up and available for all students.
An Organizational Representative meeting will be held on Nov. 18 in Hill Hall 106 at 8 pm.
Recycling - for new procedures, keep on the lookout.
The use of SGA Texas markers is free to all campus organizations. Please call Dana Jacobson, ext. 8264, for reservations.
SGA has helped to enforced the 20 to 22 credit system. Students can now take 22 credits without paying extra money.
Ethernet will be in the WMC dorms within 10 weeks.
If you have any questions call Sarah Mitchell or Jamin Bartolomeo for details.
The plus or minus system will not be enforced second semester.
SGA meetings are Thursdays in Hill Hall room 104 at 8:00 pm. All are welcome.
If there are any other concerns, please mail the SGA at sga001@wmdc.edu.

Cameras in the lab for safety not surveillance

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wished to do something illegal on the computer.
Matthews is more concerned the someone one who will pass off campus may jeopardize the system, but she understands that students are naturally curious to know about the system.
According to Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs and director of Residence Life, students should almost expect the surveillance, considering that they go to a school which is concerned for students' safety.
"I don't think anybody would be surprised by [the cameras]," Kane said.
According to Sayre, the cameras are monitored by the department of Campus Safety, however, Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, would not comment on the subject.

Campus Safety Blotter

- On 10/27 at 12:40 am DoCS documented the intimidation of an individual in Whiteford Hall.
- On 10/27 at 7:50 am DoCS documented a hit and run accident in the Garden Apartments parking lot.
- On 10/27 at 1:00 pm DoCS documented a domestic dispute in Albert Norman Ward.
- On 10/27 at 3:47 pm DoCS documented a domestic dispute in McDaniel Hall.
- On 10/27 at 5:53 pm DoCS documented an excessive parking violation in Peterson Lower parking lot.
- On 10/29 at 8:25 pm DoCS documented a call from Deckers Student Center for transport only.
- On 10/29 at 2:43 pm DoCS documented a damage on PELC lane.
- On 10/29 at 12:18 am DoCS documented possession of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 10/30 at 10:30 pm DoCS documented an excessive parking violation in the Ellis parking lot.
- On 11/5 at 4:11 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector report at McDaniel Hall.

Recalling an incident in which a student was expelled last year, Sayre noted that the video tapes can be used for cases involving the Honor and Conduct Board. However, tapes can only be retrieved a few days after an incident happens. The tapes are erased on a regular cycle.
Matthews emphasized that the system is not like a department store's system, saying cameras are used to record possible incidents.
According to Kuger, the tapes are only viewed "if anything happens."
"[The cameras] give Campus Safety something else to work with if there is an incident," said Matthews, adding that she feels more secure with the system in place.

Carl Taylor (left) and Raphael Taylor, above, sing their hearts out. They took home first place and the $100 prize at last Friday's talent show sponsored by CAP Board. You can pick up their CD "Insight II Life" in the bookstore.

KAREN PIZZALEO

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Attitudes questioned

Michael Wiles confronts administrative attitudes towards binge drinking.

For some reason, much has been said about the trend of "binge drinking" on America's college campuses, WMC included, as of late. This comes as a surprise, since the epidemic itself rarely surprises anyone. If you are one of the few it does surprise, you might want to ask yourself where you have been recently.

We all know that the problem of "binge drinking" creates any number of conflicts, the least of which being illegal under-age consumption. The problem, however, goes beyond that. All too often, "binge drinking" results in alcohol poisoning.

In a recent article, the Phoe-nix examined how this current trend is affecting WMC. Mike Weber, director of Campus Safety, reported that his records show two cases so far this year.

Upon further investigation, his records were quickly contradicted by those of Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs and director of Resi-dential Life, who reported knowledge of four cases. Although the discrepancy between these two sources leaves one asking questions, it is what they agree upon that is most puzzling.

Both Weber and Kane agreed that this situation is not, in the words of Kane, "unusual." He continued, "If it's not unusual, we really do not feel as though we have to keep statistics on it.

What is more, in the words of Weber, "We usually expect two or four alcohol poisonings each year at WMC." It would seem to me that, in light of these facts, something has gone very wrong in the fight against alcohol poisoning on this campus.

I understand that the battle is a tough one, but it would seem that, by not keeping proper statistics and "expect-ing" such things to occur, those in charge are not really taking charge at all.

Creating those lines, one is led to ask the question - when can we expect something to be done about all this? I think that four to six cases is far too many for those in power to overlook or to "expect."

The student body has been assured that those involved in the crimes cases apprehended, but maybe the next one will not be so lucky.

And, maybe, that unfortunate eventualy will be "unusual" enough to deserve fur-ther investigation.

At least I hope it would.

Pro and Con: Should crosses be returned to Big Baker Chapel and Elderdice Hall?

Pro:
The topic of religious freedom and the role of the state have al-most become a repetitive argument in American society. Who would have expected that the argument would turn up here at Western Maryland College?

As this was explained to me, there was a situation that occurred here in the 1970s. The American Civil Liberties Union sued all of the private col-leges and universities in the state of Maryland for displaying various religious ties while still receiving state funding.

The ACLU objected to the use of these ties, saying that they fell within the realm of inappropriate use of government and expanding the argument of church versus state. In this current case, the religious symbols were the crosses atop Baker Memorial Chapel and Elderdice Hall.

These crosses were a remnant of the era when WMC was officially affiliated with the Methodist Church. When this incident occurred, the college had already broken affiliation with the Methodist church.

The implication from these arguments is that people would not feel comfortable attending Western Maryland College because of the crosses.

Kristen G. Fraser addresses one aspect of WMC's religious and historic past.

The crosses remained for historical purposes.

Instead of facing the ACLU in court, WMC decided to settle with the organization outside of the court system. The two bodies reached an agreement. The crosses would be removed, and in return, the ACLU would drop the charges.

So, that is what occurred, ac-cordingly various hearsay accounts told around campus.

The cross arms were sawn off from atop Baker Memorial chapel, and a helicopter was used on top of Elderdice. Simple enough right?

Not necessarily.

When the court finally ruled on the lawsuit brought forward by the ACLU, they threw the lawsuit out of court.

The other affected colleges in Maryland left religious symbols on their campuses, and life moved on. WMC experienced some embar-rassment on that day. Instead of standing fast, they succumbed, and the WMC administration made a big mistake.

Con:
The argument over whether or not WMC should return the crosses on Big Baker and Elderdice should not be an issue. The crosses were taken off after the college broke its affiliation with the United Methodist Church, and they should remain off the buildings.

WMC does not represent itself as a religious institution, and therefore, having crosses atop buildings would be irrelevant to the presentation of the college.

Arguments that the crosses should be replaced for historical purposes are dubious. No one can convince me that Big Baker is an historic building. The cornerstone on the building reads 1957. How many historic value can a building that young have?

You might be able to convince me that Elderdice is an historic building, but I would still have my doubts. While I am not an accommodationist by most standards, I do not think potential stu-dents would be offended, as a whole, by crosses on the buildings.

I do think, however, that the crosses would make some feel un-comfortable. That would be un-deniable. Who would be comfort-able with a college that says it is not religiously affiliated yet dis-tricts the WMC, making the break fair and proper.

The decision rendered by the Supreme Court states that a religi-ously affiliated college or univer-sity can receive state funds. This is because the primary mission of such schools is education, not reli-gion. So, WMC has retained its religious affiliation and its state funding.

The issue of church versus state is very complex, however. Once a religious institution, of any nature, takes money from the state, it becomes subject to federal and state regulations.

The other side of this issue would be to keep the crosses away, since they represent a form of reli-gion that is not appropriate to some of the student body.

But, there are many other indi-cators of the historical, religious aspect of the college present already.

It seems that a cross is as equal in religious symbolism as a steeple. Yet, the steeples that rest on top of Baker Memorial Chapel and (Little) Baker Chapel seem like a fairly strong religious indicator.

There seems to be some confu-sion here.

If there were a problem with the Maryland College because of the crosses.

Quite frankly, this is ridiculous. If someone was not comfortable with the religious affiliation of this institution, then the crosses would not make a difference, and they should choose another institution.

I hardly think that the crosses would affect someone's decision to attend WMC.

Support for bringing the crosses back should be for aesthetic, archi-tectural, and historical reasons.

It is in no reason to compli-cate this issue by using irrelevant arguments of church versus state. At this situation unfolds, hopefully, the reasonable argument will prevail.

Megan K. Martin poses the counter view to replacing religious symbols.

Closes on the buildings would have falsely proclaimed to anyone living on or visiting the campus an affiliation that no longer existed.

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Letters to the Editor

The Honor and Conduct Board

Dear Editor,

I am very disturbed that the article on the Honor and Conduct Board by Kate Esposito and Jennifer Sirkis was included in the November 9 issue of The Phoenix. It is my understanding that Honor and Conduct Board meetings are confidential, and I believe the authors have no business discussing what took place at these meetings, but above all, that I believe the editorial staff was recklessly jeopardizing the confidentiality of this case by printing this article.

One may argue it is "ok" to discuss this case in private conversation, but to print this article in a public forum is reprehensible.

I also have several problems with the article. The authors complain that they "must agree to tell the truth or face harsh consequences."

Our legal system would not work if it were not for the fact that testimony presented by witnesses is the truth. The only way to insure this is to punish those who scoff at our legal code by perjuring themselves.

They also believe that witnesses should be allowed to give their testimony without the presence of the accused and that their testimony should not have been recorded.

First, let me quote the 6th amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him."

This a fundamental right given in our Constitution, and yes, "the purpose of the Honor and Conduct Board is [to] see that students are given a fair, impartial trial." That fair and impartial trial is for the defendant, not the witnesses.

They are not the ones who are on trial. It is the defendant who is accused, and it is in the interest of the defendant that witnesses be present.

Yes, it may be hard to tell the truth if the witness is present, but it is a lot harder if the witness is lying to face the defendant which is the purpose of this amendment.

Also, the recording of witnesses comments is for their protection. If there was no record of what the witness said, and he is accused of perjury, how is he to prove his innocence without a record of what was said?

As for the constant reminders of the impending trial, I believe the Honor and Conduct Board should be doing its best to make sure every witness is at the trial, otherwise the defendant may not get a fair trial.

If that means witnesses have one extra message to delete from their voice mail everyday, then so be it.

I am personally ashamed as a staff writer that the Phoenix would publish an article that violates the confidentiality of the Honor and Conduct Board meetings.

But, even more so, I am ashamed that the authors are ignorant to the fact that the basis of law in this country is defending the rights of the defendant and ensuring the truthfulness of testimony in a trial.

Jeremy Keil

Editor's note: The purpose of the editorial in question was to explain and illuminate the workings of the WMC Honor and Conduct Board which may be unfamiliar or even foreign to most students.

In no way did the commentary intend to suggest that the Constitutional rights cited by Mr. Keil are irrelevant. Rights guaranteed by the Constitution, however, do not directly govern practices and proceedings of the Honor and Conduct Board.

Continuing Internet Problems

Dear Editor,

I write this letter somewhat emotionally after failing to connect to the Internet after 20 minutes. This is not the only occurrence of this nature. During this particular time, many thoughts went through my mind.

One of these thoughts was "why should I have to pay $120 dollars for a data phone in order to use a service which is not reliable and is very slow compared to the growing standards of computing?"

I thought that this situation was standard for most college students, so I was surprised to hear word from friends at other colleges about their Internet services.

At first I figured that problems signing on the Internet must be a common problem for all colleges. However, my friends have informed me that they never have a problem signing on to Internet services.

On top of that, they have cable modems or Ethernet cards, which are a great deal faster than the speed that my computer can access the Internet currently.

As a result, they do not have to worry about their phone line being tied up while checking the Internet.

In several classes here on campus, and on campuses throughout the country, the professors require use of the Internet for their courses.

Therefore, we should have an up-to-date service that can accommodate the potential student usage.

This should be initiated, especially considering the fact that we pay up to $120 dollars for data phones to use in our rooms.

An institution that prides itself on preparing students for work in a modern and technically advanced world should be first fully prepared to incorporate the technically advanced world into the student life of the college.

Matt Hurff

Correction

The Phoenix would like to clarify a recent concern which presented itself in the commentary section concerning Jennifer Sirkis and Kate Esposito's article entitled "Are students informed on Honor and Conduct Board procedures," on page 5 of the last issue of the Phoenix.

Due to a technical error, the final paragraph of the editorial was omitted from publication, seriously changing the tone of the article.

The following was to appear as the last paragraph of the editorial:

"Is this the type of Honor System we want at WMC? We don't think so. But, if the system stays, a greater effort must be made by member of the Honor and Conduct Board committee to ensure that all students are thoroughly informed of the Honor Code process."
Chalk poetry breathes new life into campus

Kristen G. Fraser comments the anonymous poet for contribution.

There is a roving poet on campus, and I think we should applaud his or her actions on campus.

These free-spirited efforts should be encouraged on campus, but I'm not sure that everyone agrees.

I first noticed this trend last semester. All around campus, from the stairs near Decker Center to Red Square, occasional poetry appeared on various sidewalks and other areas. There was never any warning, just bright-colored chalk writing appearing early one morning.

Most recently, I noticed a huge poem written in the middle of Red Square. It was large enough to be read easily from the top floors of Hill Hall.

The author is wise enough not to reveal their identity for fear of some form of sanctions. I applaud that effort.

There seems to be some mis- understanding as a result of these roaming lyrics.

The last time I checked, this institution was a liberal arts college.

Also, this college seems to be slightly smaller than your run-of-the-mill University of Maryland College Park. These two factors should make this practice more common.

However, it seems that this medium is unappreciated, especially by the administration and faculty.

I remember seeing administration reaction to the poetry sometime last semester. I wouldn't label it disap- proval, but the reaction was cer- tainly not encouraging to other aspiring artists.

It was more like disdain or slight embarrassment that a stu- dent would dare care enough to write something.

In regards to the most recent writing, I heard the distinct reaction that the poetry and use of chalk itself was vandalism.

Vandalism? I don't quite un- derstand. The same area and medium of chalk are often used to advertise various events on campus. Many clubs and organizations take advantage of the oppor- tunity to use cheap, visible advertising.

But, for some reason, this ac- tion was labeled vandalism. That is something that I will never un- derstand.

Vandalism, according to my definition, would have to include something a little more perman- ent than sidewalk chalk—perhaps spray paint or something slightly more harmful.

Vandalism also connotes to me something a little more vul- gar.

Thus far, the poetry has seemed to be very clean with little or no obscenities.

The poems are fairly straight- forward and enjoyable to read. To me, that eliminates virtually all reason for complaint by any reader.

Since none of these arguments supply, we need to reject them.

Also, our poet is quite good, and I think that we all can agree that it requires a certain amount of bravery to share one's work in such a fashion.

Basically, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud WMC's anonymous poet. Per- haps we will see more that pop up around campus.

This would be a wonderful sign of student life and student participation. Hopefully, poetry will keep on up all over campus.

A liberal arts institution is the perfect breeding ground for this medium, and hopefully it will blossom.

Day at Newseum - time well spent

Edward Schultes relives the journalistic experience of the Newseum.

On November 11, the Introduc- tion to Journalism class and the freshman English class with jour- nalism emphasis took a trip to the Newseum.

It was an exciting time, and while we were there, we were able to interact and truly get a news les- son. These are my experiences on this trip and I encourage any student interested in journalism to experience it first hand.

We left school early Thursday morning on our field trip down to the Newseum in Arlington, Vir- ginia. While Mr. Terence Dalton, associate professor of English and Phoenix advisor, was excited to be taking us to the Newseum so early in the day, most of the students sim- ply fell asleep in the cushioned seats.

It: Dalton had built up the trip as some kind of expedition into the unknown, but some of the students were skeptical as to the excitement of the Newseum. We were excited, however. We were getting to see classes to attend the field trip.

Twisting and turning down country roads to reach our destina- tion, we could hear in my mind ev- eryone asking the ill-fated ques- tion, "Are we there yet?"

We finally did reach some signs of civilization. As we entered Virginia bor- der when we entered downtown Ar-lington. This was when Mr. Dalton said, "Wake up kids, we're almost there."

Also the bus then made a turn that I certainly wouldn't have tried even in my Neon. Then we pulled up in front of the building which was dwarfed by the business skyscrapers surrouding it.

One of the Newseum's attendants came aboard to give a little talk which he could hear in my mind ev- eryone asking the ill-fated ques- tion, "Are we there yet?"

We were surprised, however, when Mr. Dalton came up behind us and asked what we were doing. Meekly, we pointed to our class- mates sitting at a computer desk.

We were even more surprised when he also started waving at them, and the girls at the desk looked confused and hastily waved back enthusiastically.

When the girls got out of the television studio, we all headed out for lunch. There were a few places within walking distance, and we settled on an Italian sub shop around the corner. After a short lunch conversation, we all headed back to the Newseum.

The rest of the time we spent there was much like the hours be- fore lunch. We read over the vast amount of daily newspapers that are displayed on the walls there each morning.

There were newspapers from Denver to as far away as Germany. And once again, we all ended up in the gift shop looking for somewhere to spend our money.

At about 4:15 we all started crossing the street to head over to the USA Today offices. There was a little confusion on the elevator, but we finally made it up to the 19th floor.

The classes were then greeted, and we sat down in a room and lis- tened to USA Today writer Gary Fields talk about his experiences in journalism.

In fact Jack Kelley, USA Today's foreign correspondent who gave a talk at September in WMC, even stuck his head in and sat around for a little bit.

After a few questions, we were on our way back to the Newseum for about 45 minutes before we headed back to the bus again. The bus ride home people didn't even think like sleeping. Arriving back at the school around 5 pm, most of the people were very satisfied by the trip.

While it wasn't Six Flags, the trip to the Newseum was entertain- ing and informative. Most of the students had a good learning experience also.

Vandalism also connotes to me something a little more perma- nent, and if you had to ask what I think of his view on journalism, you might want to consider spending the day at the Newseum. I cer- tainly encourage other students to take part in this worthwhile field trip. The best part is it's free.

Carl's column of complaints

Anyone watch the World Series this year? Me, neither. And why was nobody watching?

Because it sucked - people are tired of sell outs like Steinbrenner and Turner buying championships.

The playoffs are so boring to watch now. Everyone knows it's going to be Yankees and Braves.

The best part of the series this year was Pedro Martinez.

Next year, I hope both teams miss the playoffs, especially the Yankees, and they make room for teams like the Phillies.

You know what else I'm tired of? Reading about squirrels in the Phoenix.

Why are there no parking spaces on this campus? I come back from an off-campus lab at 11:30, and there is absolutely no place to park.

After I drive around for 15 min- utes and go up and down every al- ley and parking lot, I still find noth- ing.

Then, when I park my car in the grass next to a parking space, I get a ticket. What's wrong with this? I know. It's all of the unregistered cars. They take up all the spots, and there is no way for campus safety to keep track of them.

So, I get a ticket, even though I paid for a permit. That sucks, and I'm not going to pay my ticket, ei- ther.

The French. 'Nuff said.

For a minute at the beginning of the year, I thought that Carl was significantly improved from last year. Then, I saw that there were no napkins on any of the tables.

What's the deal with that?

I don't know about you, but I don't enjoy using a roll of toilet paper for lunch napkins.

If I must resort to using this ran- dom of a "napkin," I have to stand there, wait in line while others are walking by trying to put their trays on the conveyor belt (which is bro- ken half of the time).

So, I put my stuff in one of these people lump into me, and I have to either bal- ance my tray on one hand, while grabbing a "napkin," or sit my tray on the floor and dance while I go to get a "napkin."

Glar says it costs more, but I think that since we pay so much for a fancy cafeteria, they can afford to give real napkins with real nap- kin holders.

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Alpha Phi Omega

Congratulations to Alpha Phi Omega! Here at The Phoenix we wish you the best of luck in forming your new service fraternity.

We're glad to discover yet another service group on campus. No one can ever say WMC doesn't care.

Scapin

Those of us who got to see the play this weekend got a hard laugh at the actors in Scapin. Silly slapstick, riotous racoons, and "zanni" operatic ditties were just a few of the escapades that made us roll on the floor with laughter. To those who haven't seen it, we suggest you buy a ticket as soon as possible. There's only one more weekend you can see it, and it's a great break from studying.

Cameras in the lab

At first, the thought of cameras in the computer lab sounded a little suspicious. What need would the school have to put cameras in the lab? Was the school spying on its students? On closer inspection of the issue, it can be seen that there is another explanation for the cameras being present. They could be there for our personal safety while using the lab.

ATM machines have cameras for your protection, so why shouldn't our computer lab? Especially since people are going to be there all hours of the night by themselves; it is a good idea. Hidden security cameras may make you think of Big Brother, but in reality, we're better off with them in place.

Condom Subscriptions

Who would have thought that you could get condoms through campus mail? It certainly is an innovative idea. Protecting both the privacy and the lives of people, it seems that the folks in ASAP are really taking an interest in serving the campus. It is also good to see that ASAP is not just relying on condoms as their main message.

Recognizing the need for education and awareness is a large part of their focus. Their concern for their peers is admirable.

Hopkins in the dust, Catholic dead ahead

Well, things certainly are exciting around campus these days. The mood around campus since last Saturday's win against Hopkins is that of expectation. The playoffs are just around the corner for the Green Terror. And what better corner could that be than Bair Stadium?

To say that hosting an NCAA Division III playoff game is exciting is to do no do the scenario justice. Exhilarating might be a better word choice.

Congratulations to the football team on a third straight conference title, and thank you for bringing us a home playoff game. By the way, if you see a lonely Phoenix staffer walking around the stadium with programs in hand next Saturday, do that staff member a favor and buy a program.

All of the above were written by the editor in consultation with the editorial board.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

Your frat buddies may have led you to the local watering hole, but there's no way you'll convince me they made you drink...

Recent accidents raise concern over air travel

Edward Schultheis questions the safety of air travel in light of tragedies.

Tuesday night, I telephoned my mom to tell her to have a good flight the next morning. She was leaving to go to Atlanta on a business trip, and I thought it would be good to tell her because she was going to be gone for a while.

I really didn't think anything of it until the end of the conversation when she said, "Say a prayer for me."

It didn't hit me until just then that it seemed that planes are falling out of the sky every month nowadays.

In the past year, we have had multiple tragic accidents, including John F. Kennedy's and golifying legend Payne Stewart's crashes, as well as numerous military aircraft accidents.

This brings up a valid question for us: Is flying safe anymore?

Some experts might tell us that these are just a random mass of accidents, but it must be horrible to think that to the families of the accident victims.

I did some research on the Internet, and I came across Boeing's "official" statistics on its website. Lately, Boeing has been under government scrutiny because they make most of the planes in service today, including all the 700 series planes.

Some of the questions on the site kind of make you wonder slightly to myself. For example, "Where's the safest seat on a jet during a crash?"

The answer was one that I anticipated - "There's no evidence that any single area of an aircraft is safer than another."

Something startling about the latest accident, involving EgyptAir Flight 990, is that no one really knows what happened.

According to the flight recorder, the plane made a "controlled emergency descent" from 33,000 feet to 19,000 feet in about 10 seconds.

It doesn't seem to be controlled because, for the plane to drop that fast, it would have to be in an almost vertical position at full throttle approaching sonic speeds.

It definitely doesn't seem too controlled to me. It then climbed before ultimately plummeting the remaining 20,000 feet into the sea killing all the passengers and crew.

Nobody really knows anything except that on that fateful October morning, 217 people lost their lives off the coast of Nan-tucket Island.

But as Boeing points out, of the 18 million flights carrying over 1.3 billion people in 1998, there were only 10 fatal accidents and that serious accidents are "exceedingly rare."

Tell that to the 217 passengers that are resting at the bottom of the cold, desolate Atlantic Ocean.

There is another question posed on the webpage: "What causes commercial jets to crash?"

Kind of sounds like a kid asking his parent where they came from. That is most definitely a hard answer.

Boeing had this answer to give: "There's rarely a single cause. Usually it's a combination of things... It's sort of like having all the holes lined up in a random selection, stacked slices of Swiss cheese... It may not be impossible, but the chances [of accidents] are extremely remote."

The problem, however, will only seem to get worse in the future. According to Boeing, at current projections, air traffic is expected to double in the next 20 years.

If the current projections of accidents remain the same, "major accidents would occur roughly twice as often 20 years from now; about once a week somewhere in the world." Not a very comforting projection to say the least.

As we approach the time of year when more people travel by plane than any other time, there have been many questions raised about the safety of air travel.

However as Boeing put it, "it's very safe."

Once again, tell that to people who have perished in the past due to "safe" air travel.

I think I'll give simple advice to all the people flying home this holiday season, the same that I gave to my mother, "I will say a prayer for you."

Legs seek to control thought

Jersey Keil questions the attempts the reasoning behind new law proposals.

The other day I received an email encouraging me to support "hate crime" legislation. I found this interesting, since I previously thought that all crime was caused by hate, but I guess I was wrong.

Hate crime legislation can do nothing but harm. First of all, there are already laws on the books that punish people for harming another. Passing one more law to cover the same crime is not going to help any; and policymakers know it.

The only reason they propose such legislation is in order to feign compassion for homosexuals and minorities. If they actually took these steps, that government cannot prevent hate, they would be labeled as uncompassionate.

Therefore they must come up with some scheme to make it look like they are doing something. What worries me most about this legislation is that politicians waste time and money pretending they are fixing something but that these people are proposing pun-

ishing thoughts and not actions.

Under hate crime laws, people are punished not for their actions, but for their thoughts and motivations. They are punished for what the prosecution believes are a person's thoughts and motivations.

It is impossible for the state to read a defendant's mind, and defendants should not be punished when the state attempts to do this. This is why people are punished for their actions and not their thoughts.

I am very wary when the government wants to control what we believe, and this is what hate crime legislation is about. Our country is based on the notion that people are free to believe whatever they want.

That is what keeps our freedom. That is what makes America so great. I am very sorry that there are people out there who kill others because they don't like who they are, but government can not change this.

It has happened since the beginning of time and will continue until the end. It is far more despicable the way people can treat each other, but it is far more despicable that the government believes it has the right to tell us what we can and cannot believe in.
Exciting, new spring classes!

ERIN HOWARD
Senior Writer

You know the feeling. You are sitting in class, the professor is 30 minutes into a hour and a half-long lecture, and instead of studiously scribbling down notes, your chin is rested on your palm. Your eyes are slowly glazing over, and you are desperately trying to avoid the telltale droopy-head bob. Why, again, did you take this class, you wonder....

Fortunately for WMC students, such boredom can be avoided. A number of new, unusual, and exciting classes are being offered by various departments for the spring 2000 semester.

Religious Studies:
Retired professor, Dr. Ira Zepp, returns to campus next spring to teach two classes for the Religious Studies department. Zepp will teach a Special Topics course on Islam (REL 2266) and an Honors course entitled “Power and Prejudice” (REL 2215). According to Department Head Dr. Greg Alles, the chance to learn from Zepp, who is widely known as a “campus legend,” is what makes these courses an exciting opportunity to learn for students.

Also, the Religious Studies program is offering two first-time courses which have recently been approved and added to the curriculum.

One of them is “God, Self and World,” (REL 3303), a course which explores various conceptions of God and which will be taught by Mark Hadley. Alles will teach “Myths and Rituals of Aging” (REL 2245) which is designed in part to help the geriatric community. Alles anticipates that it will involve “some explorations by the students,” since it is a subject which has very little written on it in professional literature.

Guest professor, Dr. Steve Fine of Baltimore Hebrew University, who has won an award for his publications on synagogue architecture, will teach a Special Topics course on Jewish Sacred Architecture (REL 2266).

Foreign Language:
For the first time, the French department will offer “La Chanson Francaise” (FR 2266) at the intermediate level. Taught by Dr. Collette Henriette, this course explores the French language and culture through songs. Students will study French while listening to the music of Celine Dion, Edith Piaf, and others.

The German department is offering one of the most exciting opportunities for the spring semester—a spring break study tour of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland entitled “Vienna to the Rhine.” According to tour organizer Mohamed Esa, while on the ten-day tour (eight overnight stays) students will visit cities such as Salzburg, Munich, and Lucerne, and tour special attractions such as the Vienna State Opera, “Mad” King Ludwig’s castle, and Dachau, the World War II concentration camp.

Requirements for this two-credit course include a daily journal, photographs for an exhibit, and a paper on any aspect of the trip. For further information, contact Dr. Esa at x462.

Biology:
“Biodiversity” (BIO 1116) is a course offered for non-majors taught by Dr. Randall Morrison. It will include a number of field trips and will explore the diversity of living organisms with an emphasis on conservation.

Music:
Formerly taught as a freshman seminar, “Diversity and Meaning in Popular Music” (MUS 1152) will be offered for the first time to the entire student body. Taught by Assistant Professor Robin Armstrong, this course examines the “diverse and varied sounds and styles of popular music head in the United States in the 20th century.”

Also taught by Armstrong is a new course entitled “World Music—Music of the Native Americans” (MUS 1152). This is the first time the music department has ever offered on Native American music, according to Armstrong.

Theater:
The addition of a second performance lab is the “most interesting” development in the Theatre department, according to Department Head Ron Miller. The additional lab will give students a greater opportunity to participate in play production, rehearsal, and performance.

Miller will direct the Advanced Performance Lab (THE 3366), “The House of Bernarda Alba” during the first part of the semester. The second lab “Marat/Sade” (THE 3310) will be directed by Elizabeth van den Berg, later in the spring.

Exercise Science and Physical Education:
This department is offering the widest range of new courses for the spring: Ta Bo (EPE 0055:01), Motion Circuit Training (EPE 0055:02), Road Racing (EPE 0055:03), and Fishing in Maryland (EPE 0066:01).

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Westminster fun

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Senior Writers

If your college experience seems to be routine, break the cycle by enjoying the community around you. It’s true, you can have fun in Westminster—just give it a try!

Start off your morning with a cup of coffee and a bagel from Sam’s Bagels located on the corner of Main St. and Railroad Ave. The bagels are made fresh daily, and the service is friendly. They bake over 30 different varieties of bagels, and bagel sandwiches can be made to order. For $5, you can feast like a king.

After obtaining nourishment, do a little shopping on historic Main St. Stop in Goodwill for their latest bargains. Students get a discount when they show their ID.

Then, make sure to visit Locust Books, at 9 East Main St. in the Westminster Exchange building. They offer daily discount prices. While in the Westminster Exchange, stop by Unique Jewelry. Next to the Westminster Exchange are several other small specialty shops, including antique shops and a natural foods store.

After all this shopping, you may want something to eat. Stop by Quizza’s, a new sub shop in the old fire house. It is located one block from the city library. Quizza’s specializes in oven-baked subs and has five different homemade soups.

Carry out your meal, or, if you are poor like most of us, plan ahead by taking a box lunch from Glar and head over to Landon C. Burns Park. It is located on Center St. at the Farm Museum, across from the hospital.

The Museum used to be an “almshouse” for the poor, and the cemetery for those who died there contains gravestones dating back to 1905. You will find plenty of trees, picnic tables, and even a pond.

There is plenty of open space, so bring a Frisbee or a football. If you have enough people for a game, there are two baseball diamonds.

After an afternoon of relaxation at the park, head over to Cranberry Mall.

If you’re looking to do some early holiday shopping, check out the SERVE International Gift Shop. You can find a unique gift at a reasonable price.

After browsing through the stores in the mall, go to the movie theater to see a film. We recommend Fight Club; it’s true brain candy.

Fun/Internship Opportunities

Need something to do over Jan Term? Visit http://www.biuhs.org to find out more about host/accommodations near major ski resorts for just $7.27. Go skiing without paying ski resort prices.

Are you a science major? Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is offering internships, fellowship, scholarship and research opportunities for students in multiple federal agencies, such as the Department of Energy, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the EPA.

Appointments are 8-10 weeks during the summer, although academic-year and year-round opportunities are available.

Stipends, travel allowances and financial aid are available for most research programs.

To find out more, visit ORISE Educational Opportunities website at http://www.orau.gov/orise/educ.htm.
**FEATURES**

**Rat’s Web/Anne Butler**

So, it’s that time of year again. Yes, it’s Turkey-time, and this brief edition of Rat’s Web is gonna help you cook that turkey and other dishes. Heck, maybe you’ll even get a great idea for ham that’ll spare some poor bird next year.

**Food Network: Emeril Live**
http://www.foodnetwork.com/em/program/emerillive/index.htm

Some people like Emeril. If you get the Food Network, maybe you’re one of them. I don’t find him appealing, personally, but he does have a recipe called “drunken beef.”

**The Iron Chef**
http://ironchef.com/

Ah, I love this weird-ass Japanese show on the Food Network. Imagine the show and glitz of pro-wrestling combined with Japanese cooking and you have The Iron Chef.

**The Ketchup Kitchen**
http://recipe.com/

Not related to Pokemon, but anyway, this site has lots of great recipes and a special Thanksgiving section.

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My word, this is huge! This is all neatly archived, too! Definitely check here.

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**Taste of America**
http://www.tasteofamerica.com/

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**Weird-ass Site of the Issue**

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**New Westminster eateries**

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Senior Writers

The College Square Shopping Center has a new addition that will be especially exciting for coffee drinkers. It’s called the College Cafe.

This spacious and comfortable shop makes real espresso drinks, fresh bagels, and even stays open late some nights for diners. Owned by the proprietor of Boulevard Bean and Bagel, the College Cafe has breakfast sandwiches as well as a variety of on- or off-campus and other breakfast foods.

The menu also includes meals ranging from tuna salad sandwiches to prime rib.

Paula Bobrow, the cafe manager, said they were hoping to attract WMC students to what was “primarily for adults.”

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**New study delivers good news for veggie lovers**

**RYAN SEASOME**
Staff Writer

So, you’ve never been able to eat vegetables? Your parents begged and pleaded and demanded, but they still couldn’t get you to eat healthy foods when you were younger.

Ever since you were a child you’ve favored junk food over more nutritious cuisine and that trait has stuck with you today. It’s not surprising. In fact, it’s pretty much normal.

A recent Associated Press article states that a study published in Health Psychology found that people’s sensitivity to bitter foods lessens as they age.

The study, focusing mainly on women, but believed to hold true for men as well, showed that as people grow older they demonstrate an increased preference for vegetables, whole-grain foods, sour fruits like lemons and grapefruits, coffee, and tea.

I know from personal experience that I disliked all but a few vegetables, and I have always disliked bitter-tasting fruits. Likewise, I am not a coffee drinker, and I have a strong aversion to tea.

By contrast, many older people I know love all of these foods.

The reason for this— says Dr. Adam Drewnowski, the director of the nutritional sciences program at the University of Washington, is that people’s food preferences will inevitably change with age.

His research was presented recently at an Agriculture Department conference on dietary behavior.

This research is part of an effort by scientists to better understand people’s food preferences, in hopes that they can stem the tide of obesity among a growing number of Americans.

Although researchers have discovered that several factors can influence what people eat, including culture, family, activity level, and unpleasant past experiences with a particular food—I dislike tea because as a child I once drank a gulp of tea syrup, believing it to be Kool-aid—they have also found that an inherited preference for certain foods exists.

Healthy vegetables such as broccoli and brussels sprouts, whose very names of these vegetables can fill small children with dread, can seem especially bitter to people who are sensitive to bitter tastes in general.

Drewnowski believes that sugars and oils used more often in the preparation of vegetables to make them more appealing to younger people.

However, health experts fear that this could lead to further increases in fat intake and unneeded calories, in turn leading to more obese citizens.

I, however, probably wouldn’t mind this little addition.

So if you’ve never been a big vegetable eater, don’t blame yourself.

Healthy eating seems to go along with getting older. Some day you may even find that you crave such “nastics” as brussels sprouts and broccoli.

Strange things have happened. Until then, I can certainly think of worse punishments to endure than not being able to eat vegetables.

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Former student relates Peace Corps food experiences

Once in a while, kids come to me with carrot or scallion (catfish) they fish from the river, and I buy them. And after I do a pond harvest with a fish farmer, I get a kilo of tilapia from him.

But other than those rare chances, I haven’t seen much fresh fish here.

The people tell me I should get fresh fish if I can, but it doesn’t happen very often.

The big dry season is just starting, and soon the river water level will drop, enabling people to catch fish by using huge nets they string across the river.

I’m looking forward to that.

Fresh fish is good.

For the time being, and since my arrival to my post near Mbigou, I have had to stay at work until late evening.

I must have a diet that is very eclectic.

Nutritionists need not worry, I take a multivitamin supplement.

While much of the meals and recipes I describe below seem unappetizing, I tell you that it didn’t take me long to get used to the food. And now I even find times that I crave certain things.

The available foods at the supermarket in Mbigou are limited to canned meats, canned vegetables, packaged cookies, powdered milk, pasta, rice, eggs, and produce like onions, garlic, sometimes potatoes, apples, and oranges.

There is no cheese or lunch meats. There are frozen chicken thighs and frozen fish, but I don’t buy them because they won’t last the 30 km trip back to Mikovanda, the village where I live.

These factors make it difficult to prepare European or American cuisine.

Most of my cooking is done by Antoinette, my landlord’s wife.

She pays her by giving her supplies like matches, soap, and salt, which are considered necessities, or coffee, sugar, and oil, which are considered luxuries.

When Antoinette isn’t around, I prepare my own food; I’ve gotten quite good at cooking over an open fire.

Breakfast consists of Nescafe Instant Coffee with sugar. For a while, I even had Quaker Instant Oatmeal but now I’m tired of it.

So instead I usually have some bananas or rice, a daily staple for me. There’s no cereal.

I make fried rice mixed with chicken bullion or tomato sauce. Eggs and bread are a rarity in the village, so when I go to town, I make it a point to have an omelette.

Carrie picks up the phone and dials. Her fingers run quickly through the buttons. She has called this number so often lately, that she doesn’t have to stop to recollect what it was. Then she puts the receiver to her ear and waits. Nothing happens until the fifth ring.

“Hello. You’ve called Peter McKinley. Please leave a message, and I’ll call you back. Have a nice day. Bip,” the telephone says. Carrie closes her eyes and sighs.

“Peter, it’s me. I’m awfully sorry that we couldn’t meet yesterday, but I had to stay at work until late evening.

“I got a new task from my boss. This is very important to my career. You know I’ve always wanted to do a pond harvest with a fish farmer, but it doesn’t happen very often.

“So, I have to stay at work until late evening.”

“Have you forgotten what I told you this morning? Peter, honey, I’m going home.” she says.

“Just to the baby,” she says.

“OK, I have to.’’

“Always, I’ll keep you informed.”

Carrie puts her hand on the receiver so that what she says can’t be heard on the other end of the line.

“Come here, honey.”

The child goes to her with his small warm hands. She lifts him to her lap and rocks him.

“Shh! Please be quiet for one more minute, and you’ll get your food. Sorry,” she says to the phone. “This was my cat. The poor little thing is sick. Anyway, I only wanted to say that I’ll call back as soon as I can. I love you, bye.”

She puts down the phone and goes to the kitchen to feed the baby.

Peter opens wide the door of his apartment and lets the woman in.

“How do you like it?” he asks, when she looks around in amazement. They are standing in the light, spacious living room that is furnished with a three-piece, brown leather suite, a small glass table, and two enormous glass-cases.


“Of course. This way.” He leads her to the 20 square meter bathroom where everything, including the toilet paper, has an apple-greenish shade, then goes back to the room.

An orange light is flashing on the answering machine. He presses “play” to listen to the messages. He hears a woman’s voice:

“My only son, Peter. This is your mother. Have you forgotten that you have one? Bip. Good morning. Sir, This is Frank Smith, the new garage guy. I like to speak to you about that dying banana tree in front of your garage. So it may be wrong, Sir, but I think the only thing it needs is a finishing stroke. Bip, Peter, it’s me—” He suddenly stops the tape.

The sound of splashing water comes from the bathroom. He sits down and listens to Carrie’s message. Then he dials her number. “Come on, pick it up,” he mutters as no one is answering. The water stops in the bathroom. He puts back the receiver.

“Peter, honey! Bring me a towel, please!”

He goes to the bathroom with a huge, apple-green bath towel and a bottle of champagne and doesn’t come out for an hour.

The telephone rings. Peter jumps up and hits his head on the faucet. “Shit!” he says. “What am I doing in the bath?” The phone keeps ringing. He looks at the empty bottle and the woman sleeping beside him, and he remembers everything.

“Shit,” he says again and struggles out of the bath tub. The phone rings one more time, but when he answers it, he hears only the dial tone. He thinks for a second, then dials Carrie’s number.

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“Okay.”

“Peter, wait!”

“Peter, honey!”

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“I love you.”

“I love you, too. Tomorrow morning, then.”

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Scorpio
Oet 24-Nov 22
Happy Birthday, Scorpio! Birthdays are a time of renewal, so let go of grudges and have a shaggin’ time, baby!

Sagittarius
Nov 23-Dec 21
You’re going to start feeling a bit restless this month. Take the time to try something outrageous; shake your hips, dance on tables.

Capricorn
Dec 22-Jan 20
A clash with an Aries will lead you to understand your relationship to turbulence. Mellow out, and a positive understanding will develop.

Aquarius
Jan 21-Feb 19
Your free spirit leads you into trouble this month. Whatever you do, don’t take everything off. Trust us!

Pisces
Feb 20-Mar 20
You want to go for a swim? Beware of muddy puddles.

Aries
Mar 21-Apr 20
So, stay where you are at a party and really good-looking Aquarian approaches... Carpe Diem! New interactions may lead to exciting experiences.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
To lighten things up in your life, tone it down a bit. Any chance you get, especially during tests or just start growling in the middle of a heavy song.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
Oh, Gemini the twin, this month you will be torn with choices! GlaR or the Pub? Tuna Melt or bagels? Just relax, close your eyes, and point.

Cancer
June 22-July 23
Look to a Taurus for understanding and passion. Open up to them... they will be easy to spot this month because they’re the dorks wearing pink and lime green!

Leo
July 24-Aug 23
Grrr, Leo, Grrr... don’t be afraid to growl any chance you get, especially during tests and quiet moments. In fact, it wouldn’t be unhealthy to just start growling in the middle of GlaR! (especially at 6 pm on Tuesdays)

Virgo
Aug 24-Sep 23
Loosen up this month. Let yourself get a little wild! Perhaps a party with a Scorpio is in order.

Libra
Sep 24-Oct 23
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SARAH RADICE AND JON BEAKR
Features Editor, Contributing Writer

Sarah and Jon take on Dylan and Lesh

JON-
All I can say is the spotlight was on Trucks and for good reason. Too bad Lesh forced him to tune his guitar up for the first hour.

SARAH & JON-
But when Dylan came on, a spare and elegant contrast to the flowing hippie brightness that PL&F is, the auditorium really started to wake up. He started off with a likeable, but exceptional, version of Stanely and Sparks’ “I Am the Man, Thomas,” and his set steadily built up steam.

Dylan’s fragmented and eccentric phrasings were the perfect accompaniment to a staccato “Marmourbane Man;” he then launched into a swirling “Visions of Johanna,” and “Ring Them Bells,” before hitting his stride in a powerful, guitar-driven, damn-near-apocalyptic “Tangled Up in Blue” that had the crowd rocking.

SARAH-
Dylan had a few problems; mostly forgotten lines, improvised lines, and a wee little bit of mumbling. Although distracting at first, I actually think his “mistakes” added to the texture of the show.

They made it more unique, letting you see Dylan as a real person, who after 30+ years can be forgiven for forgetting a few lines, even to songs we think of as immortal and thus unchanging.

That’s the point of a live show vs. listening to your CD’s over and over, messy reality, caught in the moment vs. sometimes sterile “perfection.” As with the Dead, sometimes in the experience that matters.

JON-
Dylan’s stagnation and nearly incoherent speech over the first few songs reminded me of the evils of prolonged drug abuse taught to me by my beloved D.A.R.E. officers. His synapses finally kicked in with “Tangled Up in Blue,” and I was in awe as the feline man broke from the shell of his abused body.

SARAH-
Good lord, you are an ass.

JON & SARAH-
Dylan then did a satisfyingly nasty take on Johnny Cash’s “Big River.” “Joy,” “Down Along the Cove,” “I Am the Man,” “I Am the Man,” in the Long Black Coat,” a muscular “Tombstone Blues,” and a rendition of “Like a Rolling Stone” that had everyone in the arena up and dancing like mad.

Dylan and co. left the stage, and we screamed for several minutes, stomping the floor and waving lighters, trying to summon him back. Happily, he did — to perform a haunting “Love Sick” and “Rainy Day Women.”

JON-
Unfortunately, “Like a Rolling Stone” wore Dylan out a bit too much. Our pleas for an encore probably made him late for a return of “Mattick.”

SARAH-
Shhh, child. And then, the perfect end to the evening, Lesh backed Dylan up for a rare duel encore, performing an appallingly ragged “Friend of the Devil” and “Not Fade Away.” More lighters, more screaming, more takes. Seeing them together was a joyful moment.

I had a great time at this concert. And I hear from a friend who went to the Philly show that PL&F rocked considerably harder than they did here. If you at all enjoy Dylan or Lesh, you really should go see ‘em while they’re still touring.

JON-
All joking aside, you have to remember that this is a concert of relics. We literally saw history. Old photos often are grainy, afflicted with poor resolution. We can write these images off as being imperfect and no longer meaningful, but it is the substance behind this “broken” art that is inspiring. It is the legend, the power.

Lesh may have overstated things a bit, but basically he’s got it right; Dylan and the Dead truly have transcended into modern day myth. Go see ’em.

Tickets for Baltimore were $31 plus cover charges and a bargain at that. For detailed info. on tour dates, mail ordering tickets, set lists, helpful links etc., check out Bob Dais at http://www.expectingrain.com or The Phil Zone at http://www.thephilzone.com/
**SPORTS**

*The Sports View: Hanging with the Hokies, flushing a fistfight, and saying goodbye to a great player*

**CHRIS ANASTASIA**
Asst. Sports Editor

Many people spent Saturday night flushing $50 dollars down the toilet. They made an evening out of it: calling over friends and having food and watnot.

Then, at about 11:30 pm, they all gathered in the bathroom as the head of the household dumped the money, in either cash or check, into the toilet.

Other people across the country spent that evening at the Evander Holyfield versus Lennox Lewis World Title Unification Boxing match.

Whether you watched, winding water or two 30 year old men attempting to beat one another into submission, odds are, you were doing the same thing.

**Phoenix Spotlight: Jess Horwath**

**GREG LEDEBER**
Staff Writer

While in fifth grade, Jessica Horwath began to play the sport of field hockey. Initially, she played a field position on the team, but she soon moved to become the goalkeeper.

According to Horwath, “I fell in love with being a goalie,” and she has stayed there ever since.

This season, the West Friendship Md., product has been a integral part of the WMC field hockey team.

Horwath loves the fast pace and competitive part of field hockey, and she points out “it takes skill to play it.”

According to her teammates, she is a strong player who exemplifies leadership and confidence at all times.

She has had many incredible games this season for the team including a 19 save performance against Swarthmore and a record setting game against Frostburg state.

In the game, Horwath set a school record with 27 saves in the game, but the team still fell 3-0.

She has found the entire field hockey experience at college to be fun, but her favorite moment was a September 12 home game against nationally ranked opponent Johns Hopkins.

Even though they were in last place in the conference, the team used Horwath’s 15 saves to send the game into overtime, where a Kate Facciponti goal won it for the team 1-0.

Horwath felt the team’s perseverance through sometimes tough season.

That wasn’t enough, though, as Western Maryland fell to Albright by scores of 61-26 (men) and 65-29 (women).

Clemmons lost the 200 and the 500 meter freestyle as well as the 100 meter backstroke.

Wukowski won both the 100 and the 500 meter freestyle and the 100 meter breaststroke.

Junior Luke Page won the 100 meter butterfly during the event.

**Another crazy off season for Major League Baseball**

**MATT HERFF**
Sports Editor

After seeing Kevin Brown sign with the Dodgers for $91 million and having the Yankees trade David Wells for five time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, it would seem impossible for there to be a more surprising and active off season in baseball.

Guess again.

So far, the Dodgers have yet again pulled a blockbuster move, trading Raul Mondesi to the Blue Jays for rising star Shawn Green.

Actually, Mondesi, 42 home runs, 45 doubles, 123 runs batted in and 20 stolen bases last season was offered a deal by the Dodgers paying between $17 to $20 million a year.

Toronto may have to part with two more of its players because of difficulties with re-signing them.

In Green’s case, it appears that the Blue Jays $45 million deal was not enough, and the arm-bending of Cutt Gastro as hitting instructor may have been a factor.

This was a result of Gastro’s attitude toward Brown, claiming that he would not allow him to stumble.

Carlos Delgado, who batted .272 with 44 home runs and 134 RBIs in 1996, may also be shipped elsewhere, as he has apparently turned down several multi-year offers by Toronto GM Gord Ash.

Word around the league points to the Mets as a likely destination for Delgado and David Wells, who would be added into the deal for a package possibly involving Rockies’ Roger Cedeno, and several prospects.

Also on the horizon are the pending Ken Griffey, Jr./Alex Rodriguez deals out of Seattle.

A combination of the building of the pitcher-friendly Safeco Field and consistently mediocre teams seem to have finally driven the pair out of Seattle.

Griffey is now 30 years old and certainly deserves a chance to play for a team that finally can use his talents to the max.

With Seattle, he only had a chance to play in October in 1995, when Cleveland knocked the Mariners out of the ALCS.

Certainly, the 284 batting average, 48 home runs and 144 RBIs batted in could have helped a team in contention last season.

In order to get an extra offensive boost, it appears that the most likely teams to land Griffey would be the Braves, who need more offense, Cinncinati, where Griffey grew up, or one of the New York City teams.

However, the Braves would have to send one of their pitchers, a rich deal of prospects, or maybe even Chipper Jones to land Griffey.

Jones and pitcher Kevin Millwood are untouchable, however, Smoltz, Glavine, and Maddox are all getting older, so one of the three may be sent as a cornerstone of the deal.

Seattle’s asking price from Cinncinati appears to be too high at the moment.

So far, Sean Casey and Pokey Reese have been inspected about, however, it would seem highly unlikely that the Reds would part with a young talent such as Casey.

The Mets also would have the means to trade Griffey, but they would have to send Edgardo Alfonso and Octavio Dotel in the deal, along with several young prospects.

The one team that easily has the means to obtain Griffey is the Yankees, since they possess a talented roster and farm system.

Again, congratulations to both Rod Young and the Wisconsin Badgers football team.

One last thought before I go. Tampa Bay 3rd Baseman Wade Boggs announced his retirement recently.

Boggs, who ended his career with 3,010 hits will move on to a job as a special assistant to the General manager in Tampa Bay.

Boggs made a name for himself with the Boston Red Sox and won a World Series with the New York Yankees.

I would like to express my gratitude for a career of great play for the 23rd member of the 3,000 hit club, the only person to enter that club with a home run.

Thanks Wade, you will be missed.

**More swimming scores**

**MIKE YEVRASKI**
Sports Editor

Senior Chris Clemmons won three events for the men while junior Kara Wukowski won two for the women in the swim team’s season opener this past Saturday.

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**Students predict scores**

WMC over Catholic 20-7
Lisa Dale-Van Auker ’02

WMC over Catholic 27-20
Megan Martin ’01

WMC over Catholic 34-14
Andrew Messmore ’02

WMC over Catholic 12-10
Tony Halloran ’01

WMC over Catholic 24-21
Chris Anastasia ’02

Catholic over WMC 35-31
Mike Yevraski ’01

Good luck, Green Terror!
SPORTS

Men’s basketball hopes to rebound from last season

STEPHANIE PEERY
Sports Writer

Not only do these men have the size, experience, and enthusiasm, but the Western Maryland men’s basketball team has gained the talent and desire to bring it all together this season on the court.

Preseason for this team has been nothing short of a glimpse of the positive season and winning record they hope to achieve.

With four returning starters and a total of five seniors and three juniors, this terror team has just the right amount of experience and leadership to show the Centennial Conference that Western Maryland is definitely a team to watch this season.

Besides the experience, the team brought seven freshmen to the starting positions, and inter-squad competition only brings the talent." Selby believes that there is definitely going to be competition at all of the starting positions, and inter-squad competition only brings the overall degree of play to a higher level.

According to coach Kevin Selby, “We have the best freshmen class in a long time. These boys are enthusiastic and they have a lot of talent.”

Selby believes that there is definitely going to be competition at all of the starting positions, and inter-squad competition only brings the overall degree of play to a higher level.

Freshmen Greg Hill, Adam Hymes, and Michael Paesani were all Second Team All-State players in Maryland and Adrean Pope was Third Team all-Baltimore City Catholic League.

Wrestling pins down third place finish at Monarch Invitational

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

Despite losing a good number of last year’s wrestlers, the Terror wrestling team isn’t looking to slow down from their impressive previous two seasons.

Going into the Monarch Invitational at King’s College without All-American Andre Brener, or Centennial Conference place winners Rodney Stine, Vinny Pedalino, and Josh Ellin didn’t seem to pose enough of a problem to stop the Terror.

They arrived at home with the third place trophy. The Terror lost Ellin to graduation.

They lost Stine and Brener to other colleges, and they lost Pedalino to a knee injury at least until December.

Seniors Scott Taylor (174 lbs.) and Charlie Conaway (184 lbs.) each placed second at the tournament.

Freshman Nick Alley (125 lbs.), a Maryland High School State Champion, placed third in his first ever collegiate tournament.

Sophomore Mike Macey (141 lbs.) placed fourth.

Senior Brian Billman goes for a shot during a game last season.

Now healthy and recovered, Billman hopes to finish his basketball career reaching even higher goals than last season.

With only 99 points to go before becoming the 16th Terror to score 1,000 points, Billman will play the high scoring forward position in an attempt to reach that goal.

So what does this squad have to offer? Selby says the team concept is back. “They have a good crop of seniors that know the system in and out. The freshmen bring enthusiasm and talent and add to the chemistry of the team, creating greater depth.”

He says that the upperclassmen have kept the strength they had last year, while the freshmen are coming in and correcting their weaknesses. The entire coaching staff seems to be very excited to see what these boys have to offer.

As for the players, they can’t wait to see how the season will go.

“I’m really happy with the way the team is coming together as a whole. Our positive attitude shows we will be really competitive in the conference,” says Pond.

As long as the terror stay injury-free this season, there is no doubt they can take it to the top.

Men’s soccer loses, still finishes with winning season

MIKE YESTRAMSKI
Sports Editor

The Terror men’s soccer team lost their last game of the millennium 3-1 to Washington College.

Despite the loss, the Terror (9-8-2) still had their first winning season since 1992. Senior Jon Fotz had the lone goal for the Terror in the loss.

Despite a subpar Centennial Conference record this season, the team had an overall good season.

Many of the losses were close games, with quite a few overtime losses as well.

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### NCAA Division Three Football Playoff Pairings

#### North Bracket
- 1. Mount Union
- 2. UW-La Crosse
- 3. Hanover
- 4. Augustana
- 5. St. Norbert

#### East Bracket
- 1. Western Conn.
- 2. RPI
- 3. Bridgewater St.
- 4. Montclair St.
- 5. Buffalo State

#### West Bracket
- 1. Wartburg
- 2. UW-La Crosse
- 3. St. John’s
- 4. Willamette
- 5. Pacific Lutheran

#### South Bracket
- 1. Trinity
- 2. Hardin-Simmons
- 3. Lycoming
- 4. Western Md.
- 5. Catholic
Football hammers Hopkins, wins third straight title

Mike Jenkinson
Staff Writer

In the past two seasons, the Green Terror have played Johns Hopkins in the last regular season game of the year to decide whether or not they would be conference champs. Not surprisingly, the same situation game about again this year. Standing at 9-0, the Terror guaranteed themselves sole possession of the conference title and a trip to the playoffs. Johns Hopkins is an arch rival for the Terror as well, adding even more weight to this already pivotal game.

The Terror did what they had to and more defeating rival Hopkins 37-7. The Terror scored on their opening drive of the game. With a combination of power running with Jamal Johnson, outside running with Boo Harris, and passing from Ron Sernarini, the Terror went 74 yards on their opening drive. The drive was capped off by a touchdown pass to Matt Jackson.

Joe Kendorski, rushed for a total of 109 yards.

Sophomore fullback Roy Zimmerman, who is filling in for the injured Greg Dubell, saw his first major role in carrying the ball for 1,014 yards and 8 touchdowns. His favorite target is wide receiver Mike Hunter, who caught 73 receptions for 1,014 yards and 8 touchdowns.

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The Terror offense had a dominant first quarter, putting the game out of reach by halftime score of 7-7. The first half of this game was slow, and the halftime score was 7-7.

The Terror defense held Johns Hopkins to 10 points, shutting them out in the second half.

Defensive Terror face offensive Catholic in first round

Chris Anastasia
Ass. Sports Editor

WMC's opponent in the first round of the NCAA Division III Football Playoffs will be Catholic University. The winners of the Old Dominion Conference, Catholic comes into this first round game with a record of 9-1 (6-0), having won their last 9 games.

"Every time you get into the playoffs, it gets more and more exciting," Catholic coach Tom Clark's responded to his team's seedings.

On his team's first-round opponent, Clark said, "We are excited to play Western Maryland because they have a quality program, and it's not very far away."

Catholic University's biggest strength is their high-powered offense, lead by running back Andy Notafrancesco. Notafrancesco rushed 233 times for 1,271 yards and 19 touchdowns.

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Catholic University and the Green Terror have shared a similar post-season fate in the last few years. Catholic lost to the Terror's first-round opponent last year, Trinity, 44-33 in 1997. Last year, Catholic lost to Lycoming, the Terror's first-round opponent in 1997, by a score of 49-14.

With the similar post-season fate and geographical location, it seemed fated that Western Maryland would meet Catholic at some point in the playoffs.

Clark summed this point up, saying, "Both teams have the same goals and aspirations, and our recent histories paralleled one another... I think they've [Western Maryland] wanted to play us."
World AIDS Day observed on campus

CATHY FENDORY
Staff Writer

On December 1, 1999, members of ASAP (AIDS: Support, Awareness, and Prevention) sponsored a program observing World AIDS Day at Western Maryland College, with the theme "AIDS: End the Silence. Listen. Learn. Live!"

The annual honoring of World AIDS Day calls for increased sharing of HIV/AIDS information and a revival of the fight to end the epidemic. The World AIDS Day presentation began at 7 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge with an educational skit preformed by members of ASAP. The skit was a humorous demonstration designed to teach students about correctly using condoms.

ASAP President Stacey Myers began the evening with opening remarks and introduced the first speaker Ron Baker. Baker, who contracted the HIV virus through unsafe sex, has already shared his story at two other schools.

"I'm always a little apprehensive and nervous at first because you're not sure how [people] are going to react," said Myers.

Former WMC president dies

RALPH CHANDLER JOHN (1919-1999)

President Emeritus Ralph Chandler John, H.D.L. ’97, died at The Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1999.

President John served WMC from 1972-84, during which time the college nearly doubled its enrollment, earned international acclaim for its graduate program in deaf education, launched its graduate program in the liberal arts, began sophisticated long-range planning, produced its "First Principles" mission statement, and was granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the premier honor society recognizing the liberal arts.

When Dr. John retired from WMC in 1984 he completed a distinguished 35-year career in higher education.

He served as president of Simpson College in Indiana, Iowa (1963-72), and as dean of Students and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at American University in Washington, D.C.

He was a longtime member of several educational boards, including the Maryland Independent College and University Association, where he served as president from 1973-75.

The son of a Methodist minister, the Prince Frederick native spent his early years in Maryland and Virginia and attended Randolph-Macon Academy.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Berea College (Kentucky), he earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in systematic the-
Women’s Coffee House celebrates female talent

The first Women’s Issues Group’s kickoff event featured WMC’s diverse female performers

Grace Almandrez commented on the evening’s festivities. “All the performers were wonderful. It was very nice to see two deans come out to speak. It was also nice to see everyone perform and speak. The greatest feeling was to see the diverse crowd who attended our coffeehouse. I look forward to support like this in upcoming events,” Almandrez said.

Eventually, the club would like to set up a support network for women on the WMC campus. According to Brind' Amour, many other college campuses have a similar type of network and many campuses have women’s centers.

A goal the organization has set to accomplish is “to build a more diverse population and get more people interested in women’s issues,” said Brind' Amour.

Some issues the group wants to address are discrimination in the workplace, rape and sexual assault, and tips and strategies to getting into male-dominated jobs.

Related more to campus life, the group has set two big goals that they would like to see happen in the next year. One is that they would like to serve as the planning committee for Women’s Herstory Month in March. Also, they would like to help strengthen the Women’s Studies minor at this college.

“Although many white women join this group, it is important that if we are to address women’s issues in general, we should be all inclusive of different attitudes, genders, races, and issues,” said Almandrez.

“This organization is not about being against men,” said Brind’Amour. “It is about raising awareness that women in our society face discrimination and how to overcome such things.”

Grace Almandrez gestures as she speaks about women’s issues at a Women’s Coffee House.

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While enjoying coffee or tea with an array of cookies, everyone sat back and relaxed as they listened to the motivational words of the guest speakers and watched the five performers celebrate womanhood.

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After a few minutes, the lounge was filled with a chorus of women singing along with the two performers. One couldn’t help but feel the presence of unity.

Maya Redfearn passionately shared a poem celebrating womanhood entitled “And Still I Rise,” by Maya Angelou.

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Grace Almandrez commented on the evening’s festivities. “All the performers were wonderful. It was very nice to see two deans come out to speak. It was also nice to see everyone perform and speak. The greatest feeling was to see the diverse crowd who attended our coffeehouse. I look forward to support like this in upcoming events,” Almandrez said.

Eventually, the club would like to set up a support network for women on the WMC campus. According to Brind' Amour, many other college campuses have a similar type of network and many campuses have women’s centers.

A goal the organization has set to accomplish is “to build a more diverse population and get more people interested in women’s issues,” said Brind' Amour.

Some issues the group wants to address are discrimination in the workplace, rape and sexual assault, and tips and strategies to getting into male-dominated jobs.

Related more to campus life, the group has set two big goals that they would like to see happen in the next year. One is that they would like to serve as the planning committee for Women’s Herstory Month in March. Also, they would like to help strengthen the Women’s Studies minor at this college.

“Although many white women join this group, it is important that if we are to address women’s issues in general, we should be all inclusive of different attitudes, genders, races, and issues,” said Almandrez.

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President Chambers makes plans for his sabbatical

Recently, Chambers announced his six-month sabbatical leave. In a letter sent to the college community, he wrote, “This has been a long time coming, and I have planned for this leave for some time. I am excited to have this opportunity to take a break from my usual responsibilities and to focus on my personal and professional growth. I will be traveling to some places and meeting people that I have always wanted to meet. I will also have the opportunity to work on some projects that I have been thinking about for some time.”

For the most part, he will remain in the Baltimore area focusing on the question: "What is my role, my strengths?" He would like to think that President Lewis had this same thought some years ago, as he too looked forward to the beginning of a new century.

Chambers evoked a philosophical issue that "Colleges are like people, they either have vitality and energy, or they don’t." He feels that the major part of his career is to bring that vitality and energy to this institution.

During his sabbatical, he also hopes to do a lot of reading and writing.

Chambers will also use his sabbatical time to answer the questions, "Where would we like to be 10 years from now? How do we improve our relationship with Carroll County...with Westminster...with Maryland...with the United States?"

He will also be visiting Europe twice within the next six months. In early April, he will be leading a team to evaluate an American college located in Lugano, Switzerland.

His second journey is for personal benefit, as he and three other professors plan to chart a course across northern Spain. Known as "The Way of St. James," this 500 mile walk will lead the participants from the French border to Santiago de Compostella.

For those seniors who have had the privilege of creating a strong faculty/student relationship with him, the most anticipated question is if he will attend graduation. His answer was a regretful "probably not." He continued by explaining, "I’m sorry about it, but it wouldn’t be proper because I will be on sabbatical." He said that he has asked for time away from the campus, then it wouldn’t be right to show up at graduation.

While he’s away, Provost Joan Develin Coley will be the acting president. Yet a another "defining moment" is about to begin, as the newly becomes the college’s first female president.

Administration claims campus is prepared for Y2K

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vices, the manufacturer of the compact hardware and software was contacted to ensure their Y2K compliancy over a year ago, and presently the program is considered "sound.

However, Mathews did say that some small things are still being patched up and that some problems still might occur. "The manufacturers don’t necessarily tell us everything we need to know to prepare," she said. "Even the largest computer manufacturer in the world, Microsoft, is still preparing, and they might not know if they are safe."

Mathews said that if even the software stops working or disk crashes, they will have all of the college’s records because the information is saved every day on two separate tapes.

She also said that most of the desktop computers that are installed with Microsoft Office are prepared, even though those programs, including Windows, were not made to be Y2K compliant.

Mathews advises anyone with Microsoft programs to visit their website for information concerning Y2K.

Another area of concern for the college is Food Services. Sig Gair prepared for the worst of Y2K: "There really is not anything to do [to prepare] specifically," said Alan Dold, the director of Food Services. "It’s really not going to be a problem, and I, for one, am not worried about it."

According to Dold, Food Services is prepared to serve under any circumstance. "We have served food when there have been power outages and water main breaks, so the people that are here for January Term will get food." Dold said that he has been no stockpiling of anything, including food, water, etc. He also has faith in his suppliers to deliver on time, which is scheduled for the week before New Year’s Day. "The worst thing that will happen is we might not have bananas to serve," he said.

Even though Food Services did little to prepare for Y2K, the college has taken the necessary steps to ensure that services such as electricity and heat are ready.

Seidel said that in 1998 the college verified with all of the major vendors, in writing, that they are Y2K compliant. Both Baltimore Gas & Electric and the oil suppliers said they are compliant.

Seidel said that in 1998 the college normally uses gas to heat the college because it is more economical and cleaner for the environment. He said that the college has tanks full of oil to be used to heat the college, if the gas service is interrupted.

Necessary for both the heat and fire safety systems is the control system that is used by the majority of the buildings on campus.

That system is designed by the Honeywell Corporation with whom the college recently signed a contract that guarantees maintenance of the system in case of a problem.

According to Seidel, two backup measures for the heating of the college are that the heating system for every building can be controlled manually and the default level of the heating system is set on full heat.

Simply, if the computer system goes down, the heat will automatically set itself to high power. This way, the worst that could happen is that it will be incredibly hot in all of the buildings, according to Seidel.

Seidel also said that physical plant will have extra people on call in case problems develop on January 1.

Other systems that are prepared, he said, are the phone system, which was ready a year ago, and the payphone system, which was also in compliance in 1998.

"We have touched all the bases," said Seidel. "We even looked into the vending machines to make sure they were Y2K compliant."

Festival of Lights

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However, he did say that the new format of the ceremony will be "more open to celebrating all aspects of the holiday season," and will be less religion oriented than in the past. The focus will be on creating a real community experience, said both Reiff and Sayre.

Still, three religious readings representing different religious perspectives will be read at the ceremony.

A member of the Black Student Union will give a Kwanzaa reading; Dr. Julie Badiee will read a Holi reading; and a member of the Jewish Student union will give a reading.

The real focal point of the Thursday afternoon celebration, however, will be the performances by the All College Choir and the Gospel Choir.

"People love to sing and listen to good music this time of year," said Sayre, "so we thought this would be a great way to do it."

The choirs will end the ceremony with a joint performance of "Light One Candle," followed by the traditional candle lighting ceremony.

PCW mourns former President

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ology from Boston University. He served four years as associate pastor at Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., before entering American University to earn a Ph.D. in public administration (1950).

He served as chairman of American University’s philosophy and religion department from 1949-51, then entered the US Army as chaplain. His two-year military duty included 16 months in Korea.

Dr. John earned Distinguished Alumnus Awards from American University (1969) and Boston University (1970) and honorary degrees from Iowa Wesleyan College (1969) and Simpson College (1972).

He was named president emeriti at Western Maryland College in 1983 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1997.

Upon conferring the degree to his predecessor, President Chambers extolled Dr. John as achieving "truly remarkable accom-
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Speaker explores identity
Political Science department sponsors speaker on sexual stereotypes

LISA DALL VAN AUBEN
News Editor

Women are liberated. Men are free from stereotypes. Asia is a continent of tradition and unalterable ancient culture.

Hoping to cut through stereotypes such as these, Dr. Lily Ling, an accredited lecturer, visited WMC courtesy the Political Science Department on November 29.

Calling on the fact that "there are no pristine cultures left," Ling explored the complex relationships between Asian men and women and an increasingly globalized and Westernized world.

Ling, a senior lecturer at the Institute of Social Studies in the Hague, gave students an original and passionate presentation that was somewhat out of the ordinary for WMC.

According to Dr. Volker Franke, Ling’s lecture “covered some topics that are not commonly found in courses.”

Using pictures of commercial ads from magazines around the globe, Ling outlined the stereotypes of both Asian men and women as they are represented in a Western economy.

According to Ling, Asian women are often portrayed as exotic and sexual, in order to draw the attention of possible Western male customers.

Presenting the students with ads featuring pictures of seductive Asian women, Ling discussed how Asian women have been portrayed in advertising, from the attention of males, with the hope of gaining “the Almighty American dollar.”

One ad featured the back of a naked Asian woman and a slogans reading, “Come to the Almighty American dollar.”

The next speaker, Dr. Laura Cheevers, director of the AIDS Education and Training Program, spoke of how new HIV infections are being prevented and to enjoy refreshments as well.

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Ling’s book Conquest and Desire further explores the issues of globalization and identity.

More interested, an essay in the journal Positions, is available, and directly concerns the subject matter of her lecture. See Dr. Volker Franke for a copy of the article.

Co-sponsoring the event were the Sociology Department, the Women’s Studies Department, and the Cross-Cultural Studies Department.

World AIDS Day presentation sends students a powerful message

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If the shoe fits, wear it. Musically speaking, the question is: does the “shoe” still fit? The shoe, in this case, is WMC’s new music facility, and the foot is the rapidly growing music department with 16 extra-curricular programs involving over 200 students.

The plans that originated just before the stock market crash 70 years ago, according to the June 28, 1999, issue of The Baltimore Sun, have finally been executed. The article referred to the new building as “a $1.5 million project that gives the music department adequate space for the first time.”

According to Linda Kirkpatrick, music professor of 17 years and director of several lion projects that give the music department funding, the new facility has had significant growth in the past 10 years in all areas. Student interest has greatly increased in the last 10 years. Student interest has greatly increased in the last 10 years.

According to Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, Music Department chair and director of Choral Activities, the building is not even close to meeting the department’s needs. Why is that the case? The music department has significant growth in the past 10 years in all areas. Student interest has greatly increased.

Is the new music building sufficient for growth?

BJ Swoers
Special to the Phoenix

Also, Kirkpatrick notes that “the school population has become much bigger, hence the musical participation from more students.”

In the past ten years, said Boudreaux, the number of music majors went from one to 27.

Asking if the new facilities meet the needs of the department, Kyle Englar, a senior lecturer and voice instructor, said, “Absolutely not.” She said that there is a need for more vocal practice rooms, better pianos, and vocal coaches to focus in dictation rather than technique.

Sophomore music major Jason Tanner thinks that the new facility is definitely an improvement. Having Jazz Ensemble in it for the first time on November 15, he described it as “a better room to play ensemble music in, it’s a little sound, thanks to the fact that the room has no 90-degree angles.”

But what about Old Levine? Now that the new building has been built adjacent to it, are there any plans for renovation? While Boudreaux admits that there is a lot of work needed in Old Levine, she is afraid people will see funding the new facility as easy, and money will be distributed elsewhere.

On the day Kirkpatrick recalls being promised last April that Old Levine will receive considerable repairs. She describes the old building as “decrepit” and needing a lot of attention.

Technology Task Force notice

President Chambers has recently appointed a college-wide technology task force to research and make recommendations regarding technology use on campus.

Christine Mathews, director of Information Services, and Bill Long will serve as co-chairs. The task force is eager to hear from students and will be soliciting input both formally and informally in the coming months.

Students are also invited to contact task force members with their ideas and concerns.

Its subcommittees include Technology in the Classroom (LeRoy Panek, chair); Policies and Procedures (Linda Eshleman, chair), Distance Education (Ranele Mitschel, chair), and Student Issues (Cheri Neal, chair).

Also on the force are Bill Chase, Dick Claycombe, Tom Devney, Rick Dillman, Erin Smith, Esther Iglitch, Mona Kerby, April A. Mian, Margret Mordar-Noar, Howard Orenstein, Ken Pool, Brad Smith, Sue Bloom, Ira Dusmer, Dave Neikirk, and James Feuring.

Honor and Conduct Board

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case on September 16, 1999, involving a student who was charged with physical abuse.

The accused was found not responsible of the charge.

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Class registration complications
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“it’s easier to be a freshman and take electives that are necessary for credit hours and graduation,” said Reiff. “Registration is a systematic process so that when students get closer to graduation, it is more likely to get the course they need.” But some freshmen do not agree with this process. They feel they are forced to “take leftover” classes. “We do pay to come here and learn about subjects we are interested in, but we can’t take those classes,” said Kacey Michelsen, a freshman with an undecided major. “It’s hard to figure out what my major will be if I can’t get into classes I think I might be interested in because they are closed.”

But even for students who are not freshmen, getting into classes, even in their major, can be tough. “I’m a sociology major and could not get into any of the classes I wanted for my major,” said Mindy Bucey, a sophomore. “I probably won’t get those classes until my junior year because it seems like everyone on this campus is a sociology major,” she said.

Susan Werley, a sophomore psychology major, can also attest to what Bacey said. She was wait-listed for Child Development, a class she needs for her major. “It’s frustrating as a second semester sophomore that I still can’t get classes that are needed to finish for my major,” said Werley. “I also have a minor to complete that has more credit hours than most majors, and I’m afraid I won’t be able to get it all done.”

Reiff said that generally there are alternative classes that students can take without taking something they do not really need.

Reiff’s advice, “Do not panic because some new sections do get created, and some seats drop open after the first couple days. Also, some professors will bend over backwards to work with students and sign them into their classes.”

According to Reiff, the administration knows that “the registration process is less than perfect and many students are bearing the brunt of the system.”

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Campus Safety Blotter

•On 11/11 at 3:00 am DoCS documented possession of controlled substances at McDaniel Hall.
•On 11/11 at 5:30 am DoCS documented defacing of property at Lewis Hall.
•On 11/11 at 10:10 am DoCS documented defacing of property at Bairst Hall.
•On 11/11 at 1:34 pm DoCS documented use of illegal substances at McDaniel Hall.
•On 11/11 at 1:58 pm DoCS documented a low-velocity accident at McDaniel Hall.
•On 11/11 at 2:26 pm DoCS documented damage to property at Blanche Ward Hall.
•On 11/11/1 at 3:00 pm DoCS reported a search warrant in effect at Rouzer Hall.
•On 11/14 at 12:15 pm DoCS documented underage possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
•On 11/14 at 12:30 pm DoCS documented underage possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
•On 11/14/1 at 6:30 pm DoCS documented an emergency exit from Hoover Library.
•On 11/14 at 11:44 pm DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at Albert Norman Ward Hall.
•On 11/16 at 5:43 am DoCS documented a vehicle towed from Albert Norman Ward Hall.
•On 11/16 at 5:43 am DoCS documented possession of a controlled substance at McDaniel Hall.

McDaniel Hall.
•On 11/21 at 4:50 pm DoCS documented damage to property at Rouzer Hall.
•On 11/21 at 5:53 pm DoCS documented panel trouble at McDaniel Hall.
•On 11/21 at 9:54 pm DoCS documented a low-velocity accident at Rouzer Parking Lot.
•On 11/21 at 10:40 pm DoCS documented the use of controlled substances at Rouzer Hall.
•On 11/22 at 2:25 pm DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at Whiteford Hall.
•On 11/22 at 4:49 pm DoCS security personnel documented

Garden Apartments parking.
•On 11/27 at 10:30 pm DoCS documented unauthorized access to a college facility at Rouzer Hall.
•On 11/27 at 10:30 pm DoCS documented a vehicle towed from DMC Parking Lot.
•On 11/28 at 2:51 am DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities at Hoover Library.
•On 11/28 at 11:00 pm DoCS documented a campus wide indecent conduct offense.
•On 11/29 at 11:29 pm DoCS documented violation of college rules at McDaniel Lane.
•On 11/30 at 12:44 am DoCS documented trespassing at the Garden Apartments.
•On 12/2 at 4:50 pm DoCS documented theft from the athletic fields.
•On 11/30 at 5:00 pm DoCS removed medical treatment at the DoCS office.
•On 12/1 at 2:30 am DoCS rendered medical treatment at Whiteford Hall.
•On 12/2 at 4:30 pm DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at the DoCS office.
•On 12/2 at 7:59 pm DoCS removed medical treatment at McDaniel Hall.
Top ten signs that new millennium harbors end of world

6. The movie Titanic actually made more money at the box office than the first Star Wars movie.
7. The only remotely funny talk-show on television is Late Night with Conan O’Brien which doesn’t exactly have the greatest of time slots. It’s on after The Tonight Show, weeknights at 12:30 am.
8. The perennial powerhouse teams of the NFL - the San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, and Pittsburgh Steelers, are all having miserable seasons.
9. Country music is still popular. George W. Bush and Al Gore even plan to use country music songs as their presidential campaign anthems.
10. First Lady Hillary Clinton may soon be referred to as New York Senator Hillary Clinton. Perhaps she’ll have an affair with one of her interns.

No problem!

Matthew Hurff discusses the implications of recent trouble concerning the World Trade Organization.

In Seattle, the 135 World Trade Organization is discussing the lowering of trade barriers and making mandatory sanctions on child labor.

Bill Clinton feels that violations of workers’ rights discussed in Seattle should warrant a new round of war.

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A large part of the world feels that our involvement in their domestic issues is wrong, so why should we do it again?

For example, many nations in the Middle East believe that the United States is the antichrist, and, therefore, aim a great deal of their terroristic energies toward us.

We already spend billions in attempts to discourage this but to no avail.

I feel that Clinton followed the plans discussed in Seattle more nations will desist America. Consequently, more terroristic attempts will be aimed toward our nation.

Instead of following through with the WTO, let’s make sure we can maintain our economy for future generations and not spread ourselves too thin by forcing our ideals upon everyone else.

Oh, good. I’m finishing up a paper.

“Ahh, that one you’re doing on why wearing pink boots doesn’t make you gay?”

“Um... Robin” I gave her a weird look.

“No, I’m writing about teenage pregnancy.”

I gave a nervous laugh. “Oh right. Ok, gotta get to work. See ya!” Robin returned to the screen.

An hour later, Robin called me over.

“Hey, do you know how to cite a source from Infotrac?”

Anne Butler questions the tedious MLA bibliography process for Internet sources.

Thanks!

“So the correct MLA citation for Infotrac can include as much as fourteen different entries!”

I have to get back to finishing this.

“Yeah, so?”

Her hands flew across the keyboard as she typed a URL. “So the correct MLA citation for Infotrac can include as much as 14 different entries.”

“What? That’s insane!”

Robin nodded, not looking from the screen. “I’ve spent almost as much time on this damn bibliography as I have for the actual paper.”

“Do you really need everything that it says to put in there?”

Robin nodded again. “Yes, my professor insists I have absolutely correct MLA citation.” She shook her head. “I don’t know why though; I mean, why does he need to tell me the URL for Infotrac? And then repeat it 15 times?”

I shrugged. “You know, I think both your professor and the MLA are controlled by a bunch of sadistic squirrels or something.”

Robin laughed and held up the paper. “Sorry, I have to get back to finishing this.”

“Good luck.”

Three hours later my shift ended, and Robin was still working away at her bibliography. I told her goodbye.

She didn’t seem to hear me though. She was too busy typing.
Rise of school violence not just TV's fault

Edward Schultheis tackles the difficult topic of school violence.

A few weeks ago during my Mac Communication class, we were having a discussion about the effect of violence in media. Because of this discussion I have been looking at different shows and found that the violence found in television shows has dramatically increased over the past few years.

Some might say that the violence on TV has no effect on people whatsoever, but I feel completely different about it. The countless hours that children sit in front of their TV's and watch all the numerous violent scenes can't exactly be all good for them.

Sure we have had cartoons that have shown violent scene after violent scene, but as we age during our childhood, we can distinguish from the cartoon world and the real world.

However, because of the similarity between the television reality and real life is harder to distinguish.

Although, I am not saying that the television alone is the culprit, but it is a factor in some of the heinous crimes of late.

It seems that teenagers are especially susceptible to the reality of television. This can explain why during a recent school shooting, the boy walked into his school and opened fire with a shotgun. He likened his experience to a movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio called The Basketball Diaries, in which DiCaprio's character does a scene of the Y2K bug, however, most people don't even see it as a real concern.

Of course, there are a few people on earth who spend their time building bomb shelters and making sure that they rid their souls of sin before their "impending" doom.

These are probably the same people who believe in the Y2K hypothesis, "We are not going to be able to fix the year 2000." It has some validity, but I feel completely different about it.

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Now say that the teenager watching the news broadcast is neglected at home, and is an outcast. She is there that they act out their bottled up hostility and fear. Then it is later described as a "dream" in many cases, but in fact is very real.

According to American Medical Association, violence among teenagers has increased 150% over the past decade, and there is no way that people can't attribute some of it to the violence that is constantly displayed on television.

On the other end, schools are finally starting to participate actively in trying to end school violence. However, they have gone overboard about arresting a middle-school student, who wrote a scary story for Halloween that involved him killing his teacher. He got an A on the paper, read it in class, then was put in prison for a few days.

Real schools can't help curb violence in school as long as children and teenagers aren't receiving any help from home. As long as they continue wasting away their hours in front of the television, nothing can really help.

Change needs to start at home, and when parents aren't able to talk to their children about anything, it makes it a little difficult for both the children and parents to understand what is going on in each other's lives.

Lately we have seen a huge increase in the number of deaths at schools. We are not sure how much effect TV has on the minds of children and teenagers, but we know that it has some.

Of course, it definitely not the only factor that contributed to the degradation of our society. Unless we can reverse this trend, we will all benefit more from the 21st century than the 20th century.

Spirits of Christmas missing at mall

Jessica Fitzgerald comments on the materialism of Christmas.

Walking in the mall over Thanksgiving break, I noticed that holiday preparations are in full swing.

All the stores were cheerfully decorated with blending, flashing lights and signs advertising how much better you have to have a license plate slightly modified from the traditional state form.

This is a disturbing trend, as people are being blamed unreasonable- ly for something that they are clearly associated with.

The true point of the license plates is to raise money for an adoption fund.

The specialty plate serves to express personal causes, organizations, and other groups.

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Ed Schultheis questions year 2000 frenzy and hopes for a peaceful new year.

Only time will tell.

Scientists have known about the Y2K problem since the 70's when Digital Equipment Corporation identified the problem but figured it could be fixed by the year 2000.

Little did they know that it wasn't completely fixed. We hear all the time on the TV, "Y2K compliant" and "Y2K ready," however, are any of us really ready for the year 2000?

And, this brings me to a poll on America Online. Only 25 percent of people are going out for the celebration, and 29 percent reported that they were staying home to celebrate.

Unexpectedly, 39 percent of the people polled said that they didn't have any plans for the "Big Night" yet.

Nothing like waiting to the last minute, for at least me.

When people were asked about the Y2K bug, however, most people don't even see it as a real concern.

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The proponents for the plate design state that the plates advocate adoption not necessarily an anti-abortion stand.

NOW, however, feels that the plates are inappropriate for the state of Florida, because of the recent violence committed against abortion providers.

This seems to be another attack, albeit minor, on the pro-life movement.

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That is not even the core issue at hand.

The specialty plate serves to express personal causes, organizations, and other groups.

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It seems that the constant news coverage of violent acts seems only enhance the violence portrayed in real life.

Teenagers who see other teenagers after a shooting and think about all the publicity that surrounds men's crimes of late.

Especially Americans, get so wrapped up in the material part of the season, that they forget the part about caring for our neighbor and help- ing the less fortunate.

I'm sure the mothers I saw were good people. I'm sure they had pure intentions and only wanted to see their children's faces light up when they opened that package Christmas morning.

But, maybe those children would benefit more by understanding that Christmas is supposed to be a time of love and peace. Perhaps, if we understood that one fact, we would all benefit more.
COMMENTARY

SQA questioned on ability to represent students

To begin with, I would like to set the record straight. Many on campus have heard the rumors about certain members of our SQA being anti-Muslim. This is not true.

I was at the meeting on November 18 where the incident involving religiosity tolerance by several of our elected representatives took place.

To tell the truth, I’m not sure whether or not some SQA representatives are anti-Muslim. If they are, it would doubtfully express it the way they expressed their feelings on the matter.

What can I and will tell is that the Vice-President of the SQA, Michael Blundin, and Dana Jacobson, did explicitly state at the meeting that the symbol of the Christian cross was insulting to them.

While I don’t remember the exact words spoken, I can say that both of these representatives clearly expressed some amount of hatred and disgust for the symbol of the cross, which is held sacred by a large segment of our population.

The most revealing statement came when Blundin unhesitatingly compared the cross to the Nazi Swastika.

It is unfortunate that this incident took place. While Blundin and Jacobson are certainly entitled to their opinions, they are our elected representatives and should try to keep from debasing any particular religion.

Since the publication of issue three of this semester’s Phoenix (October 21, 1999), an unfortunate situation has been brought to my attention. This situation concerns a Morin story, “The future of the Greek system,” on pages two and four of that issue.

In this article, President Robert Chambers is quoted as saying, “Most problems on campus are Greek related” and “The college would not be worse off without the Greek system.”

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Quirks: Majors and minors

I sat down and met with the two people who I was working with on a group project for sociology.

I like to get to know people I collaborate with, so I asked them the standard "get to you know questions around here.

You know what I mean, "What's your name?" "What year are you?" and "Where are you from?" "Where are you majoring in?" "What's your major?" they had unusual responses.

Billy answered, "I'm doing a double major in religion and philosophy, and I also major in Ukrainian folk dancing. I'm also considering a student-designed major of journalism and art.

I have two minors, one in journalism and another in physical education.

Judy answered, "I'm pursuing a dual major of history and economics. I have another major in German and psychology. I'm trying for a minor in English, Yiddish, knitting, carpentry, and business."

I stared at them, my eyes wide. "You guys are kidding, right?"

They shook their heads in unison. Judy said. "I thought there were too many other people on this campus, these two were trying to do too much."

While I think Billy and Judy were taking it to extremes, a lot of people have trouble just finding time to finish a dual-major with a single major.

Maybe they should try to limit their interests or make a single student-designed major out of the two.

"Don't you guys have any free time?" I asked them.

They looked at each other and then back at me. "What is this 'free time'?" Judy asked.

I groaned again. "It's when you can do fun things or join a club."

"Time for you and you alone!"

Billy considered this. "What an intriguing concept. I must hear about this soon."

Suddenly his watch beeped. But later! Now I have my intro to leisure class!"

Judy stood up too. "I have my math class in a few minutes. Bye!"

Billy waved goodbye too. I groaned and buried my head in my hands.

This project was never going to get done.

Registration nightmare

B.J. Shorb relives the experiences of registration this year.

A bad dream? No, a nightmare! Thursday, November 18, 1999, started off as a normal day of classes for me. I went to philosophy, then to journalism.

As my watch approached 11:10, I was ready to schedule for my spring classes. Departing Hill Hall, I recalled seeing more students than usual.

They rushed through the doors of Decker Center, around the Information Desk, down one set of stairs, past the Pub, down another set of stairs, only to be greeted quicker because I was searching frantically for a class that fit into my schedule and fulfilled something: a BLAR, a major, or either of my two minor requirements.

Some people are able to do scheduling with ease. Unfortunately, I am not one of those people.

As a commuter, with an off-campus job, and a tight academic plan to follow, I need to be careful what classes I take and when I take them.

I am sure that there are others who understand these claims.

So now, as a result of the previous dilemma, I am on two waiting lists and in a class that may be way over my head.

First a "waiting line" then the "waiting list" - what's next?

"Waiting lists? How do they work?" I asked the lady behind the counter.

She replied, "You will be notified if any changes occur enabling you to be placed into the course."

Okay, but how far down the list am I? That information she was unable to tell me.

This was a nightmare! I had scheduled last year, and the year before, with no problems.

I walked right in and out with the desired schedule in less than five minutes.

Kind of like those "no-bake" brownies they show on television commercials. Not really, huh? Oh well.

Needless to say, this was definitely an experience from which I will learn.

Perhaps next time I should take about three entirely different course plans with me.

One thing's for sure though, I will definitely be packing a lunch.

Goodbye is a good word, right?

As is the precedent for this section on this issue, I will write a second commentary. Somehow, I thought this would be the easy one to write.

This issue ends my "career" as editor-in-chief, and it is a bitter-sweet moment for me. In all honesty, I have been looking forward to this moment since, oh, the middle of last semester.

It has been really difficult to put aside entire weekends (sometimes lasting from Friday evening through Tuesday morning) to do the work required for the job. There are times when the newspaper comes before sleep, food, and 15 page papers.

This semester has been exceptionally tough. Co-editor-in-chief Emily Stamatish was unable to return to campus this semester, and I assumed the formidable job of editor-in-chief all alone. Luckily, the Phoenix is pretty much a well-oiled machine - not too much for me to mess up in any case.

The computers in the office of ten make laying out the newspaper quite fun (invert sarcastic snicker here). Issue four was especially fun.

That was when the computer decided to make the file containing the newspaper 89 megabytes. It actually caused our publication to repeat.

For two days we couldn't figure it out. Technicians, consultants, and even former editor Kate Hampsten were all called in to help.

I am sure they understand the time constraints for this job.

The people I really got to bond with were my editors.

First and foremost, there is Jenifer Sirkis, the managing editor. She has logged countless hours in the office, finding advertising and sending out subscriptions with assistant managing editor Stacie Underwood.

Jen, however, has really provided me with moral support and has been my saving grace this semester. I don't know what I would have done without her.

It is a sad day at the Phoenix because news editor Lisa Dale Van Aukien will be stepping down from her position this week. I have enjoyed the way she has developed the news section this semester to fit her style yet still look professional.

Lisa has also provided moral support, spending long hours finer in here after she is completed with the Valley.

You'll be missed.

As you may have already read, senior Kristen Fraser is also leaving her position as commentary editor. She has encouraged more people to write about national topics, proving there is a real world beyond WMC. Kristen has kept up the tradition of including occasionally provocative pieces as a way to diversify the commentary pages.

Good luck with the rest of your senior year.

As for Sarah Radeke, of features fame, she will also be retiring. After three semesters of providing light-hearted entertainment, reviews, and sold stories, it is time for her to pass the torch.

Don't count Sarah out, though. She may reappear in a less stressful staff position. Thanks, Sarah.

It also seems apparent that Mike Yeistramski and Chris Anastasia will step down from their positions as sports editors.

All of the sections I have worked with over the past year, the sports section has improved the most.

With the writers and photographers mentioned, this semester became one of the best sports sections WMC has seen in while.

I understand that they undeservedly received little respect from some people, but I would never have gotten the sports page done by myself as some former editors had to do.

I also want to thank them for spending extra hours in the office during the "crisis."

Remeber the Muppets, guys.

As for assistant editors Staci George and Edward Schultis, expect to see them in more prominent roles in the coming semesters.

I also want to thank advisors Terry Dalton and Vince Chesney.

Both pushed me to be the best editor I could be this semester. I had a lot to live up to, especially since the Phoenix is an award-winning newspaper.

I hope I lived up to the job.

Thank you both.

As I get ready to wrap up my final issue of the Phoenix, I would like to wish the seniors on staff good luck.

I would also like to thank my staff, especially if not mentioned here.

I leave now and turn the Phoenix over to Jenifer Sirkis and Laura Kelley. I have no fear for the future of the Phoenix. You also haven't heard the end from me, either.

For now, however, I am going to escape to Eldercide. I haven't seen my room in quite a while. Maybe it's time to unpack.

Goodbye!
Hate group appears on campus

Members of the hate group World Church of the Creator, known for their dislike of non-whites and Jews, attempted to spread their beliefs by placing racist fliers on the windshields of cars on campus last February. Group members were forced to remove the fliers and escorted off campus after a WMC student notified Campus Safety of the group's presence.

WMC was not the only institution affected that night. The group also placed fliers on cars at Westminster High School without intervention. -JS

New WMC tradition begun

Last semester marked a new tradition at WMC: First Thursday. Called "an experiment in communication and community," by President Chambers, the event was part of an effort for members of the WMC community to voice concerns and open the lines of communication between students and administration. See the article on page one about the next First Thursday celebration. -JS

Student suspended for handgun possession

The campus community was jolted with news they received in their campus mailbox on March 31. According to a letter written by Michael Webster, director of Campus Safety, Vance Gibson, 26 and a transfer student, was suspended the previous day for unauthorized possession of a firearm. The suspension came after Secret Service agents attempted to question Gibson about indirect threats he made towards federal buildings, and a loaded handgun was found hidden in the waistband of Gibson's pants.

In addition to the handgun, objects were found indicating the intention to make an explosive device. In the letter to the campus community, Webster said he was "ethically bound and legally mandated to inform the students of the threat." However, he assured students that this case is an isolated incident, and calmed the fears of many.

Possible drug problem tackled

Last May, a WMC student told the Phoenix that he made an estimated $30,000 selling psychedelic drugs at WMC. The self-proclaimed "biggest drug dealer on campus," spoke with Phoenix reporters in order to clarify questions of drug use on campus. Additionally, five other WMC students claiming to be aware of the dealer's activities confirmed his statements.

The dealer told the Phoenix that students from all groups, including Honors, ROTC, and Greeks purchased drugs, including acid, heroin, ecstasy, alcohol, and pot from him. He claimed that he did not sell physically addictive drugs such as nicotine and heroin, although they were available at the local high school.

The story was the second part of an investigation about drug use on campus and followed arrests of several WMC students for the possession and use of drugs. In December, 1998, two students were arrested in their off-campus apartment, and eight students were arrested in two isolated incidents in Rowzer Hall last February. Additionally, professors must report all instances of honor code violations to the Honor and Conduct Board.

New computer stuff!

On October 26, the ribbon was cut on WMC's new $13.4 million science building. Dr. Paul A.J. Janssen of Belgium, a scientist active in the discovery of the AIDS vaccine, was the guest speaker. He was presented with an honorary degree by James Melhorn, chair of the board of trustees. John Williams, Maryland's necessary of state, also spoke

New science building, too!

In honor of Chambers' 15th year at WMC, the college staged a semester-long celebration of his achievements, which included a $50,000 Presidential Endowment Fund in his name at the Founders Society Dinner in September and the campus-wide special program held at the Nes. A first Thursday, Chambers, one of the longest sitting presidents of all four-year private colleges in Maryland, heirs his job to being mayor of a small city.

Some accomplishments: Chambers has increased his staff during his term include: the WMC Blueprint program, the new science center, and the $40 million Defining Moment Capital Campaign. When asked about his legacy, Chambers stated simply that, "I want it to be said when I leave here that everything I had in hand in helped improve the place." Chambers is going on a sabbatical spring semester 2000 and will return next fall. -SR

Honor code revised

The beginning of the semester began a new commitment and change in the honor code. Students are now required to report all instances of honor code violations to professors and must sign that they have not submitted other cheating as part of the honor code pledge. Additionally, professors must report all instances of honor code violations to the Honor and Conduct Board.

This change occurred following several semesters of negotiations by the faculty and SGA regarding the effectiveness of the system. Many thought students were not being honest in reporting honor code violations; therefore, a change was necessary. -JS

WMC: the year in review (just in case y2k destroys civilization, you will die happy, having relived the year's best moments)

"Meow" sez Siouxsie, of all the hoopla.

WMC celebrates Homecoming '99 with many festivities, ranging from a parade of Homecoming floats to the award of the prestigious Brand Cup to Phi Kappa Sigma in recognition of the Greek organization with the best academics, sportsmanship, and community service.

Another highlight of Homecoming weekend was WMC's decisive 19-0 win against Franklin and Marshall. Outstanding aspects of the game include: yet another touchdown for Teron Powell, who had at least one every game this season. Anthony Burgos shut down his side of the field yet again in his dominance of the corner position continued. Lastly, senior Marvin Deal set a new Division III record for career punt return yards. -SR

Football fun

WMC football has had an exemplary year, its third straight, undefeated regular season. Our team won the Division III playoffs once, but this time we were held on campus. We played against Carlin and won 20-16, and then moved onto play Trinity in Texas where, despite the team's valiant efforts, we lost 16-20. These were.

A delightful homecoming

By Jenifer D. Sirkis and Sarah Radice
Theater for the new year

JON BEARE  Contributing Writer

Center Stage’s second production of the year debuts Eric Bogosian’s comedy Grillers, in which David Garrison, better known as Steve Rhoades of the classic television program Married With Children, takes on the role of Gus.

The opening scene sets the tone as we see Gus preparing his grill to barbecue for his 56th birthday party in his impressive backyard. A snarky-worthy barbecue occurs as he implores his wife, who is located somewhere within the house, to use the intercom instead of yelling. More Seinfeld bantering ensues as Gus’ sister, mother, and both of his adult children arrive at the house.

With these interactions setting up Gus’ current life, old friend turned movie producer Nick shows up to revive Gus’ memory of their time spent in college together. A past-middle-life crisis ensnares Gus as he notices that he has betrayed all of the convictions he held in his youth. Eventually, he realizes that he is not a “sellout”; rather, he has grown and replaced those old ideals with new ones.

David Garrison stole the show with his movable character. His portrayal of Gus is a hybrid of Tim Allen with a more sophisticated twist. As he was the cornerstone of Married With Children during its glory days, Garrison is the essential component of this play.

Henry Worenzec turned in a smashing performance as Gus’ laid back movie-producer buddy from the good old days. Aged through 11 seasons at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Worenzec acted well in his supporting role.

He and Garrison share an amazing chemistry on stage. It makes your body cringe in withdrawal when you finally notice that the show has ended. Worenzec may be best recognized from his appearances on Seinfeld, Ally McBeal, 3rd Rock from the Sun, and the film Primary Colors. Although the play lacks a major feminine role, Caitlin Clarke performed well in her role, as she implores her wife, Michelle, to return in the future in a much larger capacity. Clarke has appeared in Broadway in Tartuffe and The Marriage of Figaro as well as appearing in several off-Broadway productions and movies.

Eric Bogosian’s play is no deeper than a tidal pool, never truly tackling any issues. It is more of a fun romp through an individual’s mentality which implores the audience to ask itself to remember what life use to be about. Even though Gus’ past is in no way my own, I am still thinking about how my ideals have changed over the years. Grillers was quite enjoyable:

Bogosian has also enjoyed much success with his renowned play Talk Radio, which netted him a role in Oliver Stone’s film adaptation of the play. His resume also includes collaborating with Frank Zappa in an appearing in several off-Broadway productions and movies.

This site also has many nice features, like the ability to buy software (which Amazon offers to a lesser extent) and the ability to buy Starbucks Coffee. Also, be sure to check out the New Yorker cartoon of the week. I like week’s cartoon, myself.

The Perfect Present Picker: http://www.presentpicker.com/ppp/

Don’t know what to get someone? Try this. You can choose between several categories. Let’s see, my dad is middle-aged, into literature, reserved, and analytical...hmm...they suggest Page Points (little markers for passages in books), Cool!

Buy.com: http://www.buy.com

One of the Internet Superstores. You can find nearly anything here, fairly cheaply.

Hmmm...Pokemon DVD?

Ebay: http://www.ebay.com

Still can’t find anything? Well, maybe you can find something strange on this auction site. Read about how auctions work, and then go to town. Be careful what you bid on, though. You might want to use the escrow service Ebay provides. Hmmm...for 2000 bucks you can get someone a phone booth. But a soul is only $36.

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Barnes and Noble: http://www.bn.com

While not as extensive as Amazon, it does have the power of a big name brick and mortar bookstore behind it.

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Movie Review:
Sleepy Hollow
ERIN JERNIGAN AND JENN ROSS
Senior Writers

Once again, director Tim Burton dazzles audiences with his creative ingenuity. This time the story is based on the old-time Halloween favorite by Washington Irving, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. If you leave your disbelief at home, Sleepy Hollow, starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci, is surely worth two hours of your time.

Depp’s pale-faced curiosity and fascination with weird metal objects are reminiscent of his role as “Edward Scissorhands.” However, this by no means detracts from the film. Rather, it induces fond memories that, when coupled with dramatic camera angles, make for one exciting film.

The film was not without its moments of corny-ness. Depp could have been spared a few of the groaners, and we should mention the cheesy romantic subplot, but in general it was witty and fun. Music is an integral part of this movie. Composer Danny Elfman used his past experience with Burton to give the film a depth that surpasses most instrumental scores.

For the squeamish, be advised that many heads will roll, but the gore is not gory, with the exception of one scene involving a tree. The violence has a cartoonish quality that takes the edge off.

Writer Andrew Kevin Walker, along with Burton, create a new legend of Sleepy Hollow with enough juice to take it to the millennium.

Grade: B+

The Phoenix wishes everyone a happy new year!

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odds once seemed immense.

What are the odds of finding a job you

enjoy?

This is for the experiment," he said plac-

ing the case on the lectern, and without an-

other mention of "the experiment," he started

class. Shushing quickly through the first day

formalities, he moved right into the lecture

an hour later. "This was the weirdest role you

could give me," says Slade, who added that the

class was jumping out of their seats with ex-

citement, but the initial reaction to the ex-

periment was, at best, low-key.

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Spotlight on: WMC music professor Robin Armstrong

What she does with all that energy?

More importantly, she refers to it as "a

creative outlet that proves vital at times you
don't even know." Just as the writer writes, and

the painter paints, Armstrong uses music to release pow-

erful emotions.

Over the years, her participation in different

independent filmmakers, he said. The plan

according to Slade was to "break down the

myth that you need millions of dollars to tell

a story."

The black case contained a video cam-

era. He already had the first page of our script

written and ready to hand out — we would

write the rest of the story week by week as

the semester went on. All we needed to get

started were two volunteers to act in the

first scene and a writer for scene two.

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She has always had an interest in music

and remembers her tendency as a child to sing

along with everything.

Boudreaux recalls that Armstrong's ex-
pertise both language and math skills.

Indeed, she should have no trouble meet-
ing those goals. Asked to describe her in one

word, Boudreaux responds with "ground-

breaking."

"If you don't risk anything, you risk

even more."

"In the depths of winter, I finally

learned that within me there lay an

invincible summer."

"Every time a person is really

willing to go the extra mile for things she

believes in and [for] people who turn to her

for support and advice."

"Willing to go the extra mile for things she believes in and [for] people who turn to her for support and advice."

"In her spare time, Armstrong likes to read
classics — all in the name of filming a scene.

WMC produces first independent film: Down

The result: a 16-minute feature film project titled Down which was written, acted, and promoted entirely by students in the

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**Features**

**Anime review: Princess Mononoke**

**Anne Butler**

*Staff Writer*

*Princess Mononoke* is an incredible tour de force of some of the best animation in the world today. Created by the renowned genius Hayao Miyazaki (My Neighbor Totoro, Nausicaa of the Valley of the Winds, Kiki’s Delivery Service), in 1997 it was the highest grossing film in Japan's history.

Even now it is the second-highest grossing, only surpassed by Titanic.

Now Miramax Films has released this wonderful masterpiece into theaters for limited run showings.

It’s showing currently in Washington, D.C., and at the GC Towson Commons 8 p.m. in Towson.

The main characters in the story are Ashitaka (voiced by Billy Crudup), a cursed warrior, San (Clair Danes), the wild wolf princess of the title, and Lady Eboshi (Minnie Driver), the leader of Iron Town.

It’s set in a lush world where human spirits protect the forest from the encroachment of humans (the local foundry, known as Iron Town).

It is a war the spirits are losing, and many of them are dying off.

Ashitaka is cursed by a battle with one of these dying spirits and sets off in search of a cure.

He ends up in the middle of the battle caught between his love for San and his affinity for the humans of Iron Town.

This is perhaps the best example of anime (or Japanese animation) to yet be released theatrically. However, just because it is animated does not mean it is appropriate for children.

This movie has gone and blood as well as other themes that children are not likely to understand. Mononoke is without doubt the best film I have seen this year. It is beautiful, filled with profound themes, and has a rich poetic translation done by Neil Gaiman.

It is Miyazaki’s best work yet and still continues to haunt me. Go see it. You will most definitely not regret it. Grade: A++

**Orillyon’s debut CD**

**Shaun Sprague**

*Contributing Writer*

So you’ve been barking for some fresh news from the rap industry? D.C. rap producer, CEO, and wordsmith Lex Orillyon is a new face in the crowd, with his self-titled, self-produced debut.

He is a very personal rapper and uses his experiences to convey his message.

In another song, he describes the time he approached a woman at a club (against his better judgment—he is married) only to get rejected.

He (as I) was shocked to find out that she got AIDS from a blood transfusion in the late ‘80s, and she did not want to risk his well-being.

He was touched, and the two remained close friends until she died.

All of the songs are not as macabre as these two, and some are downright funny.

In “Who Am I?” Lex describes how he is different from other rappers in the industry and how he wishes to use his words to convey a message of hope instead of cruelty and violence.

One aspect of the album which differs from current rapper style is the fact that Orillyon does not sample much.

I liked this sometimes, but on some tracks, his words were too thin, and the melodies did not make for it in the way which some pop samples would have helped.

Overall, Orillyon’s new album is worth a listen if you want to borrow it from me (x8223).

Otherwise, I wouldn’t go too much effort to purchase it. It will not “rock the house.”

My advice: stick with Busta Rhymes and Jay-Z for that kinda thing.

**Local Restaurant Review: Paradiso’s**

**Erin Jernigan and Jenn Ross**

*Senior Writers*

Behind the Winchester Exchange, home of Locust Books and Unique Jewelry, the old distillery houses a classically Italian restaurant, Paradiso.

The dining room and bar in the square brick building are subtly decorated with dark wood and green linens. The burgundy accents lend a friendly touch to the décor.

Paradiso’s menu offers a variety of entrees including quite a few vegetarian selections (as well as some veal). The dishes we ordered were attractively displayed and embodied traditional Italian tastes from the pasta fazouli to the tiramisu.

Our server was attentive and friendly as well as knowledgeable about the menu. The food was served quickly enough for most American tastes, but the waitress and the atmosphere did not create a hurried attitude.

Paradiso went willingly into the holiday season, providing its patrons with music from the Nutcracker Suite and other beautiful instrumental songs of the season.

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The Phoenix presents the semester in sports, Fall 1999

The Green Terror, led by senior quarterback Ron Sermonti, won their first ever playoff game versus Catholic in November.

The women’s cross country team celebrates after winning this school’s first Centennial Conference title.

Sara Fogler drives downfield against Washington College. The team didn’t finish as well as they may have liked but still had what they perceived as an overall successful season.

Women’s basketball dunks Dickinson, 55-52

Mike Yestramski
Sports Editor

The Terror (2-2, 1-1) opened up their lead to ten points late in the game, only to see Dickinson come back to within three before the game was over.

The Terror were down early, 8-0, but came back strong to take a 13-12 lead. The Terror led the entire rest of the game.

Sophomore center Brooke Brenneman had 11 points and 12 rebounds in the game.

All-league forward Jill Ibex led the Terror scoring with 13 points in the contest, as well as dragging in six rebounds. Freshman guard Jen Piccolomini had nine points and two assists off the bench. Forward Sommer Chorman had six points in the win.

However, the Terror lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Swarthmore just a few days before by a score of 77-73.

Swarthmore was down by 11 late in the game, only to tie at the last second and take the lead for good with 28 seconds left in the overtime period.

The lone Terror positive was Ibex’s career-high 25 points in the loss.

Brenneman led all scorers with 16 points as the Terror decimated Shenandoah by a score of 93-54.

Piccolomini came off the bench to go four for five from three point range and add 14 points to her career total.

Ibex had ten points and nine rebounds in the game.

The Lady Terror have upcoming games against Franklin & Marshall and against York at home in the month of December.

Billman, Pope, men’s basketball lose four straight

Sara Fogler drives downfield against Washington College. The team didn’t finish as well as they may have liked but still had what they perceived as an overall successful season.

The back and forth contest saw the Terror gain a one point lead with 29 seconds left, only to lose the lead and eventually the game to Vierow’s free throw.

Miller led the team with 15 points in valiant effort.

Before that, St. Mary’s jumped to an early 18-6 lead and went on to beat the Terror 69-63 in the final of the 18th annual WMC Tip-Off Tournament.

The Terror cut St. Mary’s (2-0) lead to 38-27, but a bout of poor foul shooting, including nine straight misses, did the Terror in. Pope had 17 points off the bench to lead the team, while Billman added 14.

Earlier in the week, Senior forward Brian Billman led all scorers with 20 points and nine rebounds as the Terror fell to Division I Army 70-49.

Army (2-2) won the game on the defensive side of the court, holding every Terror player other than Billman under seven points.

Prior to that, junior center Eric Vierow hit a late free throw with six seconds left to seal a 68-67 victory for Mary Washington over the Terror.

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The Phoenix wishes everyone good luck on finals!
The Sports View: Upon further review - taking a look at the positive side of sports

CHRIS ANASTASIA
Asst. Sports Editor

I am not going to lie to you, I have no idea what to write about for this issue. You have to understand, the sports reporting business is a pretty darn jaded profession.

What I am trying to say is that it is hard to write a professional sports column about a bunch of ungrateful millionaires and be happy about it.

I mean, there are not many positive things in professional sports... or are there?

I mean, is it more positive that Baltimore's Cal Ripken? This is a guy that goes to work everyday and plays as hard as he possibly can just for the satisfaction of winning one more championship.

Of course, he makes a lot of money; he is an entertainer.

But you can't really see him in person, though. Have I come away feeling like my $17 ticket was money well spent?

Ripken seems to be the kind of guy that one could be comfortable just talking to. He is real in a world of superficiality, and that is a much overlooked aspect in sports today.

No handshakes, drug convictions, or mistreated wives here. Just a good man who works hard and likes what he does, Cal Ripken is what it is all about professional sports.

And it has to be positive to see that the Indianapolis Colts and the St. Louis Rams are both in first place in the NFL.

To see these perennial losers, for lack of a better description, having great seasons is just a testament to the hard work and pride these teams have put into their on-field product.

Both teams are reflected by their quarterbacks. The Colts' Peyton Manning personifies the fulfilled promise that so few young stars deliver, leading his team with a sense of grace and pride uncommon today.

For the Rams, Kurt Warner is living the sports version of the American Dream as he goes from Arena League nobody to the NFL's leading passer.

Both these teams have not only made Sunday afternoon more interesting and given their hometown fans something to cheer about, they are both true examples of what is good in professional sports.

Other positive aspects of sports:

- This will be Charles Barkley's last season. God, Chuck... quit whining!

- Anna Kournikova... Just look at her, c'mon.

- Lou Holz is back in coaching at South Carolina.

- The Baltimore Ravens. Inexplicable bastards have given me enough ammunition for four or five columns, at least.

- The fact that actually pay Scott Mitchell (you know, the walking ham sandwich) to stand around and get made fun of by your own teammates.

- Steve Z. The best long range shooter in the world. Attention Western Maryland men's basketball team.

- Master P is now a semi-pro basketball player.

I hope this will cut into the time that he spends making really crappy rap albums.

The NBA does not test for marijuana use in its players, Jeez, one work stoppage was enough.

You see, if they all were tested for drugs, they would all be suspended, thus no players.

- Donav Sanders. His missing all of last season and part of this one with turf toe (he stubbed his toe, plain and simple) has given me yet another new excuse for missing work.

You see, there are still some good things left in the sports world.

Some are very humorous, or were at least intended to be, and some were serious.

The beauty of sports; humor and gravity are held in the same space.

That is why I write this column.

That is what I think is good about professional sports.

Have a great holiday and do not be afraid to laugh; you can tell I'm not.

A guide to the 1999-2000 - the players to watch

MATT HURFF
Staff Writer

Yes, that brisk December chill has filled the air, and that can only mean one thing: the NHL season is heating up.

Currently, there are several divisional races showing promise for April, most notably, the action in the Pacific Division. There, the surprising San Jose Sharks, led by Owen Nolan (16 goals, 19 assists, 35 points) will have to deal with Phoenix, 10-10-2, and Anaheim, who is currently third in the league in scoring.

The Pacific is far from weak this season.

The problem for the Sharks lies within their competition. Luc Robitaille just returned to Los Angeles' lineup on Tuesday after being injured for five weeks with a broken left foot.

The veteran should give Los Angeles a huge lift as he already scored six goals and ten assists before the injury.

This, in addition to the fact that the Kings coaches do not intend to pass the ball, according to a head coach who has been a force to be reckoned with. Meanwhile, Phoenix recently acquired goaltender Sean Burke from the Panthers, who is 2-0 since joining the Coyotes.

The Kings possess a potent offense as well; they have 100 points headed by Younger and Brett Hull have been ineffective in this situation, and Sergei Zubov have not been involved in the offense.

Goalie Ron Hextall and Manny Fernandez have been steady but have not been able to offset an anemic offense.

Don't count Dallas out, though.

They have too much talent and just need Modano or Hull to hit a hot streak which should ignite the entire team.

Meanwhile, in the Eastern Conference, there is a playoff race brewing between the Philadelphia Flyers and New Jersey Devils.

Several weeks ago, the Devils were prepared for an intense Atlantic Conference battle by re-obtaining Claude Lemieux, the sparkplug for their 1994 Stanley Cup Championship team.

However, the Devils' locker room has been mired in controversy over the last few weeks. This seems to be a result of waning support for Head Coach Bobby Flack as several players have been complaining and asking for trades, including Jason Arnott (5, 5, 10) and Petr Sykora (5, 6, 11).

The Flyers, however, have used the struggles in New Jersey as an opportunity to take control of the usually strong Atlantic Division.

Mark Recchi (10, 27, 32) has been outstanding and has made injuries to Rod Brind'Amour and Keith Jones inconsequential.

Recchi has played with renewed strength and focus this season.

Last year he fell from his usual 40-50 goal standard playing for the Flyers and Canadians. Last season's performance can be attributed to the fact that he was playing with a severe case of pneumonia for the entire season. This season he has recovered, which can be seen in his stats.

Meanwhile, goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck (10-7-4) has been exceptional in the last few weeks, going 3-1-2 in the past six games alone.

Recently, Vanbiesbrouck became the eighth goaltender, and first American goaltender, to play 800 games.

There is a chance, however, that controversy could strike the Flyers locker room soon.

Red Brind'Amour is expected back from a bone injury suffered during the preseason, and Keith Jones just returned from knee surgery.

As a result, the Flyers must make some room on the roster to allow them playing time.

Rockie Simon Gagne (6, 3, 9) has filled in for both players, manning the third line center position while also being a force on the power play.

Do the Flyers send back Gagne or lack to trade Jones or Brind'Amour? It would be wise to attempt to use a veteran player to gain a package of rookies, especially this season, since there is an abundance of talented rookies on the market.

However, that is unlikely, because Flyers' coach Roger Neilson prefers veteran players.

Elsewhere in the NHL, the lightning Chicago Blackhawks fired GM Bob Murphy after a defense has been atrocious, as seen by the statistics of Bryan McCabe, the only scoring power for the team.

The only scoring power for the Blackhawks has been Tony Amonte (13, 12, 25) who has scored 23 percent of the team's goals, and the defense has been atrocious again, as seen by the statistics of Bryan McCabe, who has a negative 20 plus/minus rating.

Jill Krebs
named All American

CHRIS ANASTASIA
Asst. Sports Editor

Sophomore cross country runner Jill Krebs became the first All-American in that sport from Western Maryland.

Krebs finished 35th in a field of 213 runners at the NCAA Division III National Championships at Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The top 35 runners make up the All-America team.

Krebs finished the race in a time of 17:40.4 which was her career best, 5,000 meter course by 58 seconds. She finished 54.2 seconds behind champion Rhaina Echols of the University of Chicago.

Krebs was only the third runner to qualify for nationals in WMH history.

Krebs, along with sophomores Jayne Karadow, Diana Pool, Holly Thompson, and freshman Blair Heinke recently gave Western Maryland's first ever league title of any kind in either men's or women's cross country.
***SPORTS***

**Women's basketball preview: New season brings new faces and new challenges to the Lady Terror's squad**

**GREG LEDERER**
Staff Writer

Over the last two years, the WMC women's basketball team has seen massive changes and new faces in their starting lineup. With only three seniors on this year's roster, the young team has the potential to play well in the Centennial Conference for the next couple years.

In her 19th year as coach of the team, Emily Martin is very enthusiastic and excited at this year's prospects. According to Martin, "The team is a young work in progress, and they will experience growing pains as they learn to play together."

"As soon as our team plays as one unit, we will be formidable," she continues. Martin is looking for strong leadership from seniors junior Jill Ibek and senior Cammy Brian, who is presently on injured reserve with a recurring knee injury. Martin is very positive about the team. "We have more depth than past years," she says. Big contributions on the team are expected to come from Ibek and Patty Russo. A six foot forward, Ibek is supposed to be the key post player in the front court for the team. A defensive specialist, junior point and shooting guard, Patty Russo is expected to provide a large portion of the offense from the back court this season.

Good things are also expected from senior starting point guard Dana Morgan, who didn't play for the last season, and junior forward Brianne Bray, who saw limited playing time on last year's team.

Incoming freshman Jennifer Piccolomini and Kris Brust have also looked very promising in pre-season practices and are expected to have bright futures.

The back court will receive contributions from junior Meghan Tracey and senior Megan Linch while sophomore Brooke Brennenman provides depth in the front court.

In the early part of the season, team chemistry has been very promising for the coaching staff. Martin says, "The chemistry is [physically] very good with everyone working hard, but they still need experience on the court together."

**Conaway brings home gold from Lebanon Valley College**

**MIKE YESTRAMSKI**
Sports Editor

South Carroll High School's own Charlie Conaway (184 lbs.) became the first ever WMC wrestler to take home the gold medal from the Gerald Petroski Invitational at Lebanon Valley College this past weekend.

**RYAN SEAVOLT**
Staff Writer

In the past year or two we have witnessed the exit of some of the greatest professional athletes ever. Whether through retirement or death, we have lost a flurry of great athletes in a relatively short period of time.

Take for instance the death of the "Yankee Clipper," Joe DiMaggio. His record 56-game hitting streak in 1941 will likely never be surpassed.

Or the death of DiMaggio's re-placement in centerfield, Mickey Mantle, known to our parents' generation as simply "The Mick," who left us before DiMaggio.

Most recently, we have seen the untimely death of NBA legend Will "The Stilt" Chamberlain, who once scored 100 points in a single game. Even more surprising was the death of the NFL's all-time rushing leader, "Sweetness" Walter Payton, who died of complications arising from liver cancer.

Both of these stellar athletes leave behind memories of awe-inspiring athletic play.

The sports entertainment business also saw its share of tragedy this year.

While trying to make a dramatic entrance for his match by gliding down from the rafters on a harness into the ring, WWF Superstar Owen Hart plummeted to his death when his harness became unhinged.

Thousands of fans watched the tragic results live on Pay-Per-View as they tried to accenuate his "Blue Buddha," the real American superhero name.

But not all legendary athletes who left us this past year have passed on.

Many have simply retired from sports. Such instances are even more important to "Generation Xers" because we remember seeing these athletes play and grew up idolizing them.

For example, the greatest basketball player of all-time, Michael Jordan, after leading the Chicago Bulls to three straight championships, retired, for the second time, last year.

As if losing Jordan wasn't enough, John Elway, the quarterback of the Denver Broncos retired after leading his team to two straight Super Bowl victories. He will always be remembered for his patented last-minute heroics to win football games.

The list doesn't end there.

The "Great One" Wayne Gretzky, who was everything his nickname implies in the NHL, retired from the New York Rangers. Barry Sanders, perhaps the only running back to ever rival Payton as the best of all-time, is likely gone from pro-football.

Even more recently, Wade Boggs chose to retire after the season that saw him collect his 3,008th hit.

While it's true that Boggs did not go out at the top of his game like Jordan, Elway, and Gretzky, he nonetheless finished with a career .328 batting average, and his keen eye at the plate will likely never be matched.

Likewise, the star quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, Steve Young, after considering retirement, due to the many concussions he has suffered over the years, including at least one this season.

So the question is, who's next to retire?

Will we see the aging Cal Ripken or Roger Clemens retire soon?

Or perhaps Dan Marino will finally win his Super Bowl this year with the Miami Dolphins and decide to make his exit.

Even if such great athletes do move on, however, there will always be new generations of professional athletes to take their place.

There is still an abundance of incredible players to watch, and professional sports are still as exciting as ever.

In pro-football we have Drew Bledsoe and Brett Favre at the quarterback position to keep us amazed with long-bomb passes.

In basketball there are a number of exciting young players, such as Tim Duncan, Anfernee Hardaway, Jason Kidd, and Shaquille O'Neal.

Perhaps best of all, in baseball we have Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, whose home run records may never be eclipsed, and a ten year veteran by the name of Ken Griffey, Jr., whom we still call "The Kid."

At the all-star game in Boston this year, we saw Red Sox great Ted Williams (also known as "The Splendid Splinter" and "Teddy Ballgame") somewhat unknowingly pass the torch to an younger generation of superstars.

He did this by simply asking questions and offering advice in stead of immediately throwing out the first pitch of the ballgame. So, when heroes of the past leave us, we will always have new icons whom we can look up to.

The record was previously held by current Assistant Coach Steve Smidy.

Senior Jon Pitzos (125 lbs.) placed fifth at the tournament. Sophomores Chris McNally (197 lbs.), and Mike Macry (141 lbs.) placed seventh and eighth, respectively.

We can only hope that these stellar athletes continue to demonstrate awe-inspiring play, so that when they leave, we will have the memories to conjure up and send chills down our very spines.
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### Calendar of home sporting events

**Basketball**
- Dec. 11 vs. Catholic
- Jan. 4 vs. St. Joseph
- Jan. 13 vs. Haverford
- Jan. 19 vs. Gettysburg
- Jan. 22 vs. Johns Hopkins
- Jan. 24 vs. York
- Jan. 29 vs. Muhlenberg
- Feb. 2 vs. F&M

**W Basketball**
- Dec. 11 vs. York
- Jan. 5 vs. Lebanon Valley
- Jan. 7 vs. Bethany
- Jan. 9 vs. Richard Stockton
- Jan. 11 vs. Haverford
- Jan. 19 vs. Gettyburg
- Jan. 25 vs. M. Washington
- Jan. 29 vs. Muhlenberg

**Wrestling**
- Jan. 15 vs. Muhlenberg
- Jan. 29 vs. Swarthmore, Ursinus, Wash. & Lee
- Feb. 2 vs. Johns Hopkins and Gallaudet

**Swimming**
- Dec. 10 vs. York
- Jan. 22 vs. Ursinus

### Men's, women's swimming sinks to 0 - 3 in Pa.

Defending Centennial Conference champion Alice Bonarou led Swarthmore to victories in men's and women's competition against Western Maryland by scores of 56 to 20 (men) and 64 to 27 (women). Swarthmore (3-2 men, 5-0 women) bested the Terror (0-3 men, 0-3 women) despite strong individual showings.

Junior Kari Wnukowski won the 50 freestyle, junior Chris Clemmens took the 200 backstroke, and junior Belazs Szidor took the 200 breaststroke.

Prior to that at Selingsgrove, Pa., Clemmens won the 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle, yet the Terror fell to Susquehanna 98-80 (men) and 122-61 (women).

Wnukowski won the 500 freestyle, sophomore Christine Joyce took the 100 freestyle, and freshman Annie Linz captured the 100 butterfly.
Terror football makes college history, wins first ever home playoff game yet falls to Trinity again 20-16

Mike Yestramski
Sports Editor

The Terror came back from 13 points down to score 17 unanswered points and defeat visiting Catholic University 20-16 in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

After Catholic returned the opening kickoff to their own 25 yard line, they had to burn one of their time-outs before they even ran an offensive play.

"That gave us a great feeling," said Defensive Coordinator Thomas, "when we had them worried enough on the opening play to force a time-out."

Catholic gathered a couple first downs on the drive but were eventually forced to punt to Marvin Deal who returned the ball to the Terror 37 yard line. The Terror and Catholic then traded punts for a few series. Deal did break up a pass in the series, one that was very close to being intercepted, as well as a few huge tackles by Matt Meiklejohn and Aaron Bartoian.

Meiklejohn came up big late in the first quarter with a fourth down and 35 to go on their own forced "to punt once again, this time into the end zone for a touchdown and the lead."

Dealing that kick twice, the Terror then scored on an 8 yard pass interference call. Notarfrancesco ran for 18 yard screen pass but was called back for holding. Sandrock hit his first career interception in the series, handing off to senior running back Sennarini went to work immediately, gaining a first down on two quarterback keeper runs, then launching a bomb to Powell for a 50 yard gain.

Senior quarterback Ron Sennarini was very proud of his offensive line, saying, "They did an excellent job. They picked up the blitz; they protected me. They made that big run for me, between that and the downfield blocking, I had no choice but to score." He then ran the ball to the 19 goal and took a 16-3 lead into halftime.

The second half saw the Terror punt away their first possession without even getting one first down only to have Catholic punt right back. Deal returned the kick to the Catholic 43. Sennarini came out throwing, tossing back-to-back first down passes and marching the Terror to the six yard line, where Sennarini connected with Powell from six yards out to bring the Terror back into the game, 16-10. Catholic and Western Maryland traded punts again before Sennarini broke a 50 yard run into the end zone to give the Terror the lead, 17-16.

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The Terror then scored on an 18 yard screen pass but was called back for holding. Sandrock hit his second field goal of the game after they would do, and we just couldn't stop them." Western Maryland Head Coach Tim Keating said, "It was unusual to be behind at halftime.

"We haven't had that happen in a few years," Coach Thomas said that he told his team, "We are going to do the same thing we did in the first half with one major difference. We are going to tackle people."

Tommy Selecky was very proud of his team's performance. "We played as a unit, together. That's all we could have asked for." Sennarini was very proud of his offensive line, saying, "They did an excellent job. They picked up the blitz; they protected me. They made that big run for me, between that and the downfield blocking, I had no choice but to score."

The following week, however, the Terror faced off against the team that bounced them from the playoffs last season and saw the same result. Trinity defeated the Terror 20-16 in a come-from-behind win.

A few positives about the game were Sennarini's 256 yards through the air and 63 yards on the ground.

Jason Wingert also recorded his first career interception in the game, as well as matching Tommy Selecky with ten tackles.
Head of Writing Center dismissed
FRANCESCA SAILOR
News Editor

Some may not have noticed, but there have been a lot of changes occurring in the Hill Hall Writing Center. With the dismissal in January of the Writing Center's administrator, Mark Honeycutt, rumors have been flying about the details behind it and what is in store for the center.

Many people have their own opinion about what happened, but not all are as comfortable talking about it as Honeycutt is. While he feels he has nothing to lose by speaking his mind, several English professors feel the issue is a confidential one. In fact, the English department has been given strict instructions not to discuss the topic because it is a personnel issue. Yet, that has not kept Honeycutt from revealing what he saw as injustices committed by the English department. First of all, Honeycutt claims he was not given a job description when he was hired, other than a verbal one made between himself and the chair of the department, Dr. Leroy Panek. Panek says Honeycutt was given a job description.

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Cathy Orzolek-Kronner and the Social Work Club urge students to understand the consequences of using disorders.

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Nycole Tyson reviews "Welcome to the Movies" WMC's first dance production.

Sports
Check out the Scoreboard for the latest stats on your favorite Green Terror athletes.

Are WMC residents safe from dorm fires?
LESLIE VAN ALLEN
Staff Writer

California-Berkeley, California University, University of Wisconsin. University of Pennsylvania. All colleges that suffered fatal fires within the last ten years.

Fires on college campuses are not as uncommon as some would like to believe. And after last month's fire at Boland Hall, a freshman dorm at Seton Hall University, some are focusing on the safety of dormitory living, and not without reason.

Like many other colleges, WMC has seen its share of fire. About ten years ago, Rouzer Hall was plagued by garbage-can fires set by vandals so consistently that it was named "the pillow" (one connection per student connection). The Phoenix was unable to obtain an actual copy of the job description.

Honeycutt says everyone seemed thrilled that he held a M.A. in rhetoric and science of writing at the time he was hired. He said Panek told him he could do what he wanted with what he wanted, he said.

Additionally, students want to be able to communicate with friends and family through the Web, he said. Matthews said that the third part of the process, the setup and administration of the equipment, is expected to be completed by March 1, at which time Ethernet will be accessible.

The first phase was the installation of fiber optic cable in all of the residence halls, except for the Garden Apartments, which was completed last semester. Matthews said that the third part of the process, the setup and administration of the equipment, is expected to be completed by March 1, at which time Ethernet will be accessible.

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And because there is a "port per pillow" (one connection per student in each room), students in the same room will no longer have to share just one Internet connection, and the downloading process will also be quickened by the use of Ethernet.

Another advantage of using Ethernet is that those students in the rest of the dorms who will continue to use the data phones to access the Internet, will have faster access because there will be less people using them. However, according to Matthews, not all of the computer-owning students will be able to use Ethernet.

"Some of the older computers will not be able to use Ethernet, nor will the small percentage of Macs that exist on campus," she said.

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Staff Writer
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Whiteford and Rouzer prepare for faster Internet connections with the Ethernet

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That is because a network card has to be installed and configured in all computers that will use Ethernet, a task which will be handled by Advanced Computers on Main Street.

The company, which the college has an agreement with, will sell and install the network cards on campus, which Matthews said is even more beneficial to first year students because they have no way to get to the store.

As for the rest of the residence halls, "our goal is to have (them) wired over the summer...except for the Garden Apartments," said Seidel.

"The apartments may not be on the Ethernet backbone at the start of the fall semester because of the added work needed to take fiber optic cable to the complex," Seidel added.

The cost of wiring both Rouzer and Whiteford halls will be $150,000, according to Seidel.

Because the college has not yet contracted for the rest of the halls, a total cost is not yet known.

However, because the freshmen dorms are the largest residence halls, and considering certain start-up costs, Seidel estimates that the cost per residence hall will be less than the first two dorms.
alarming sound. Danielle Loiacono, a resident of Blanche Ward Hall, complained of false alarms in her building. Over Jan-term, she said, the alarms were sometimes pulled to break up parties, and she became accustomed to them.

Loiacono also recalls a incident at Whifield Hall last year in which she heard her fire alarms beeping at short intervals. A dorm resident had knocked out the building's power and the alarm was beeping. "It was so early," she said, "and I didn't really know what to do. I just heard a lot of people, yelling around in the hallways, but it didn't seem dangerous so I went back to sleep.

To avoid an incident like the Seton Hall tragedy, there are only two fire drills per semester: one announced, and one unannounced. Yet if a real fire were to happen, Sayre assures the students that the college has taken many fire safety measures. To meet fire codes, each building offers students at least two ways out in case of emergency. Only Daniel MacLea does not have at least two ways out for students. To compensate, DMC is equipped with a sprinkler system. Also, dorms are also equipped with fire extinguishers for emergency firefighting.

Sayre said a fire would most likely be caused by student's lack of adherence to fire safety codes. Cigarettes, candles, and other violations would be the most probable cause, and Sayre warns students against distracting door closers, and covering fire alarms with tape.

"Sure," said Sayre. "The Seton Hall fire got everybody's attention, and if it's going to be repeated...it's important for students to follow fire safety rules.

Writing test yields 33% failure rate

SARAH RANCE
Staff Writer

WMC's Writing Competency Test was given since the early 1990's. Historically, the failure rate has been approximately 17-20%. However, when the WCT was given in December 1999, 227 out of 338 students failed, yielding a failure rate of 67%. However, when the WCT was announced, and one unannounced. Writing test yields

Another possibility is that the three new essay readers somehow threw the grading process off. A system of checks and balances requires that every essay must be read by two readers, with a third reader breaking any tie if the team of readers disagree as to whether a particular essay should pass or fail.

"Because of the higher failure rate, I pulled many essays and read them out of curiosity, just to see whether I thought the readers were right in their decisions to fail the essays. With the exception of only two, the essays were flawed rhe- torically or ridden with grammatical errors and did not fulfill the requirements of a passing essay," explains Olsh.

Students have to meet WMC's writing standards and "write a coherent, thesis-oriented essay that is free of grammatical, mechanical grammar and usage." The purpose of the test, according to English professor and WCT supervisor Suzanne Olsh, is to evaluate "students' rhetorical skills, writing standards and 'write a coherent, thesis-oriented essay that is free of grammatical, mechanical grammar and usage," explains Professor Olsh.

They must meet these standards before they can exit the First Year Composition Program.

Professor Olsh believes that no one can explain December's unusu- ally high failure rate with certainty. She says, that "Certainly the figures are an aberration since they reflect a significantly higher failure rate than usual; however I have no reason to suspect these tests reflect a trend.

A number of variables could have influenced the test's outcome. One possible explanation for the "aberration" is that the essay chosen by the English department was familiar to some students.

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The Honor and Conduct Board news

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The Honor and Conduct Board met in January to consider a charge that in the fall semester a student had submitted a plagiarized paper in a course. The student was found re- sponsible for violating the Honor Code, was given an "F" in the course and required to submit a written apology to the faculty member.

They adjudicated a case in Janu- ary 2000 involving a student accused of possessing controlled sub- stances with the intent to distrib- ute. The student was found respon- sible, suspended from the residence halls until reaching junior status, placed on disciplinary probation until graduation, fined $170.00, and recommended to attend drug coun- seling.

A fourth case was adjudicated in January 2000 involving a student charged with forgery of a faculty member's signature on a form. The student was found re- sponsible and given an "F" in the course and required to write a ten page paper.

Having been successful with students, Honeycutt remains con- fident about why he was dismissed. According to Dr. Pam Regis, the depart- ment is already in the process of making changes with the tutors too quickly.

"I think that students should know that this is a department that cares about students and would not make capricious or irresponsible decisions," says Smith. Regardless of who is selected, tutor Jess Heil feels that "the quality of work that comes out of the [center] will not change."
Eating disorders: Carrie's struggle

Last year, Carrie's sorority sisters would have described her as outgoing, energetic, witty, and always ready to lend a helping hand. This year, however, Carrie's sorority sisters would describe her as preoccupied and distant. Carrie suffers from an eating disorder.

February 12-19 is National Eating Disorders Awareness week nationwide, and we will tell you Carrie's story of her battle with bulimia.

Carrie didn't know she had an eating disorder and she didn't think her obsession with food and weight had anything more to do with then than the desire to fit into stylish clothes.

For Carrie her problem began during her sophomore year before the junior prom. She wanted to fit into "that" sexy dress and she was a little put-off when her boyfriend said "she had a big bust now.

Carrie wasn't the type to take those comments lightly and as a self-assured teenager she told her boyfriend where he could go.

She wasn't really hurt as much as she was mad. Her best friend suggested she get back at him by going to the prom in a "knock-out-don't-you-wish-you-had-me" dress.

Well, we all have these fantasies, and we've all tried dieting, but Carrie was what she described as "fat-ass drunk." She began running in addition to daily field hockey practice. In addition, late one night after eating pizza her best friend introduced her to vomiting or purging.

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Carrie lost weight and made it to the prom, but the dieting never stopped. Her determination became obsessive, and by her junior year in college she focused completely on food and weight.

Carrie fainted twice that year in college at field hockey practice. After the second time, the coach suggested she go to the counseling center. Carrie is currently in the difficult process of determining if bulimia is her friend or enemy.

"Right now," the counselor said, "bulimia looks like your friend because you can lose one or two pounds, but, in fact it will or can rob you of a healthy heart, bones, teeth, and may take your life."

Carrie has agreed to "think" about whether she is just "determined" or "obsessed" with food and weight. But Carrie is not alone. Eating disorders have hit epidemic proportions.

Eating disorders are complicated and not easy to identify as Western society promotes dieting, rigorous exercise, and the quest for ideal beauty.

Although there have been numerous theoretical contributions, the recovery rate of those afflicted by an eating disorder remains discouragingly low. Severe medical conditions and even death are common consequences of both anorexia and bulimia. These disorders must be taken seriously and halted as soon as possible.

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In this familiar context it is difficult to imagine when body-image concerns have assumed an obsessional nature.

You may want to take a minute to consider the following questions:

Do I avoid eating when I am hungry because I do not want to gain weight?

Do I find myself often thinking about food?

Do I exercise even when I don't really want to?

Do I sometimes go on eating binges that I feel I may be unable to stop?

Do I feel guilty after eating?

Do I find myself often thinking about weight?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to take the time to learn more about eating disorders. You may also have concerns about a friend or family member and wonder what to do.

We will try to provide you with some useful information and experiences during National Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Week, February 12-19.

The panel will include a nutritionist, body-image specialist, psychotherapist, and recovering bulimic, all with expertise in eating disorders.

Send a valentine to your mother, your best friend, your roommate.

Campus mail will be overflowing with little cards featuring everything from hearts and flowers to Pooh to "The Rock." Yes, Valentine's Day is again upon us; the day for couples to bask in their bliss and for single people to resent them.

In my opinion, this holiday needs a change of perspective. It should not be about, "Shoot, I have to buy my girlfriend dinner" or "hmm. . . that guy that eats pudding with his hands." Well, we all have these fantasies, and the day is about changing one's perspective. It should not be about, "knock-out-don't I-you-wish-you-had-me back at him by going to the prom in a "knock-out-don't-you-wish-you-had-me" dress."

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I am not an enemy of romance. Trust me. I love the flowers and chocolate thing just as much as anyone else. But to quote Ralph Waldo Emerson, "A friend is the hope of the heart."

In other words, when the road to true love is rocky, your friends are always there to give the most. People only fall in love a few times, or, in my case, once-but you can never have too many friends.

So, this Valentine's Day, let everyone who touches your life know how much you care about them. I'm sure they will appreciate it.
A little boy trapped in a sea of questions and controversy

When Elian Gonzalez was rescued by fishermen on January 19, 1999, he became the center of a storm of public debate and controversy as to his legal rights and political future. The Cuban boy was born in March 1994, the same year his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, died. After the death of his father, Eliet, Elizabeth Gonzalez, and the other members of their family were forced to the south of the island and the borders of the Gulf of Mexico.

They had succumbed to dehydration and fatigue from treading water endlessly since their 17-foot boat sank and as his son, Elian, had to suffer a sense of movement and panic when weather conditions off of Florida had worsened.

Elian’s first action was to set his six-year-old Elian to an inner tube so that he could survive and make it to America.

There, alone, Elian was left to face a political and media maelstrom. Now in America, young Elian is subject to debate and political agendas from such groups as Cuban refugees, paramilitary rights groups, presidential candidates and the Immigration and Naturalization Department, not to mention Castro and his communist supporters.

Matt Harff describes the trauma suffered by young Elian Gonzalez.

in place over Cuba. This particularly impacts how Elian’s mother’s dying wish should go unan- swered, allowing her son to grow up in America with boundless oppor- tunity.

It is fair to place a young boy in such a situation, especially when he does not really know what is going on.

The political candidates for President also generally feel in favor of keeping Elian in the United States. George W. Bush said in the January 17 issue of Time Maga- zine, "The Cuban boy’s father ought to come to America. He ought to get a taste of freedom, and then he ought to make his decision on what’s best for his boy. I think it’s a mistake for the INS to send the boy back to Cuba.

Sho Elian be returned to a country economically sapped and technologically stranded in the 1950’s where people still drive and constantly maintain old American cars, or should he remain in the United States, where he can access a great number of opportunities and education? For me, the answer is clear.

Send Elian home. He has cer- tainly been through a great deal in America, if a child was “kid- napped” by his ex-wife Elisabet. In the meantime, I will pacify my son with the notion that I will soon be able to enjoy the advan- tages of the Ethernet... in March. Until then, I guess we will have to contend with the garbage and dis- order that has come on this place, and hope that the situation does not further escalate.

I do have one question, though: Do the roaches have to pay "Common Damage"?


**COMMENTARY**

Rockers puts first amendment to the test

After taunting New York fans during the playoff series with the Mets, Atlanta pitcher John Rocker added fuel to the proverbial fire when he made homophobic, xenophobic, and other racist remarks in a recent edition of Sports Illustrated. His tirade brought swift action from Major League Baseball’s commissioner, Bud Selig, and Rocker was suspended until May 1.

However, Rocker feels that the punishment was unjust and that he should not be punished for his “misguided speech.” Does he have a point?

John Rocker and advocates claim the statements made are protected by the First Amendment, therefore he should be protected for his opinion.

Those opposed to Rocker’s case claim that he is an employee of the Atlanta Braves organization and can be punished for any statements made because they reflect the organization.

Does the First Amendment really differentiate between the two, or is it rather an all encompassing umbrella to protect any and all “misguided speeches”?

If the First Amendment really does protect anything anyone may say, then what protects the people that the things are being written about?

Edward Schulthes discusses the implications of John Rocker’s outrageous racist comments. He said about? Has the sense of decency and respect just gone down the tubes in the past years? What protects the people that John Rocker is “criticizing?” Certainly, the Major League Baseball Association is attempting to rectify that situation.

While Rocker has the legal right to feel angry, it is wrong to speak his mind, he should have the “common” decency to control and contain himself and not offend so many people. You see, since he gave the interview in Sports Illustrated, he was no longer speaking as just a regular guy, but rather as a member of the Atlanta Braves organization.

This means that he is dependable for his actions.

Among some of his inappropriate statements were references to one of his teammates who he called “a fat monkey.” He also made commonplace comments about New Yorkers and foreigners stating, “How did they get into this country anyway?”

If these statements are governed by the First Amendment, it certainly does not mean that it is fair, or even ethical. It is certain that Edward Schulthes discusses the implications of John Rocker’s outrageous racist comments. Does he have a point? He should have the “common” decency to control and contain himself and not offend so many people.

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Students reflect on semester abroad

On August 30, 1999 I flew to Budapest, Hungary with 14 WMC students. There I taught at the WMC Budapest campus, and the students earned credits toward their WMC degree. We experienced living in the city, as well as traveling throughout Europe. It proved to be an extraordinary adventure for every one of us. For the same price as a semester at WMC, plus the cost of a plane ticket and travel money, these students had the opportunity to spend three and a half months in Europe. It was wonderful, fantastic, and at times, in memory, almost dreamlike. Looking back, it’s hard for us to believe we were even there.

Below is an anthology of paragraphs from essays some of the students wrote for their travel writing class.

I had the premonition that being on the Danube River, absorbing alien surroundings and viewing the postcard-perfect sites with my own eyes would somehow convince me that I was indeed in Europe; the I had dreamed of exploring since learning what was on the other side of the Atlantic, as I spent the summers of my childhood immersed in salt water and daydreams. -Joy Thomas, after the Danube cruise, September.

I am staying at the Beta Hotel Garden with a group of thirteen American students...This horn, for me, is spelled B-R-E-A-K-F-A-S-T. I eat a HUGE breakfast each day, it is my favorite meal. I spoon the pears, in light syrup, on the yogurt. Each morning I drink two cups of creamy-smooth and hot coffee at half. There is Swiss cheese, smoked cheese, cream cheese, Brie, and Camembert. I have eaten apricots, pears, grapes, plums, and cantaloupe. Unusual breakfast additions are sliced green paprika and wedges of red tomato. There is dark, sliced, thick-crusted Hungarian bread to coat with pale honey. The hard, round, French rolls, get draged with butter, jelly and slices of cheese. -Laurina Gee, October, Budapest.

For my boyfriend to send me flowers and take me out to a romantic dinner...(hint, hint). -Melissa Morin, Political Science '01.

A nice long bubble bath, candles, followed by dinner and music. -Veronica Estevez, Social Work '00.

"Going out to a nice and fancy restaurant and catching a movie." -Dan Harman, Exercise Science ’00.

"Flowers delivered and a nice romantic dinner." -Trang Dam, Undecided '03.

A view of the majestic Danube River and Chain Bridge from the top of Gellert Hill in Budapest.

My eyes snapped a picture of the look on her face: her elbow leaning on the back of her chair. Her thumb is pressed against her temple. Her fingers are cradling a cigarette. Her legs are crossed. Her mouth is slightly opened...

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Music and dance combine to entertain such a success was not just the rhythmic steps and the beautiful costumes, but the confidence and excitement the dancers outwardly expressed and possessed. A related movie clip was projected onto a screen on stage. This added to the anticipation and excitement of each dance routine. There was a balance between graceful and free flowing dance steps with electrifying and fast-paced ones. Dazzling and energetic are just some of the many words that can be used to describe the witty and keenly composed performance. Joyous screams, cries and repeated giggles was the audience’s reaction to the production. I found the audience’s response wonderful and encouraging not only for the director and the participants in the production, but also to those who might be interested in advocating programs on campus.

When asked how he enjoyed the performance Ryan Ewing, a WMC junior replied, “It was riveting. It is good to finally see dancers with such talent at work. I enjoyed it very much.”

“From a parent’s perspective it was excellent,” said Mike Lofton who drove one thousand miles in eighteen hours to see his daughter, Amanda, perform. He expressed, “the performance was worth every mile and hour.”

A reaction like that would make any director happy. In fact director Cook was not surprised: “the performance was watched by one hundred fifty, with ecstatic cheers and screams from start to finish as enormous positive energy filled the air. The confidence and excitement the dancers outwardly expressed and possessed.”

Minutes after the performance Keil said, “I have never danced with such enthusiasm, but we have been practicing consistently for the past four weeks for three to six hours a day.” Keil responded, “I have never danced for an audience and do not know what to think.”

We were well deserved, “I am glad that my family came and supported the production. We were successful and proved ourselves; all through the production it was sheer excitement.”

Two other dancers, sophomores, Nia Clements, and junior Aletha Desrosters agreed that the production was a lot of work but it was worth every drop of sweat. Other members of the WMC dance company included: Anna Royer, Jason Fitzgerald, Matthew Gribbin, Kasenia Lantzky, Kelsey Reichard, Stacey Roach, Shelley Sorenson, Stacey Starliper, Jeremy Tramell and Christina Walter.

Asked how she got the idea for the production, director Cook replied. “I was trying to design a major and realized that we did not have anything involved with dance and decided that I wanted to do a dance production.”

So I came here, and I feel strangely comfortable. It's a low-tech, grass-roots, laid-back, commercial-less sanctuary that would make any garage musician proud to profess, “It's not always Christian,” she says. “But it’s always clean and tasteful.”

As if on cue, Katrina wiggles out from under my chair, where she has been practicing her acrobatics, and sticks her tongue out at me. It’s like she’s trying to tell me “Ha.” I can’t resist the temptation of a coffee cup, and I almost spill the contents of my cup when I see her acrobatics, and sticks her tongue out at me. It’s like she’s trying to tell me “Ha.”

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Student Research and Creativity Grants for Spring, 2000

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Spring, 2000 is February 29, 2000.

The awards are competitive.

The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students’ major academic emphases; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course. It may be a special studies outreach 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 kinds 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.
Valentine’s Horoscopes: Falling in LOVE with the future!

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Happy Birthday independent Waterbearers! Don’t let the winter weather drag you down. Remember that it is the month of luvv and anything could be hiding behind the next snowdrift!

Pieces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
Poor fish in your frozen lakes! Think of the bright side - when one is stuck under the ice, one is not being eaten by bears! Wow ...can’t you just wait for spring?!!!

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)
The love of your life may try to sweep you off your feet for Valentine’s Day; maybe you should remind them early that brooms aren’t very romantic and dishing out for a vacuum may be better!

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your practical nature may buy your friends this Valentine’s Day. Don’t be afraid to do something romantically bizarre: go to public places, grab strangers, and TANGO! The dance of love will loosen anyone up!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Your double vision of ravoli on a warm day is a sign of good things to come. But until that dream becomes reality, be strong! Don’t give in to the lascivious temptation of Pokemon cards!

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Don’t be crabby this Valentine’s Day! Lots of people want to share their love. Even if they do only exist in your head!

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your soul mate might be the one watching you with the eyes of a lovesick giraffe, or that rabid animal that escaped from the zoo!

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)
Although you long for a perfect Valentine’s Day, it might come in strange forms. Whether it’s a romantic dinner in Glaz or a Slug Wrestling Marathon, you’ll realize that as long as you’re with someone you care about, it almost doesn’t matter. (Someone should wear a helmet though, in case something accidentally goes flying at their head.)

Libra (Sep. 24 - Oct. 23)
You’ll find that balance is a little harder to achieve this month, beware of slippery sidewalks! To keep from falling, grab on to something you love, on second thought, let’s not be obscene-hold onto a tree.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Being such romantic creatures, this is your season! Have a Love party and go all out! Hire a band, caterers, and a petting zoo, and invite as many Aquarians as you can find!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Hibernating until spring? Relax...let the visions of green elephants dance in the sun. When you get back from your trip you will be refreshed and ready to tango!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Your quest for love is similar to the squirrels looking for their lost nuts. Ignore the frozen grounds, you’re not getting anywhere! One warm day you will find your cashew in that spring valley of buttercups!

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Men's basketball, 3-15, hit wintry skid

By GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

It has been a tough and difficult season for the Western Maryland men's basketball team.

"Right now, we're just playing for our dignity," says freshman swing man Mike Paesani. "A winning season is an impossible task this year so I'm looking to the future and hoping for some good things next year."

With players leaving the team, and rumors swirling about the coach's future, the team continues to play hard in times of adversity. The team has fallen to a 3-15, 1-7 record, but there have been many positive moments of late. In his 11th year of coaching the Western Maryland men's basketball team, Nick Zoullas has had a total of 83 wins and 175 losses which has led to speculation that a new coach will be hired soon.

Recently, the Carroll County Times released an article that changes possibly will be made very soon.

Injuries and the loss of quality players has hurt the team chances, especially the loss of point guard Adiace Pope, who transferred to Messiah.

Earlier in the year, Pope played very well and was named to the All-tourny team at the WMC Tip-off tournament. His quickness and scoring ability have been missed over the last month of the season, but other players have stepped up to fill the void.

A bright spot for the team has been the development of freshman guard Greg Hill who started slowly after coming back from being a wide receiver on the football team. He made a name for himself in a January 19, conference game against Gettysburg.

Unaffected by his first career start, Hill set a school record by going 8 out of 8 from three point territory and 27 points carried the team in route the team to a victory.

The loss of experienced players will hurt next year, especially lead scorer Brian Billman, but the coaching staff is optimistic about the future of the team.

The home crowd went crazy and everybody was fired up to root the Green Terror basketball team to a victory.

Of the shot, Paesani said, "Hitting the shot felt great, but what really felt good was when the team closed the lead to 77-74 with 8 seconds left.

On the next possession, they worked the ball to Paesani in the corner who hit a buzzer beating three point shot with only four seconds left in overtime.

The win snapped the Terror's 10 game losing streak in the Centennial Conference and their first conference champs for three straight years.
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Women's basketball flattens F&M, grinds Gallaudet

DAN GARD
Staff Writer

Hit the ground running. That's exactly what freshmen are being called on to do for Western Maryland's (8-9, 4-4) women's basketball team. No adjustment period, no comfortable playing time in blowouts, they're needed now. And, oh yeah, after last season's successes, they're expected to win.

After losing some of their most talented players following last season, Western Maryland women's basketball coach Becky Martin knew the key to this season would be how quickly her young team developed into a cohesive unit.

In fact, four freshmen, Jen Piccolomini, Stephanie McPherson, Sindi Stein, and Kris Brust have all seen substantial playing time this year.

"At the very beginning of this season I had made comments that this was going to be a rebuilding year, and we were going to take it on the chin early, but the faster we matured, the more likely we were to have an opportunity to get into post season play," she said.

That maturing process has hit full stride in recent weeks, and it needed to. Prior to their January 22 tilt at Johns Hopkins, the Terror were dealt an unexpected setback when senior starting guard Megan Linch suffered a concussion in a sledding accident and was lost for the season.

Not only did they lose a starter, but they lost Linch's experience, a commodity they can hardly afford to spare.

"Certainly any time you go from having an integral part of a program that's there one day, and not able to continue the next, it has an affect on the program," Martin said.

While the Terror could have allowed such a loss to break them, they have instead seemed to increase the speed of their progression.

A good measuring stick for that development came on February 2, when the Diplomats of Franklin and Marshall (9-9, 5-3) came to town.

Earlier in the season the Terror let a halftime lead against the Diplomats turn true a 16 point loss. Once again the Terror took a lead into the locker room, this time, however, they were determined not to let it slip away.

"This time we made up our minds that we weren't going to let them do that, and we were going to step it up ourselves," said WMC forward Jill Ibe.

A pair of freshmen led the charge for WMC. Guard Jen Piccolomini scored a career high 17 points, and center Kris Brust notched two career highs, scoring 14 points, and pulling down eight rebounds, matching a previous best.

Piccolomini has been a leader on the court all season for the Terror, and the conference is starting to take notice.

"Jen came out at the beginning of the year and made a name for herself early on in the stats, and already as a freshman coaches are coming in awareness of her, and having to contain her," Martin said.

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"As of today we're still very much in the hunt for a conference playoff berth. It's not out of the question, but we need to be at that one in our season when we're peaking and we're doing everything right," she said.

If their performance in recent games holds, they're not far away.
Computers hacked campus-wide

MICHAEL STOKES  Staff Writer

On Wednesday, February 9, two Western Maryland College students temporarily damaged eight campus computers in an attempt to install potentially devastating software.

The incident took place in both the Charlson lab in Hoover Library and the Writing Center in Hill Hall. The Charlson lab incurred the most damage, in which six of the eight computers were tampered with.

After a "highly specialized investigation in which both Information Services and Campus Safety worked hand in hand," according to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the students were apprehended.

Both students are being charged with violating the academic honor code and the conduct code, which includes a policy of "responsible use of computing resources."

According to Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, both students also violated state and federal laws concerning tampering with computers and could face criminal charges.

"However, my job is to enforce college rules, and I feel this is something that should be kept within the college," said Sayre.

The Phoenix has spoken with one of the students, who declined to comment on the situation until after the Honor and Conduct Board hearing.

Although the hearing was held on February 22, the results were not available until after the Phoenix went to press.

Christine Mathews, director of Information Services, called the incident "a very serious one" because the students could have harmed someone else.

"We all have a responsibility to use the college resources in a proper way," said Mathews, "but these students installed programs that can be used to harass people and even harm computers beyond WMC."

According to Mathews, the students first attempted to remove the security software Foolproof from the computers, which is used to block access to certain directories, programs, and functions that might allow users to change settings or to download and run other programs.

"A lot of evaluation went into the decision to use Foolproof, which is regarded as top-notch security software," said Mathews.

After causing several computers to slow down, their attempts to remove Foolproof, the students finally disabled the security software.

Then they installed certain types of software that Mathews said can be used for malicious intentions.

"Do not use" signs hang on several computers in the Writing Center and in Charlson Lab as a result of recent hacking incidents.

She believes the students obtained the software from the Internet, where certain individuals place the programs to be downloaded by anyone who chooses to do so.

One of the programs that the students had installed and attempted to use contained "mail bombs."

Vandalized pipe floods Blanche

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  Staff Writer

Early Tuesday, February 8, residents of Blanche Ward Hall woke to the sound of rushing water after a student kicked a water pipe in a third floor bathroom.

Although students like sophomore Mindy Bucy dismissed the sound of running water as a typical sound from the bathrooms across the hall, they soon discovered that their bedrooms had become bathtubs filled with three to five inches of water.

At 2:00 am on Tuesday morning, students began calling Campus Safety to report the water at the same time that shorts in the fire alarm system at Blanche began alerting them that something was wrong. Some students complained that Campus Safety did not respond to the problem quickly enough, although Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety refutes the accusations.

"It took a long time," said Bucy. "I didn't know what they were doing, or where they were. [The water] just kept coming for fifteen minutes after we called."

Webster said that two officers, including himself, went to Blanche as soon as calls came in, but it took some time for Joseph Bentz, director of maintenance, to arrive on the scene to turn off the water. Because both officers were busy either turning off the electric or the water, Webster said "it makes sense that people didn't know we were there."

Despite the complaints against Campus Safety, students don't seem to have complaints about the time it took to clean up the mess. Although the water that flowed from the broken pipe was clean, the smell that lingered after the initial mess was unbearable to some.

"The smell was so intense. It was horrible. We couldn't live like that," said Bucy, who was forced to sleep off campus for the week.

Meri Songer, Blanche's residence life coordinator, did ask if Bucy and her roommate had a place to sleep, but they already had the situation under control, Bucy said.

Soiled carpets were replaced in less than a week, and although continued on page 4

Alcohol poisoning under investigation

STACI L. GEORGE  News Co-editor

Bid night turned sour for one Phi Alpha Mu pledge when she was rushed to the hospital for alcohol poisoning at approximately 11 pm that night.

She came back to campus around 3 am., according to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Scott Kane. Although Kane says the college has yet to determine if the incident was "group related" or an individual act, it did occur on the second floor of Albert Norman Ward Hall, which is the Phi Alpha Mu floor.

Kane says students notified their resident assistant of the woman's condition.

The exact blood alcohol content has yet to be released by school officials.

While the woman is of legal drinking age, it is still unknown as to whether or not the incident will be considered an act of hazing.

Kane says even if it is considered hazing, the college "probably wouldn't notify the police."

Furthermore, Kane states, "we don't typically involve the police even for underage drinking because we [WMC] have our own disciplinary policy."

However, Kane comments that if the incident is considered group related the possible consequences are not exact.

"We don't have a very strict schedule on if this happens then these are the consequences..." explains Kane.

He says they are determined on a case by case basis and vary greatly due to whether or not the incident pertains to a group or an individual.

In recent years, if an act of this nature was found to be directly related to a Greek organization, it has continued on page 3

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Black Panther Party co-founder shares legacy at WMC

NCOLY TYSON
Staff Writer

An advocate for social and mind change, Bobby Seale, who is best known for co-founding the Black Panther Party, spoke about the Party’s focus along with his recent work, to an audience of about 100 on Tuesday, February 8 in Baker Memorial Chapel. Together with his friend Huey Newton, Seale started clubs and organizations that dealt with issues of racism and empowering the black community.

Seale said they were so serious, and determined to “capture the imagination of the people,” that they thoroughly researched and were keen on every law and restriction that they might have been accused of once the Black Panther Party hit the streets.

“If you are going to cherish anything about this democratic society, you must cherish every black, white, Chinese, that contributed to what we have now,” said Seale.

During Seale’s speech, his strategy of relaying stories was effective.

This is because he allowed the audience to envision the time period Seale lived, and painted images of what the time was like. He brought us to the past and made it feel like the present.

From his stories, the audience may conclude that this “Party” was not something to be reckoned with.

New grading system debated

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

A few semesters ago, the college passed the idea of a weighted grading system where plus and minus grades receive different numerical values than regular grades. However, due to a lacking computer system it is not yet in effect.

As with any new policy, there is much debate over the new grading system.

The students seem to fear it, while the faculty favor it.

In a recent meeting with Dean Coley, several members of the SGA voiced their dislike for the new policy.

In addition, through a recent poll, the SGA learned that a majority of students are against changing the policy, as well as some professors.

It is clear that there is a big difference between receiving an 80 percent and an 89 percent.

Yet, without the weighted grade system, there is no distinction. They are both recorded the same, as a B.

As of right now, beginning in the fall 2000 semester, WMC will be implementing the weighted grade system.

In the meantime, those students opposed to this change will continue to work with the faculty in hopes of keeping the current system.

This change has proven to be a long and tedious process to many students and faculty.

Originally, the change to weighted grades was approved by the faculty to occur in the fall of 1997. It was then assumed that a computer upgrade would occur to run this system.

However, the computer upgrade still has not taken place due to the college’s lack of technology needed to run the change.

Many upperclassmen are worried that the new weighted system will have detrimental effects on their GPA.

They have posed the question, "Why can’t this new grading system apply to new incoming students?"

The administration has concluded that the computers can’t run two different schemes of programs at the same time.

Many hypothetical scenarios were discussed to determine the possible effects of the system on students grade point averages.

Despite a small amount of concern for specific student situations, the majority of the faculty remained convinced in the weighted system.

They believe students will benefit as much, or even more from the weighted grades system.

Director Devery, a foreign language professor involved in the committee, is in favor of the system as well.

“I think that weighted grades more truly reflect a student’s performance,” he said.

Devery feels that students and teachers strive for precision, therefore it should be shown through the college’s grading system.

Dr. Rebecca Carpenter, in the department of English, agrees.

“I am highly in favor of it. I think it’s more fair. There’s a big difference between a B and a B+.”

Carpenter also believes, “Students should be rewarded for their grades, and that distinction can be made through weighted grades.”

Throughout the next few months, the SGA will continue representing the students’ concerns about the weighted system.

In their meeting with Dean Coley, it was suggested that the student voice should be presented to the Academic Retention and Standards Committee.

It was also suggested that students appear before the faculty with their viewpoint explicitly discussed on paper in March.

Fighting the winter blues

Western Maryland College is fighting off the winter blues with an intense drama that will warm your intellect.

Under the direction of the Chairman of Theater Arts Ron Miller, “The House of Bernarda Alba,” by Federico Garcia Lorca, features thirteen of WMC’s most advanced female actresses and one male actor.

The play, which was adapted by Emily Mann, is a psychological exploration into the lives of three generations of women who live in a small 1930s Spanish village.

When her husband dies, Bernarda (Krista Stacy), the mother of five daughters, is suddenly left to find a way to give her daughters’ dowries. Unfortunately, there is only enough money for one daughter to be married. The situation takes a turn for the worse when the groom-to-be’s fidelity is questioned and Bernarda’s efforts to keep scandal away from her family appear futile.

Stacy, a senior with a dual theater and communication major, has been enjoying her role as the tyrannical Bernarda. “It’s really fun to play a bitch,” she said, laughing. “But it’s not me...it’s just acting.”

Stacy is part of the Advanced Performance Lab which actors and actresses are allowed to join if they have taken an advanced acting course at the college.

Miller, who both directs the play and teaches it, chose “Bernarda Alba” because it’s female cast corresponds with WMC’s abundant female talent.

“It is a quiet, intense drama,” said Miller, who has directed about 20 plays at WMC. “Very little is revealed about the characters’ motives until the startling climax.”

Clad in full Victorian costumes, WMC’s actresses and actor will be performing the play on Alumni Hall’s mainstage. Audiences will be seated behind the main stage curtain where performers will act out the play in an intimate setting.

“The House of Bernarda Alba” will be performed on February 25, 26, 27, and March 2, 3, 4 at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors.

For more information call the box office at x448.

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PHI SIGMA SIGMA SORORITY RECOGNIZED

As of February 2, the women of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority received notice that they were chosen as a pilot chapter for the very prestigious Vision 2000 Project. Over 110 chapters of Phi Sigma Sigma were in contention. However, only three chapters were chosen, and the women of the Gamma Psi chapter at WMC were one of them. The criteria for selection included academic excellence, leadership positions of members, philanthropic activities, and recruitment success.

Being selected for this program means that three sisters will attend a conference in the Baltimore area during the last weekend in February. Then, in early August, those sisters will attend a weeklong convention in Tampa, FL. During the first meeting, officers from the national office will train the sisters on how to run their chapter and what is expected of them. The sisters will also be required to participate in a committee that will be responsible for planning events and activities.

Do you have a nose for news? A flair for design? A head for business? If so, come join the Phoenix staff. Weekly meetings are held on Monday nights at 6:30 pm in our office in the basement of Decker Student Center.

A WEEK OF OBSERVING THE NATION’S OBSESSION

When looking over research statistics, it’s not surprising that 25 percent of American men and 40 percent of American women are dieting on any given day. Both statistics came from a handout that was available on a table set up in Ensor Lounge during the week of February 12 through 19.

Western Maryland College celebrated National Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Week beginning on Monday, February 14 and concluding with a “day off from dieting” on the 18. A week’s motto was “Don’t fight your genes, just change your jeans.”

Throughout the week, students had an opportunity to donate jeans that no longer fit for a felony-chastity organization.

Did you know that Americans spend over $40 billion dollars a year on dieting and diet-related products? When the college ordered jeans for the students, the administration noticed that there were very few denim pants for plus-sized students. The administration then organized a campaign to raise awareness about eating disorders.

President of Phi Sigma Sigma, Gimi Rende says that, “For any stereotyped group, it is difficult to overcome misconceptions. Greeks at WMC do so much for the community and hardly anyone notices. We achieve academically, too.”

The sorority decided to participate in the nationwide campaign to raise awareness about eating disorders.”

Jennifer Green, a junior psychology major, said, “I think it’s important for us to be involved in the community and to help others.”

With the support of the administration, the sorority decided to participate in the nationwide campaign to raise awareness about eating disorders. Members of the sorority posed for a picture during their fall formal. The chapter is one of ten chapters selected for the Vision 2000 program. The sorority also hosted a panel discussion on eating disorders and prevention on February 15. The panel included guest speakers from the National Eating Disorders Association and the National Institute of Mental Health.

The panelists discussed the different types of eating disorders, the symptoms, and the treatments. They also shared personal stories of recovery and recovery efforts.

The students were encouraged to ask questions and to speak out about their own experiences. The panelists emphasized the importance of seeking help and support for those struggling with eating disorders.

The sorority also hosted a bake sale to raise funds for the National Eating Disorders Association. The students were encouraged to purchase baked goods and to donate money towards the cause.

The panelists concluded by thanking the students for their support and for their commitment to raising awareness about eating disorders. They emphasized the importance of seeking help and support for those struggling with eating disorders.

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Bucey describes it as "a horrible week," she said the college "did everything that they could" to clean up the mess quickly.

Not much of the Bucey's personal belongings seemed to have been damaged, but Bucey did have a rug and some pictures ruined because of the incident.

When asked if she was going to ask the college for compensation, she said it "would be nice" but she is not planning on pursuing the issue.

According to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Scott Kane, three students went before the Honor and Conduct Board last Friday.

One male student was charged with destruction of college property, and two were charged with falsification of information. All students have the opportunity to appeal the Boards decision within 48 hours of Kane's official notification.

The Phoenix will have more information concerning the Honor and Conduct Board when the official report is completed.

**Flood damage Blanche Ward Hall**

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Males "have it their way" at the Alpha Psi V-day dance

On Friday, February 11, Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor society, held its 4th annual Valentine's Day Formal in Alumni Hall. Above, the men of APO lip-synced to the Backstreet Boys and serenaded their dates. Alpha Psi members invited theatre faculty members, alums, and undergraduates who have shown initiative to the theatre department by either acting in or doing technical work for the 1999-2000 productions. WMCR provided the music for the event. Spring theatre productions include "The House of Bernarda Alba," which runs this weekend and next, and "Marat/Sade" that runs April 26-29.

Correction

In the February 10, 2000 issue, the article on page three entitled "Writing test yields 33% failure rate," said that 227 out of 338 students failed the test. However, 227 out of 338 students passed the test, which yields a 33 percent failure rate. The Phoenix regrets the error.

**30 Hour Famine**

The students of Western Maryland College are about to change the world! During the third weekend of February, 60 members or our college community will join hands with a million people world-wide to help save kids' lives. The 30 Hour Famine is a program that tries to raise awareness of the 800 million people who face starvation everyday. Those WMC students participating in the famine will begin fasting on Friday, February 25 and refrain from eating until February 28.

Through their fasting, the students hope to help our community realize that while we sometimes complain about Glar food, we are truly privileged to have food to eat.

The participants are also raising money which will go to those across the globe who need food, shelter, and emergency relief. Much of the money raised at WMC will go to feed refugees in Rwanda, child-headed households in Kenya, and the starving children of Korea, Tanzania, and Peru.

Please look for participants wearing famine badges this weekend and make a donation to help end world hunger!

Donations will also be accepted until February 25 through campus mail, box 1540. Checks should be made payable to World Vision. Contact Jenny Weddle or Caroline Daniels for further details.

**Computer labs suffer from hacking incidents**

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**Dean Horneff discusses WMC's retention rates**

Nicole TysonStaff Writer

Despite previous years in which WMC's retention rate seemed significantly low, the retention rate of current classes is steadily improving.

Out of the 413 members of the freshman class, 23 left after the fall semester, seven of which were academically dismissed, according to Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the First-Year Program.

The current sophomore class started with 331 students, and 263 are still here. This represents a retention rate of 79.0 percent. The current juniors arrived with 127 students, 320 of which are still here—a retention rate of 74.9 percent.

Asked why the overall retention rate is improving, Horneff said, "The retention rate is better because students and families are finding that WMC has what they were looking for in a whole college experience, inside and outside the classroom."

She also believes that the first year seminar and peer mentor groups play a big part in aiding students' feelings of being connected to the WMC community. "I think the first year seminar makes a big difference in letting the student connect with his or her peers," commented Horneff. "One of the goals of the peer mentor is to help the new students connect."

"However, there are some students that go through the First-Year Program and peer mentoring and still do not feel connected or comfortable in the atmosphere at WMC," Horneff added.

Sometimes students who say they are leaving for financial reasons are actually leaving because of academic problems. "What that translates to," said Horneff, "is that their parents told them that they were not going to pay for their tuition at WMC because they have a social life and not do their work."

Horneff does not think that it is unfair or unrealistic to dismiss first semester students with grades average below school standards. "This is an ethical issue," Horneff said.

"1.0 is the minimum grade point average for a first semester student and I think we have reasonable expectations."

Another reason for transferring, according Horneff, is that students want to be closer to some or to their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Additionally, students may come to WMC undecided about a major only to discover a major that is not offered here, so they leave to pursue that major at another university.

"But, we are never satisfied with the loss of any students," Horneff said.

Freshman Tzekah Forre, who is thinking about transferring, describes her experience here thus far: "In the beginning of my first semester I did not feel like this was the place for me to be; there is nothing here that excites me."

Horneff believes that "how you reach out and associate yourself with people in clubs and organizations plays a role in defining yourself," and that is part of the process in becoming and feeling a part of the community.

Freshman Mandi Donaldson transferred to WMC this semester from Catonsville Community College. She said she transferred here because, "I like a school where you are not a number, but a name; not too big or small."

However, not all students who leave WMC remain at the school they transfer to. For instance, sophomore Erik Larson left WMC last fall to attend Salisbury State University and has since returned to WMC after only one semester away.

"I initially left for financial reasons, but while I was gone I recognized the opportunity that I would have here would be greater because it is academically sound," Larson said. Larson also realized that the people he would be around would be beneficial for him and his future.

However, Retention," said Horneff, "is not always about students who finish at WMC, it's about students who discover themselves, who they want to become, what they want to do, and then pursue it."
Internet still poses problems

Mark Henry elaborates on his experiences with the slow Internet service.

This brings me to my next point. If so many people are waiting to get on, and the Ethernet is hooked up, why not let people start to use it?

I mean, hey, you hook the thing up in the two freshmen dorms and you aren’t using it yet?

Another thing, while they were hooking the Ethernet wires in the rooms, a couple of my friends and myself had our rooms trashed due to the process.

At first, these left the dressers and the cabinets in my room all over the place.

The workers doing this didn’t respect personal stuff in each room. They just moved objects and left them in disoder.

We were led to believe that we would be using the Ethernet when we returned from January break. So far, we are still waiting for the Ethernet cables, along with the Ethernet cards, which most of us still need to buy.

Also, when most of us go to the Ethernet, will the data phone be used for?

If they are worthless, will we be able to bring them back and get our money back?

This whole process was poorly planned and the student body hasn’t been provided with information about this process and what it means.

This whole Internet situation is not student friendly. If you are going to make people wait, you better make sure that the system is accurately working.

If you going to make a promise about having the Ethernet working when you log on, then you should live up to it.

How do you expect a student to do well when you don’t provide all the tools that they need?

The Aftermath of Valentine’s Day

Matt Hurff discusses the commercialization of a holiday meant for love.

Finally, the Valentine’s Day rush to purchase the perfect roses, candies and cards for your significant other is over. Retailers, however, are not so glad to see this holiday of love depart.

That’s because this past Valentine’s Day was one of the most lucrative ever, thus causing consumers to spend approximately $1 billion on candy, $1 billion on jewelry, box of candy or send a card and $1.6 billion on jewelry. “$1 billion on candy, $1 billion on jewelry, $1.6 billion on jewelry” She explained that Monday is a big break, and constant reminders to buy something for someone else.

Laura Beth Kelley shares how her semester studying abroad changed her life.

Reflections of a semester abroad

Where is Hungary? Do they ride camels there? Are you going to have to wear a veil? These are some of the questions I was asked upon deciding to study abroad last semester. I would mechanically answer that Hungary is in central Europe where they indeed drive cars on roads and the fact that they are westernized does not dictate a new wardrobe.

I began to question my decision, but tried to remain positive.

Before coming to Budapest, I held a mental image of my life abroad. My housing would be in a hotel, classes would be conducted three days a week, and I would take advantage of the extra free days to travel to as many cities as my Eurail pass would allow. I saw myself adjusting to new spaces and food concoctions as well as communicating through gestures. All this happened, but during my stay, I found myself experiencing things I never expected.

I never thought I would be re- minded to see the Beta Hotel Garden in the evening on my long weekend trip or refer to it as “home.” I never thought I would be able to understand and confidently use the city public transportation system. I can go from the airport to the shopping (best) movie for $3 with stadium seating and assigned seats. I never realized I would be easily identifiable as an American—that clerks in stores automatically greet me with “Hello” before I say anything.

Beware of the little, old ladies who has ever considered studying abroad to do so. The experience has changed my life. My trip exceeded my expectations.

I strongly encourage anyone who has ever considered studying abroad to do so. The experience has changed my life. My trip exceeded my expectations. It was a very surreal experience. I never would have thought I would have been able to see the Budapest fresh in my mind forever.
Professional sports mired in crime

Kristen G. Fraser examines the recent criminal activity in professional sports.

There are many other athletes who could be added to the list. The high-profile life of the professional athlete somehow often leads back and forth to domestic abuse, and countless DWI charges.

These issues lead to many questions, which have mostly been asked in the last two months. When did football become so violent? Why do athletes think that they are above the law? Why is this continuing to happen? Why do we only pay attention to murder when it is committed by a professional athlete? What has happened to the ideals of the game? How can people in good conscience continue to support athletic activities?

There are many columnists and researchers who strive to find the answer. Some blame the violence of nature of professional athletes. Some blame the demise of character. Some say that the statistics for violence committed by professional athletes are much lower than the percent of non-athletes.

This last argument is the least convincing of all. Young children across America are choosing athletes as role models more often than they choose teachers, artists, or anyone else who would fall into the "non-athlete" category. With all the discussion and worry about violence on television, shouldn't we be focused on violence in sports? What are we instilling to future leaders?

More importantly, why aren't we doing anything about the problem? Has it all fallen through the cracks? Has it all been ignored? Has everyone forgotten the O.J. Simpson "Trial of the Century?" Everyone was convinced that this former football player was guilty, yet he was acquitted. Is that the fate that awaits the two football players?

I'm not saying that sports is the problem. I'm saying that something is definitely wrong with a society that allows aberrant behavior to continue unchecked. Especially for an industry that affects the youngest generations of fans. I just hope I don't live to hear the day when I hear a young child say, "I want to be like Ray Lewis when I grow up."

Anything changed? A look back at last semester's plaguing problems

Michael Wiles looks back at the nagging issues of present and past semesters.

I know that this sounds unfair to the freshmen who are not allowed to park on campus. But I also think that it is the only way to insure that those who have the right to park, can park.

But, the problem does not even end there. With the harsh winter, a whole new problem has been introduced to the parking lot: snow removal. When plowing the parking lots, the snow was pushed in front of the cars, or behind them, making movement very difficult. For $30 a semester, I think that the students are being charged a deterrent social trend.

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Pro sports: A lucrative business

In recent years, what business has been booming the most? Some might say that it is computer programming or sales or maybe even the communication industry. I have a different take on it, however. The way I see it, I believe that sports have become the business of the future. It seems that every week there is another blockbuster signing, or a ground breaking trade. Just a few days ago, Shannon Sharpe signed with the Baltimore Ravens for $13.2 million dollars making him the highest paid tight end ever. Then there is the $15 million dollar man, Kevin Brown, who is going to make $15 million dollars for the next seven years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, and in fact is the highest paid player in Major League Baseball history.

The total Kevin Brown package comes to the total of $105 million dollars with other benefits such as VIP suites and luxury boxes. You might wonder why this commentary isn’t found in the Sports section, but I feel that it has a larger impact on society than we all believe. We look up to these athletes; we wear their hats and their jerseys and cheer them on at the stadium. We also look and see them degrading themselves for a little bit of money. Perhaps they are residing here, but they are simply overshadowed by the money-greedy players that seem to grab all the attention today. Should sports players be role models anyway? How can some players use their position to market their personal careers? What they want you to think is not necessarily what they want to be. It’s simple really. Alan Keyes does not fit in with the American mainstream.

A simple “thank you” from a former student

Jorge del Villar writes to thank Dr. Julie Badlee for her inspiration.

Dear Dr. Julie Badlee,

I write these humble lines because I really believe that it is not often that you have the opportunity to thank you for having such an enormous impact as a professor in my life. It is ironic that by nothing else than coincidently, I received the class in the Fall of 1996 that would make me grow in so many directions.

Originally, I followed Dean Coley’s advice and was registered for "Cultural Anthropology." One afternoon, she and Dr. Leahy literally spent hours registering 30 international students at Budapest. They explained to each student the entire American system; the content of every class at WMU. Being overwhelmed by so much information, combined with jet lag, when it was my turn to register, Dean Coley assured me that Cultural Anthropology would be my thing.

She didn’t explain why, but I went ahead and registered for the class. Without having any hard feelings toward her, on the first day of classes I realized that "Cultural Anthropology" was not my thing. A friend then suggested I take the class, “Art of India, China and Japan” with you. By the end of the first class I knew I loved Art History, an entire new discipline for me. That class was both profound and relevant to the world and of life.

It opened the door to the eastern hemisphere, of which we know so little, yet which dominates so much of the western world. It showed me new ways of viewing life, new philosophies, new religions, and sophisticated empires of which I had never heard before.

After that, I took for Art History classes to complete my minor. Every single one stretched my sensitivity and intellectual capabilities.

In the name of all the students whose lives you have changed, thank you.

Alan Keyes: A forgotten man lost in the political shuffle

As you just might be aware of, the American media, who is slightly “left-of-center.” Alright, let’s face it. They’re downright liberal. With that easily discernible fact in mind, it should come as no surprise to anyone that Alan Keyes—An ultraliberal-socialist and current Republican presidential candidate—has garnered almost no attention from the national media. Alan Keyes has a Ph.D. from Harvard University, but you’d never know it if you didn’t follow him on the campaign trail. Alan Keyes has run for the United States Senate in Maryland and served as an Ambassador to the United Nations. A few weeks ago, Alan Keyes finished a solid third in the Iowa Republican Straw Poll, with nearly triple the votes that John McCain received. Votes to be the party’s nominee.

In all likelihood, Alan Keyes will probably finish third in total votes to be the party’s nominee. Keyes is very popular among younger Republicans who usually don’t have a home nearby to go to. In the name of all the students whose lives he has changed, thank you.

Alan Keyes: A former Black conservative

Kwei Kwei Kwei has appealed to the need for “personal responsibility”. You see, the American media relies on sensationalist journalism to sell their newspapers. Their news magazines would get less in the Nielsen ratings than “Barney and Friends” if they weren’t “allowed to use racism as an issue for their personal gain.”

When it comes to politics, all the right-wing conservatives are supposed to be white Southerners, and all black males are supposed to be liberal Democrats. This gives the media the proper setting for their sensationalism. Unfortunately, Alan Keyes isn’t willing to comply with them. And since he’s not going to play by their rules, he doesn’t get on TV.

Is Alan Keyes the only black Republican to get ignored by the press? No. J.C. Watts, a black conservative, was ignored during prime time at the Republican National Convention in 1996. Guess how much coverage he got? If you didn’t watch CSPAN, you probably didn’t know anything about him. Is Alan Keyes the only black man in politics? He is not. He is the “mold” for a black man in politics, at least not in the media’s eyes. Instead, Alan Keyes has cried out for a moral-revival in America. Alan Keys has taken a sharp-sword to the role models long from our daily living.

He’s the kind of presidential candidate the media keeps reminding us that we need—honest, forthright, decent...
Bradley's campaign hangs in the balance

Unfortunately for Bill Bradley, his chances of winning the Democratic nomination are fading. At first, his character seemed quite alluring for the American public. He was seen as a small-town, small-town Democrat, with a background in law and politics. His campaign was highly promising, as he was a reformer with a strong chance of winning the nomination. However, all this changed when he lost the New York and Nebraska primaries. He was called a reformer with a strong chance of winning, but in reality, he was the Establishment Republican, George W. Bush in the South Carolina primary on Saturday.

In 1964, Barry Goldwater and a band of conservatives nominated Ted Kennedy by showing how he plans to achieve his goals; not just vaguely, but with concrete and detailed plans. Bradley has fallen behind McCain, Bush, and Gore in the primaries, leaving him way behind McCain, Bush, and Gore in the primaries.

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Matt Hurff examines the Senator's chances of winning the Democratic Nomination.

democratic nomination already, leaving him far behind McCain, Bush and Gore in the press attention.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Political Science School of the University of Pennsylvania sums this decline best when she says, "The press is functioning as if the Bradley-Gore race is over.

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What is the craziest daydream you’ve had during class?

Words and pictures by Rainen Wright

"I was a star on Broadway singing ‘Lucky be a Lady Tonight’.

Triezin Chin-Qee
Social Work ’01

"I was behind the scenes in Glar playing bass with three of my residents.

Eric Brind ’Amour
Art ’01

"I was a female action hero, decked out in leather and loaded with firearms, fighting in a warehouse.

Pam Murrell
Studio Art/Art History ’00

FEATURES

"Scream 3": Too much of a good thing

JOAN FALKENBER Staff Writer

Everybody likes scary movies. Of course, they’re no fun unless you’re actually scared. Who cares about a few PGOr PG-13 screaming teen girls, unless you actually leave your seat once to sit in the stranger next to you’s lap? Sadly, the horror genre of movies used to be a lot better. Remember those horror “classics” from the thirties and forties, referred to now as the original “cheezies”? Now, Hollywood models all of their horror movie plots after them. It seems that we’re really down to our last “scare”. No wonder these last few decades have been filled with brainless sequels to mildly entertaining originals.

When the first “Scream” hit theaters in late 1996, everyone went wild. Here was a movie that combined horror and laughter into one. For once, a horror movie could laugh at itself.

There was no surprise when a new horror genre was spawned: funny “I know what you’re going to do next” horror. So of course, “I Know What You Did Last Summer”, “Urban Legends”, and “Still Know What You Did Last Summer” followed. But like every horror movie, you can’t be scared for long before wondering why it suddenly got boring again. “Scream 2” tried, and very hard missed, to overcome the staple of the bad sequel. It tried to be just as funny and original as its predecessor, while knowing that it was the sequel to the movie. Unfortunately, although I thought Neve Campbell’s boyfriend was really cute, it didn’t really live up to the hype. It was, however, better than most horror sequels.

So now we come to the third installment. And what a surprise, the name of the movie is “Scream 3”. I really tried to enjoy this movie though, despite what I knew about sequels. I remembered that in a lot of trilogies (note, I said trilogy, not a series of Rocky’s), the third is often pretty entertaining, or at least an improvement on the second. For example, who didn’t like the third installment of “Back to the Future”, “Indiana Jones”, or “Star Wars”?

Unfortunately, Wes Craven didn’t promise the trilogy everyone expected. I was hoping that he would get away from the same plot: the killer chasing down a helpless, unknowing, (and often sarcastic) victim while cracking all of the same jokes, just before the victim realizes that this isn’t a joke, and that they really are in for it.

The plot of “Scream 3” contained all of the original actors who were still left expecting something. It didn’t promise the trilogy. Everyone was so used to the horror genre, that we’re really down to our last “scare”. Hopefully, we later find out that Young is so well to do that he drives a Ferrari but still lives with his parents. Unfortunately, although I thought Neve Campbell’s boyfriend was really cute, it didn’t really live up to the hype. It was, however, better than most horror sequels.

Top secret agents decide that I have to go with them because I know something no one else does.

Dave Hanyok
Exercise Science ’01

"That actually enjoyed statistics."
Richard Smith
Sociology ’00

"I was a female action hero, decked out in leather and loaded with firearms, fighting in a warehouse.

Pam Murrell
Studio Art/Art History ’00

Stocks soar for “Boiler Room”

KATE ESPOSITO
Features Editor

Crooked lawyers, evil doctors, corrupt politicians; there is now a new genre for the society-in-out-to-get-us film: deceptive stockbrokers. The film “Boiler Room” is excellent at fueling viewers’ paranoia.

The movie starts Giovanni Ribisi as Seth Davis, a college dropout with a mind, or at least a flair for business.

At the urging of his father, he electrons his illegal gambling business run from his apartment. Unbeknownst to him at the time, he will ultimately become an even bigger crook and wish for the stature of small time crime.

The main reason, Davis takes the job at J.P. Marlon is to try to make his father proud.

However, Marty Davis (played by Ron Rifkin) is not easily appeased. He is also none to quick to say, “I told you so” whenever his son screws up, as he assumes he inevitably will.

Another main character is Greg Weinstein (Nicky Katt) Seth’s “friend” who lures him into the business, then becomes jealous of his success.

Throughout the film, he is seen glaring across the room with an omnipresent scowl.

The real reason Davis is convinced to take the job is because of Jim Young (Ben Affleck) who assures groups of potential employees, “You will become a millionaire within 6 months.” Unfortunately, we later find out that Young is so well to do that he drives a Ferrari but still lives with his parents.

Although Davis enters the firm because of Young, he stays because of Chris Varick (Vin Diesel) who is one of the more likable characters in the movie, though a bit opinionated.

He tells him the “rules” of selling stock over the phone, such as never let the customer hang up without a sale, and badger them relentlessly until they feel like they have to.

Unlike Weinstein, he applauds Davis’s success and supports him. It makes you wonder why he is working as a stockbroker when he would have an excellent career ahead of him as a motivational speaker.

The “boss” is played by Tom Everett Scott. His main obligation is to sit in his office shuffling papers and to provide rewards for employees in the form of money, drugs, alcohol, or prostitutes. It is a far cry from his role as the nice guy in “That Thing You Do”.

Nia Long plays Abbie Halpert, the firm’s ill-fated secretary who makes eighty thousand dollars a year.

Along with working at a firm that is all male except for a few other secretaries, she is forced to be the firm’s staple love interest. There is a rather irrelevant fight over her between Davis and Weinstein.

Then, of course, to fit into the movie formula of late, she becomes key in the unraveling of the plot.

The real problem, however is when Davis decides to develop a Ferrari but still lives with his parents.

Unfortunately, although I thought Neve Campbell’s boyfriend was really cute, it didn’t really live up to the hype. It was, however, better than most horror sequels.

To avoid some adminstrative there were a few times when I was grabbing the armrest, and other times I was chuckling at the stupidity of a luckless Jenny McCarthy. However, I was still left expecting something really unexpected to happen and to be suddenly reassured that I spent my eight bucks on a worthy movie. Unfortunately, it was not to be so, and I can only reassure myself that there won’t be an attempt at a fourth installment of this “successful” formula.

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Garrett on linguistics and life

Shena Dominguez  Assistant Features Editor

She's been to Spain six times, lived in Madrid for three months before going to grad school, and plans to spend two and a half weeks in Madrid and Barcelona for her upcoming homestay. This winter, she is Susan Garrett, part-time professor of Approaches to the Study of Language - a linguistics course. This is her second semester at Western Maryland College.

The reason Garrett first got involved with linguistics was an introduction to linguistics course she took at University of Maryland College Park. A professor had recommended the take it as a BLAR-type requirement, and she ended up loving it. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. while teaching part-time both here and at Goucher College.

Garrett chose to teach here and at Goucher because she has a history with both schools. Her uncle was a student here and other family members have attended Goucher. Another reason she likes WMC is the personal atmosphere. She didn’t want to be at a research institution and not know her students. Also, she feels that the students here are really into learning linguistics, even though they aren’t majors.

When asked how she got into teaching, Garrett said that she had always known she wanted to teach. The opportunity presented itself while she was in grad school at Penn State, and she seized it. She was offered a chance to teach a night grammar course, and ended up taking over the course, rebuilding it, and making it her own. She even sought out new textbooks with which to teach the course. She continued teaching until she left Pennsylvania.

Her favorite thing about teaching is the teaching itself. She loves being in the classroom and is very enthusiastic about her work. She commented that her least favorite thing is grading compositions; “It’s slow and there are so many things to keep in mind. It’s so subjective.”

Rat’s Web by Anne Butler

You’ve probably heard of viruses, possibly through one of the many e-mail boxes that seem to keep being perpetrated. Maybe you’ve even been hit by a virus and you know first-hand how frightening it can be. But for those who have been fortunate enough to avoid viruses, I’ll explain just what they are.

A virus is a malicious file or part of a file that is intended to do damage to the files or software on your computer. This damage is called the “payload,” and some viruses have a very minimal payload (for instance some may simply execute a message that says “you got a virus”). But for those who have been fortunate enough to avoid viruses, I’ll explain just what they are.

Viruses are a type of virus that infects your files and tries to send a reply to every e-mail you receive, attaching a copy of itself and attempting to spread itself further. The labs were plagued by this type of virus early on last year.

Next issue, I’ll tell you just how you get any of these malicious things and how to find out if you have one. I’ll also give you the URLs of some programs to use to get rid of them. For now, I’ll give you a simple tip: Do not download or accept files from a source you do not trust!

Locust Books offers atmosphere

Kate Espenio  Features Editor

Do you like books? No, I am not talking about textbooks or anthologies, but actual interesting pieces of literature you would read without being forced. If you are tired of the rather limited selection of these items at the WMC bookstore, you don’t have to take what is often just a shot walk down Main Street. There you will find Locust Books.

Although this store is no Borders or Barnes and Noble, whatever is lacks in size, it makes up for it in atmosphere.

Upon entering the store, you are greeted by the clerk who seems genuinely happy to see you. Either this person is a wonderful actor, or more likely she is a friendly, welcoming person.

Playing in the background is innovative new age or jazz. The store is divided into sections, designated by pieces of paper taped to the shelves. Although there is not a huge selection, the store definitely has variety.

The first section, located in the front window is entitled “gift books.” It consists of small hard backs with pictures about love and friendship. There are nautical cards, bookmarks, journals, and stickers ranging from Hercules tatoos to Pokemon. A perfect gift for a roommate would be the Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss coloring book. These books can be used to make your own coloring picture of Horton the Elephant.

Another interesting section features books on mythology and philosophy.

Fun times at the Fat Cat Cafe

Megan Martin  Student Advisor

On a Saturday afternoon, a friend and I decided to take a stroll downtown Main Street. Saturday afternoon, however, is the best time to look for adventure in downtown Westminster. Most places were either closed by 2 pm or about to close within the hour. Rather than just sit here and be the one of the most enticing places to stop was that actually open past 5 pm was the Fat Cat Cafe.

We entered Fat Cat Cafe around 4 pm, and, as far as we could tell, we were the only ones there. We arrived fairly close to their “rush” started. Both of us ordered sandwiches and coffee. I personally recommend the Kosher Style Sandwich. This sandwich was presented neatly on a clear glass plate with a generous scoop of potato salad (second only to Mom’s), a pickle, and fruit - an orange slice, a grapefruit slice, and grapes.

For those of you who would prefer something else, Fat Cat Cafe has a range of sandwiches that includes the traditional and the slightly exotic. If you happen to be a vegetarian, there are also several choices for you. They offer a veggie burger and a portabellino mushroom sandwich. It is up to you to choose.

Fat Cat Cafe also offers breakfast and dinner. You can get omelets, Belgian waffles or something as simple as an oatmeal. The dinner menu starts sometime after 6 pm and is served until 10 pm but only on Fridays and Saturdays, according to the banner displayed outside the restaurant.

The back page of the menu is the most exciting. The list of beverages, alone, is extensive and enough to leave one in the land of indecision. You can order regular or specialty coffees. Or you can order a pot of tea that serves six cups and offers a variety of flavors. They also have homemade desserts such as the popular cookie, or iced coffee. They also have Italian sodas to fit every taste.

Their desert menu offers such things as muffins, breads, pastries, and other fine delicacies to tickle your fancy. Fat Cat Cafe also offers you the opportunity to order special occasion cakes, with advance notice, for your special occasion.

Recently, Fat Cat Cafe started offering afternoon tea. It is offered on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Reservations are necessary.

The nice thing about Fat Cat Cafe is the atmosphere. The room we were in was small - six tables. The cozy arrangement is nice for a quiet conversation at any time of day. The green marbelized tables and chairs plus the rose pink walls make for a soothing environment. Decorating the walls and windows are paintings and sketches, all on sale, that are quite eclectic.

Fat Cat Cafe is located at 172 E. Main Street. Their normal operating hours are from 8 am to 4 pm for breakfast and lunch, Tuesdays through Saturdays. Their operating hours for Friday and Saturday evening extended hours to 10 pm for dinner.

It’s reasonable prices and excellent food make for an enjoyable experience. Their checkout time fare will leave you begging for more. And nothing’s wrong with stopping in to sample a dessert and some coffee on a weekend night. Next time you’re downtown and have nothing to do, or if you have a burning desire for coffee, sweets, and atmosphere, stop in and see our friends at the Fat Cat Cafe; it’s one of Westminster’s treasures.
Advice from the stars, the animals, and the horoscope goddess

CATHY PENORF

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

This month you will find a twin spirit in the form of an animal. Whether you relate most to a two- headed chicken or a walrus, do not shy away from your innermost being. Be One! Your lucky animal is the ring-tailed lemur.

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21)

You are a bull charging into the mist and smoke. Remember, when you start to feel a little too trippy, stop breathing. Your lucky animal is the coati: a tree-dwelling mammal with a long, flexible snout.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

The beat of the drums is in your blood and you wonder where the music will take you. Is that the army calling? The Salvation Army?!?! Your lucky animal is the wallaby.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

This month you will start to question life. Muddled words take your places. Turn away, and face dampness. Your lucky animal is the emu.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

This month you will find a twin one-horned, flying purple people eater. Your animal is the one-eyed. How's this for a birthday present? A twin one-horned, flying purple people eater. Happy Birthday Fishies! Just when you think the ice is melting, a cold front blows in. Don't worry, within a few days your puddles should be swimmable again! Your lucky animal is the octopus.

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)

This month you will float too close to the horizon. Beware that your ballad of purity do not pop from the excretions! Your lucky animal is Bullwinkle the moose.

Libra (Sep. 24 - Oct. 23)

Strange things may start to follow you. Stay away from obscure people in tap shoes. Your lucky animal is the porcupine.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You've really come out of your shell!! The next step in your education may lead you to tap dance naked with a Libra...or not! Your animal is the one-eyed, one-horned, flying purple people eater.

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Reflections: Black History Month

RAINI WRIGHT

Staff Writer

At a time in history when the number of hate crimes appears to be growing larger and larger, surprisingly some critics have often questioned the validity of specific times set aside to honor various cultures.

It seems as if acknowledging the many traditions that served to make the United States the “land of opportunity and diversity” that it is today, has become a crime in and of itself.

One such time that has received criticism from some, is Black History Month. Designated by Americans as way to give recognition to those people whose contributions often went unnoticed, Black History Month has been scrutinized because it spans an entire month instead of one week or one day.

However, there is a reason for this month long celebration.

On February 19, 1926 Carter G. Woodson created and established Negro History Week because he discovered that no schools in the U.S. taught the history of African Americans. Woodson, the second black to receive a doctorate from Harvard University, was a leading historian in the United States at the time and is often called the Father of Black History.

He chose February as the month in which this week-long observance would occur because the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln are in this month, the 14 and 12 respectively.

Douglass and Lincoln were two pioneers in the emancipation of slavery. In 1970, Negro History Week became known as Black History Week and was designated by Woodson as a week in which all Americans could learn about and honor the many achievements of African Americans. It was later extended to Black History Month in 1976 because many Americans were still unaware of the contributions made by blacks, and is often called the Father of Black History.

Jessica Hurwitz '02

"To educate people that don’t know about black history, to make people more aware, to reemphasize history"

-Mohindra Ramphal '03

"To heighten awareness in the community" - Joe Lucas, '00

"Respect and recognition of African Americans’ role in American history" - Penelope Miller, ‘03

"Portrays the reality of history and mistakes made in the past, helps us to plan better for the future as a society" - Mohindra Ramphal, ‘03

"Learning about the real history of black culture and not just what they teach us" - Jessica Hurwitz, ‘02

"To teach what they've seen" - Camille Cooke, ‘00

Here’s what they had to say:

"To promote and learn about positive black history" - Aleya Horn, ‘01

The Baltimore power punk trio of Splitsville. Splitsville is quickly becoming one of our favorite bands.

9:30 Club hosts V-Day Love Out

MIREY YEVRANSKI and CIRRI ANASTASIA

Sports Editors

On February 12, the two of us decided to go to the 9:30 Club in Washington DC to see Mary Prankster and Splitsville for the annual Valentine’s Day Love Out.

Finding the 9:30 club is relatively easy, if you don't mind driving through some of the seedier parts of Northwest DC. So, after searching for a parking space, we went into the club.

Entering the club was hassle-free and not very expensive either. What was expensive, however, was the beer that one of us purchased.

Don't worry though, the water fountains were clean and readily available.

The dance floor was small, but it featured a stage that was only three feet from the ground, thus allowing a better connection between performers and audience. At 9:30 p.m., the Joiners hit the stage as the opening act. After a slow start due to technical reasons, they jumped into a hard rocking set of their signature sound, which was an eclectic mix that borrowed equally from both George Jones and the Clash. Overall, for an opening act, they were good, but the real show was still to come.

Next on stage was the Baltimore power punk trio of Splitsville. Splitsville is quickly becoming one of our favorite bands.

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Men’s basketball finishes season 4-19, 1-11 in conference

GREG LEDERER  Staff Writer

The 1999-2000 Western Maryland College Men’s basketball team (11-17, 4-19) has had a very difficult and trying season. Injuries, absence of key players, and rumors about the coach’s future have left a void on the once promising team’s roster.

There have been many exciting moments this season, although the guys record isn’t what they were hoping for.

It has been a learning experience for the team with conference rivals John Hopkins, Ursinus, and Franklin and Marshall all having good seasons.

Lately, the team has fallen upon hard times, but continues to compete every night.

On February 5, the men visited East division leader Ursinus. After jumping out to a 22-5 lead, Ursinus used conference scoring leader Richie Barrett’s 19 points to take a 95-57 win.

A bright spot for the team was sophomore shooting guard Erik Larson’s team leading 12 points.

In their next game, Dickinson came to town and despite freshman point guard Greg Hill’s 18 points, 4-6 from three point land, the home team fell 99-74.

Despite their losses of late, the development of young players like Larson has brought about optimism that the team will prosper in the near future.

This development and promising play has led to some very exciting and positive games over the few weeks.

Recently, it seems whenever the team plays well, they seem to come up short, despite tremendous efforts in all aspects of the game.

One example was a February 12 conference road game against Gettysburg. In a back and forth contest, the team led 53-48 in the second half before a 12-2 Gettysburg spurt turned the game to 60-55 lead with just over five and half minutes remaining.

The Green Terror cut the lead to 64-62 with two minutes left, but turned the ball over three times in the last minute and a half to allow the opposition a 70-62 win.

It was a heart breaking loss to a team that was under .500, but a breakthrough game for junior forward Mike Furey.

Coming into the game shooting just 36% from the floor, Furey went 8 for 8 and scored a game high 17 points. He fell one short of the school record (9-9), which was set by John Trumbo in 1973.

In their very next game, guard Erik Larson’s 8 rebounds and career high 15 points led the team to a 84-76 overtime win over Villa Julie thus ending their seven game losing streak.

With under two minutes left in the game, senior center Jim Hegmann buried two crucial four pointers to give the team a 66-63 lead, but Villa Julie tied it 66-66 all at the end of regulation.

In the overtime period, WMC scored the first five points and used timely foul shooting to gain a hard earned victory.

As the season closes down for the Green Terror, there been many exciting moments and positive plays that point to success for the team over the next few years.

The loss of seniors like Brian Billman, Jim Hegmann, and Jeff Myers will hurt the team, but many young players have been given the chance to develop and show their ability this season.

The difficult season will serve as a learning experience for an unexperienced team who are yet to prove themselves in the Northeast.

Selecky faces scare

Tommy Selecky has always been a passionate individual, who goes after what he wants with everything he’s got. This is true of his pursuit of a pro football career anything else. It is his life’s mission.

But his mission, and his life, almost came to an end recently with one fell swoop of a glass bottle.

Selecky, who has avoided alcohol since leaving school in order to further his training, decided to put on hold one night so that he could be with a friend who was heading back to Penn State the next day.

They went to a crowded bar. The last night celebration was going fine until Selecky’s friend suddenly came out of the men’s room yelling for help.

Selecky ran into the bathroom where he found that his friend was involved in a fight.

Selecky stayed out of the fight, allowing it to continue as long as it was one on one. But another guy jumped into the fray and started attacking his friend, Selecky jumped in and grabbed the second guy.

Selecky says he threw the guy against a wall, but he then grabbed a beer bottle and broke it over a sink.

As Selecky tried to dodge the new armed man, he slipped, allowing him to stab Selecky in the top of the head with the broken bottle.

Selecky suffered severe wounds on the top of the head, and the glass also cut through his bottom lip. “I was bleeding like a stuffed pig,” Selecky said.

As he began to bleed profusely, blood started to blur his vision. This is when the events took a nearly fatal turn.

Trying to regain his vision, Selecky used his arm to wipe the blood out of his eyes.

There was one major problem, however, glass that was lodged in Selecky’s head severed his arm, cutting three arteries.

At this point, he began to suffer massive blood loss, and nearly bled to death before doctors saved him.

The injuries left Selecky with a lot of scarring, but other than that he has made a full recovery.

Despite the seriousness of his injuries, they have not slowed him down one bit from the pursuit of his dreams.

After sitting out for two weeks, he was back to his full regimen of running and lifting, and in now back to 100 percent.

If anything, he is surprised by how quickly he has recovered “I thought it was going to slow me down, but it didn’t,” he said.

In fact, he says he has even improved in some areas of his training since the incident.

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Sports View: The question of sports life versus real life

Chris Anastasia, Staff Writer

As I sit here and type this column, I begin to think of how I spend my hard earned tuition at this fine institution of learning. In short, I wonder if it is all really worth it. I mean, I've put my *as in a number of classes, and if I am successful, if I truly do well, I may end up with a high five-figure payday passing paper my desk and sending an alarm. I recall the sense of adventure in my youth when I came to thinking about the future. It was just a great ambiguous fate that we all reached out for with arms outstretched, knowing that whatever that transpired would be grand and glorious indeed.

Then, we all grew up. I remember dreaming of being a pro athlete growing up. I dreamed of dominating the gridiron every Sunday. Was my best dream? Well, no.

It was a dream instilled by a brother who was a great player I admired, and by a father that was only noticed by his absence.

Well, a serious knee injury put an end to that little dream of mine, but I had other dream, I wanted to be a writer, I wanted to document these great and colossal achievements of sportsmen that I had once dreamt of making myself.

This is the gist of this column. I, probably like many of you out there, once believed that being a pro athlete would mean living a life well beyond the normalcy of us regular folk.

To be put upon a pedestal and to be free of persecution and treatment as if we were an immortal. Well, that's where you would be wrong.

Rae Carruth was not above the law. He must have been one of Ray Lewis wishes to God right now that he was not held on such a pedestal.

Peyton Steward proved to us all that no athlete, no matter how good, is immortal.

Just because some guy or girl that was simply blessed with good genes or a driving parent or with boundless energy and self-determination does not make them any different from you and I.

They make millions and have thousands of fans. They also are the first ones that we see on the news for drug possession and murders. That is the life they live, they get the perks and they get the punishment.

Fair trade? You decide.

Thus leads me back to my original point. If I do, in fact, have one.

Did I waste my adolescence studying when I could have been trying to throw a fast ball 100 mph left-handed?

Women's basketball falls just short of reaching playoffs

Dan Gird, Staff Writer

Western Maryland's playoff bubble has burst.

Despite recent optimism, 12 minutes of action for the Western Maryland women's basketball team, and maybe just a little too quickly for the team that was seemingly improving week in and week out.

Not needing just to beat Washington College (10-14, 4-9) at home on February 19 to force a tie breaking game, the Green Terror (11-12, 7-6) were upset 66-54.

Washington, who hadn't beaten the Terror in five seasons, dominated the first half and went into the locker room up by 16. That lead was increased to 20 early in the second half.

But with their season on the line, the Terror, like they had done so many times this season, refused to fade away.

Rating 58-41 midway through the second half, the Terror went on a 12 consecutive points to pull to within five points. That was all they could muster, however, as they missed their last eight field goal attempts of the game, allowing Washington to escape with the 12 point victory.

This game, however, was not the only chance that the Terror had to extend their season.

Heading into their February 16 match-up with first place Johns Hopkins, Western Maryland held second place Franklin and Marshall by one game in the Centennial Conference standings.

With F&M playing at last place Dickinson Saturday that same day, it seemed that the best the Terror could do was hold the distance at one game.

With the Terror having MC gave the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays (18-5, 10-2) all they could handle.

Having been in front for much of the game, the Terror opened their lead to 40-32 with 9:00 remaining in the game.

Hopkins, however, showed why they are a first place team, and went on a 13-0 run. Hopkins guard Katie Fitzgerald ('00) triggered the run, hitting consecutive uncontested three pointers.

"You have to do that to a team like Hopkins, you can't go to your end offensively and have to work hard for every shot you get and then allow the other team open uncontested shots," WMC Head Coach Becky Martin said.

Hopkins would extend their lead to 63-44 remaining the Terror would come storming back. We just looked at each other and we told each other that basically 'we're either going to win this, or we're going to go out trying our hardest,' so we put everything we had into those last two minutes," WMC center Kris Brust ('03) said.

After cutting the lead to three, WMC put the ball in the hands of Jen Piccolomini ('01) to drive the Terror a 69-56 victory with 24th consecutive against the Terror.

The Terror controlled the game throughout, but the Bullets tried to make it close, pulling within six midway through the second half, WMC, however, squelched that advance by going on a 6-0 run and put the team, and she did that all week long," Piccolomini said.

This was certainly true of the Terror tandem of Ibex (31) and it finally grew as large as 24 late in the game.

"We played an excellent first half, offensively and defensively. In the second half, I think that the skill, and the composure, and the experience of Elizabethown took its toll on us. To be honest, we played a very good game, but I think they were just better than us," Martin said. Guard Abbide Fabian ('01) was a good example of this talent, as she hit the Terror up with 16 points, five assists, and an amazing nine steals, tying a WMC opponents record.

For WMC's Brust, playing this kind of talent was a new challenge. I personally have never really seen players that have as much quickness as they do, and as much skill. Usually they have one or the other, but not both combined," she said. The victory was Elizabethown's 24th consecutive against the Terror.

Dickinson must have sensed the game was going in their favor and must have felt the pressure of the historic game.

Ibex got help from fellow co-captain Patty Russo ('01) who poured in a season high 16 points in addition to 15 rebounds and five assists.

The Terror looked as if they were upset minded in the first half, going into the locker room trailing by just a point, 30-29. Elizabethown, however, opened the second half with an 8-2 run, and they continued to widen their margin as the second half went on, until it finally grew as large as 24 late in the game.

"We had the ball in the hands of guard Jen Piccolomini ('01), and with 11 seconds remaining she grabbed her 13th rebound of the game. We were thinking to throw it in, but it was all down hill from there. The more experienced Hopkins team went on a 13-2 run to ice the game, 67-57.

"It was just unfortunate. Down the line there were a few more times than I would have. From my perspective, we looked as if we tried to play the last five minutes in one minute. Five minutes is really a lot of time, and we just did some things in a hurry," Martin said.

Thinking that their playoff hopes were dead, coach Martin was headed across Gill Gym following the game when a reporter notified her that Dickinson had upset Franklin and Marshall. She immediately wanted both coaches to let her team know that they were still alive.

"It was like being on a low from where we could've beaten Hopkins, to a high on, we can still play them again," WMC guard Jen Piccolomini said, recalling her reaction to coach Martin's news.

The loss to Washington three days later ended that possibility, however.

Piccolomini finished the game with 24 points. She added two to lead the Terror to an 82-70 victory over F&M in the second half with an 8-2 run, and they continued to widen their margin as the second half went on, until it finally grew as large as 24 late in the game.

"We played an excellent first half, offensively and defensively. In the second half, I think that the skill, and the composure, and the experience of Elizabethown took its toll on us. To be honest, we played a very good game, but I think they were just better than us," Martin said. Guard Abbide Fabian ('01) was a good example of this talent, as she hit the Terror up with 16 points, five assists, and an amazing nine steals, tying a WMC opponents record.

For WMC's Brust, playing this kind of talent was a new challenge. I personally have never really seen players that have as much quickness as they do, and as much skill. Usually they have one or the other, but not both combined," she said. The victory was Elizabethown's 24th consecutive against the Terror.

Dickinson must have felt the same way playing at Western Maryland on February 8. That's because the Terror tandem of Ibex and Piccolomini tore through Dickinson like a pair of tornadoes as the Terror scored a Terror season high 26 points to go with five rebouds, two steals, and three assists.

Dickinson added another 24 points, as well as blocking four shots and grabbing 13 boards. Her 13 rebouds gave her 459 career rebounds, placing her 12th in Western Maryland's all time top ten. Dick-inson wasn't strong enough to handle an inside and an outside game. When Jen was hot and they came out, we were able to go inside to Jill, and vice versa. We were hot in jill to try to contain her, we were able to go out and score from the perimeter. It was a great tandem," Martin said.

With 9:38 remaining in the game, Dickinson cut the score to 60-55, but a Sindi Stem ('03) three pointer pushed the Terror season high 26 points to go with five rebouds, two steals, and three assists. Her 13 rebouds gave her 459 career re-"
Statistics as of Feb. 20, 2000

**M. Basketball**
- B. Billman: 297-21-183
- Erik Larson: 103-15-46
- Greg Hill: 143-36-33
- J. Hegmann: 155-24-83
- Mike Furey: 135-11-103
- Sean Pond: 135-15-34
- Mike Paesani: 129-19-59
- K. Friedheim: 107-16-73
- Curtis Miller: 61-5-46
- Jack Kowalik: 91-11-33
- Jeff Myers: 85-44-28

**W. Basketball**
- Jill Ibex: 361-23-196
- Piccolomini: 259-60-125
- Kris Brust: 183-11-111
- Patty Russo: 154-43-57
- Sindi Stem: 125-50-53
- Brenneman: 143-30-100
- Brianne Bray: 28-6-26
- S. McPherson: 54-15-39
- S. Chorman: 68-7-23
- Megan Linch: 24-15-35
- Dena Morgan: 34-21-19

**Wrestling**
- Vinny Pedalino: 17-4
- Jon Pitonzo: 23-18
- Mike Macey: 17-4
- Rob Johns: 13-2
- Scott Taylor: 20-15
- Eric Bartczak: 12-13
- Balasz Szidor: 3.00
- Charlie Conaway: 34-9
- Chris McNally: 27-17
- Brian Jones: 2-2
- Nick Alley: 12-11

**M Swimming**
- C. Clemmons: 223.75
- Luke Page: 122.50
- Matt Fields: 118.25
- Jon Soucy: 68.50
- Martin Wisor: 63.50
- Balasz Szidor: 3.00

**W Swimming**
- K. Wnukowski: 208.00
- C. Joyce: 132.25
- Annie Linz: 101.25
- Jenny Weddle: 73.00
- Kalli Patentas: 66.50
- Brooke Pierce: 62.25
- Ellen Miller: 51.00

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**Anonymous Aids Testing**

**Spring Semester 2000**
- **11:30-12:30**
- **Every Other Thursday**
  - February 24
  - March 9 & 23
  - April 6 & 20
  - May 4

**Location -- Smith House**
**Call Ext. 243 for an appointment**

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**FREE TAX HELP**

For whom: For students and Other Low to Low Moderate Income Taxpayers
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When:
- **Tuesday**
  - 7-9 pm
- **February 24**
- **March 7**
- **March 21**
- **March 28**
- **April 4**
- **April 11**
- **Thursday**
  - 7-9 pm
- **February 24**
- **March 2**
- **March 9**
- **March 23**
- **March 30**
- **April 6**
- **Saturday**
  - 12-3pm
- **February 26**
- **March 4**
- **(Spring Break)**
- **March 25**
- **April 1**
- **April 8**

By appointment only

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Conaway will be competing in the NCAA D-III championships at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa on March 3rd and 4th. He will be joined by teammates and fellow gold medalists Vinny Pedalino (125 lbs.), Rob Johns (157 lbs.), and Chris McNally (177 lbs.).
Conaway said that he is "real proud of the team. They did an excellent job." He's also very happy that the school is sending four people to the national tournament.
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Former Western Maryland standout linebacker Tommy Selec- key has elected not to return to school this semester in hopes of fulfilling his dream of playing pro football. The Delaware native has thus returned home to train full time in order to realize this dream. The former Green Terror was a three time All-American, and be- came only the second linebacker in Centennial Conference history to be named 1st team all conference three times. Selecky was also named the Centennial Conference's Defensive Player of the Year this past season. It was not the awards, however, that will remain in the memories of those who saw him play in a Green Terror uniform.
"My memories will always be, when a lot of other things fade, the
game day intensity," WMC Head Coach Tim Keating said.
For Selecky, who has had a life- long love affair with the game of football, the decision to pursue a career in pro football was a natural one. "It means everything that I'm alive for, it's something I know I can do," he said.
But despite all of the things that he has done on the football field, and the passion that he feels for the game, his decision is questioned by some who feel that finishing an education should come first. "I guess that I was a little bit disappointed in it, but I can't tell you that I didn't see it coming. My desire has been...I want everybody to come here and have a great ex- perience and graduate," Keating said.
Selecky's situation, however, presents a special case for some because of his open and long-standing desire to play pro football. "His dream is to play outside of this place, and I believe the man needs to follow his dream," Barb Horneff, Associate Dean of the First-Year Program, and Selecky's Faculty Advisor said.
From Keating's perspective, however, by leaving school early Selecky has given up something special, something he will never be able to regain. What Tom's done by leaving early is he's not going to graduate with his class.
That might not mean so much right now, I have a feeling that the importance of it could increase in later years, "he said.
For Dean Horneff, however, re- alizing your individuality is every bit as important as finishing a col- lege education.
"I'm not into slandering him, I'm not into telling him that he made a bad decision anymore than I would any other student who had come to Western Maryland for one reason and either found himself or herself and went on to do some- thing different," Dean Horneff said.
"He came here to do what he did and he did it and I think that was the closure that he reached when he made that decision," she continued. For Selecky, there is no debate, his decision has been made and it is in the past. He is now focused on making it at the next level, and as with any- thing else that he sets his sights on, he has tunnel vision on accomplish- ing that goal.
"Despite this, however, the odds seemed stacked against him. "If you look at the statistics, even if you went to Maryland, or Penn State or something like that, the odds are against you," Keating said.
But in Selecky's case, Keating is just pointing out "It's impos- sible to measure what's in a guy's heart."

Dean Horneff doesn't buy into what the prognosticators might say, however.
She believes that the kind of te- nacity with which Selecky goes after things puts him in a po- sition to beat the odds. She points to the spring semester of '99, when Selecky set the goal of acquiring 3.0 GPA.
"If he had something to prove he put 150 percent into it, and I think that the semester he got a 3.0 he put 150 percent into it, and I believe that is exactly the way that he lives his life," she said.
Mike Wood ('01), a WMC foot- ball player, and teammate of Selecky's at Brandywine High School in Delaware agrees. "I've never met anybody who's that intense, and that determined to reach goals. He picks what he's going to get accomplished and it always gets done," he said.

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WMC student slain close to campus

**Michael Stokes**

Staff Writer

Chad Lee Weller, 36, a resident of Westminster and Western Maryland College student, died on Thursday, March 2 from head injuries that he sustained from an apparent attack. The incident took place on February 22 outside of Best Pizza on Pennsylvania Avenue, approximately one block from the college.

Weller had been delivering pizzas for Best Pizza when his unconscious, beaten body was discovered in an alley behind the store only ten minutes after he had apparently stepped out of the back door to smoke a cigarette, said Westminster Police Captain Randy Barnes.

Weller’s truck, a GMC Sonoma pickup, was found abandoned at the intersection of West Main and Union streets a short time after he was discovered.

According to police, no suspects have been identified yet and they are still looking for any information that might lead them to the person or persons responsible.

The Westminster High School graduate had gone back to school to study political science, according to Mary Weller, his mother. He had attended Carroll County Community College before his recent two and a half-year stay at WMC.

Not only did Weller attend college and work at Best Pizza, he was also a volunteer at Resurrection Farm, a refuge for homeless people, his mother said.

Ken Doyle, a senior sociology major who lives on West Main Street, just 100 feet away from the murder, said “Students have to watch their backs nowadays, they have to be aware of their surroundings, especially off campus.”

“It’s sad that I have to call this my neighborhood home,” said Barrett Gugliotta, a senior physics major who also lives on West Main Street.

More information concerning this incident will be available in the next issue of the Phoenix.

Students like Rachel Spencer, 21, a senior political science major, were “disgusted” when they heard about Weller’s death.

Students were supposed to receive a Papa John’s pizza for Best Pizza when his death occurred. They were angry at the pizza company and said that they were embarrassed to have the WMC name associated with driving.

Spencer said Campus Safety was really good about the whole matter and she understands why they had to burn all the unsalvageable mail after two days because of the overwhelming smell.

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Students react to Ethernet in dorms

**Stacey M. Meyers**

Staff Writer

YOU ARE IN QUEUE ALL LINES BUSY. 34 WAITING

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The Ethernet system has been extremely positive and surprising low.

“I’m very excited,” says freshman Jenny Wirt on the new Ethernet system. “I hate getting cut off and having to spend a really long time trying to get on.”

The Ethernet is one of the latest innovations in Internet technology. This system allows students to be hooked up to the Internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week, without ever getting kicked off or having to wait to get on. It runs at higher speeds than the traditional modem hook up and allows the phone line to be kept free while students are online. Students have shown very positive reactions to the installation of the Ethernet and are thrilled about having it here at WMC.

The program is working, the students are happy - the Ethernet should be a big success, right? Well, not exactly, says Christine Mathews, director of Information Services. “We sent out information to about 400 students, Mathews claims, but so far, we’ve only gotten about 70 responses.” She estimates that approximately 75 percent

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Sounds of Silence hosts Deaf Awareness Week

**Kristin G. Fraser**

Staff Writer

Last week’s Deaf Awareness Week may have been overly quiet, but that didn’t make it any less successful. The use of American Sign Language just doesn’t require much noise.

Sounds of Silence, WMC’s sign language awareness group on campus, sponsored the First Annual Deaf Awareness Week. The event included week-long events, starting on Monday February 21 and continuing until Friday the 25th.

The week opened with an ASL story-telling competition. The contest was open to students and faculty. Deaf professor Brian Brizendine opened with a story explaining the unique deaf experience associated with driving.

Many other students followed with various renditions of personal anecdotes, children’s stories, and the like.

Sounds of Silence President Joe Lucas comments, “There were 16 students who decided to come out and participate”.

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Honor and Conduct Board hears cases

**Francesca Saylor**

Co-News Editor

The Honor and Conduct Board and the college’s disciplinarians have been rather busy this past week. The Board first met on Feb. 18 when two students were charged with “damaging college property” in the Blanche Ward Hall flooding incident. It met again on Feb. 22 regarding the computer hacking on campus when two students were charged with “violating WMC policy in regard to responsible use of computing resources.” In addition, Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs, met with the student involved in the Feb. 11 alcohol poisoning that took place in Alfred Norman Ward Hall.

Although two students were charged in the Blanche Ward Hall incident, only one was found responsible.

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Campus deals with more vandalism acts

**Francesca Saylor**

News Co-Editor

While unrelated to the Blanche Ward Hall vandalism a few weeks ago, there have been at least two other incidents of vandalism on the Western Maryland campus. Although there does not seem to be a correlation between the two events, both have been equally disturbing for those involved.

The first occurred on Monday, Feb. 28 in the post office when a student unraveled into the campus mail slot, ruining several pieces of mail. Campus Safety called everyone who was due to receive the mail to inform them of the incident after the mail bin had been left out in the sun to dry.

According to Mathews, director of Information Services, “We sent out information to about 400 students, Mathews claims, but so far, we’ve only gotten about 70 responses.” She estimates that approximately 75 percent would have gone through the whole process of getting another one.

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### News

#### Basement room of Lewis no longer remains a mystery

**Rich Sechocki**  
Distribution Manager

Many rumors have circled about what the sub-basement of Lewis Hall of Science is used for.

Ernie Ogle, who has actually been down there in 1990, said it was the fallout shelter for the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Every high ranking government official had somewhere to go in case of a nuclear attack, which is why the elevator does not go all the way down. When a squad of Soviet bombers were launched, the secret- ary would be escorted down here to WMC and descendent into the shelter to wait out the nuclear winter. This is not feasible, according to Ted Gap in his article “How FEMA learned to stop worrying about civilians and love the bomb.”

Dean Sayre only knew it was leased out to the federal government and nothing else, though he did have some interesting history on the fallout shelter sign on the outside of Daniel MacLea. Since the basement there is above ground it would not make sense to have that be a fallout shelter. The sign was probably stolen from Lewis and put there.

A couple of years ago there was a coffee shop on Friday and Saturday nights called the 156 Shelter, but that died out after two years.

Ethan Seidel was the closest to explaining the true nature of the sub-basement. He said it was a space leased to the federal government to be used in the case of a national emergency.

The exact amount of the lease was not disclosed, but it seems to have been a small amount of money. The specific purpose of the sub-basement was also not stated, but Seidel did say there is a book in Hoover library describing what was down there.

One faculty member revealed that the name of this book is Dave Wise’s *The Politics of Living*. In it, the entire story of the sub-basement of Lewis is disclosed. Seidel said it was leased to the federal government to be used in the case of a national emergency.

The function of this group was to censor all military and diplomatic information from the news which could leak to an enemy. The eight men who were to report to the WMC campus, one of which was the current director of the Physical Plant Eugene “Stoney” Willis, would censor all American media. Television, radio, newspapers, and magazines were not even allowed to publish or broadcast the weather without an okay from the men in the sub-basement of Lewis.

The second part of WISP were the thousands of other people on call to “censor all mail, cables, telephone calls, and other communications entering or leaving the country” at all strategic locations.

As if this view of war is not scary enough, this book was printed back in 1973, yet the US government relinquished its lease that year. That means if a Russian operative decided to read this book, WMC would have been on the map as a government continuance site for the past 27 years.

Considering the government was looking at the threat of “ten thousand warheads coming in,” and there are only about 283 metropolitan areas in the US, WMC could have easily been just another direct target.

Even after the 1970 press release of the 1965 internal government memo Wise mentioned, the sub-basement of Lewis was still in use, but only until around 1990. Papers found there consisted of a log sheet noting visits from secret and top secret members of FEMA and the CIA, along with other organizations.

Other things found there include the following: a Sko-ke bottle of ephedrine, two shortwave radios, lots of green-screen computer programs, two soundproof rooms, blueprints dating back to 1957, and a big brown bottle of rhubarb soda laxative.

Within a week all these things disappeared as maintenance cleared the five to six thousand square feet of usable space for its next purpose. What remains to the space now is still up in the air. Ogle says it should be converted to storage. Seidel would like to see the extra space used for storage, faculty offices and maybe computer labs for chemistry and other

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### What’s up with the SGA?

- **Class of 2000**
  - Selling Orioles tickets, and class t-shirts
  - Announcing the senior gift: a grandfather clock for the soon to be renovated Ennor Lounge!!!
  - Watch out for a possible 50 day party.
  - Questions? Call Kelly Dumnvant x8101.
- **Class of 2001**
  - Class meeting Thursday in Hill Hall room 110 at 6:30 pm (1st meeting of SENIOR PRIDE!!!)
  - Questions? Call Jeremiah Kelly at x8114.
- **Class of 2002**
  - Selling Class t-shirts  $8 short sleeve $13 long sleeve
  - Have you questions call Steve Sharkey at x8645.
- **Class of 2003**
  - 4v4 Basketball Tournament in mid-April
  - Withdraw of Mr. WMC contest
  - Class meeting Monday March 6th @ 8 pm in the basement of Hill Hall
  - Questions? Call Jamin Bartolomeo x8421.

**SGA**

**Campus Life Committee**

**Issues about Residence halls and campus activities**

Meetings every Tuesday 9 pm in the Pub

Public Relations

Need to publicize an event? Get the word out.

Meetings every Monday 8 pm SGA Office.

**Academic Committee**

Issues with the Honor Code, +/- system, and registration.

Meetings every Monday 9 pm in the Pub

**Social Committee**

Campus clean-up information Sunday April 2nd 9 - 12 pm

-Community Service projects

Meetings every Thursday 7 pm on the first floor of Hill Hall.

**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN FORUM, WHAT’S YOUR BEEF? TO ALL STUDENTS. BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO THE FORUM AND THEY WILL BE SOLVED ON THURSDAY MARCH 23RD IN THE FORUM.**

**FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MATT GRIBBIN AT X8222.**
The Department of Campus Safety reported the following incidents:

**2/21 at 5:30 pm** towed vehicle due to blocking traffic in Whiteford Parking Lot.
- **at 7:15 pm** damaging in Rouzer Hall.
- **at 7:26 pm** damaging in Rouzer Hall.
- **at 9:45 pm** damaging in Rouzer Hall.
- **at 9:59 pm** harassment in Campus Telephone System.

**2/17 at 1:30 am** damaging in Decker Student Center.
- **at 9:40 am** lewd conduct in English Hall.
- **2/19 at 3:35 am** damaging in Blanche Ward Hall.
- **2/20 at 9:15 pm** theft of a motor vehicle under investigation in Whiteford Parking Lot.

- **at 11:45 am** low velocity impact vehicle accident in Whiteford Parking Lot.
- **at 7:10 pm** theft of a motor vehicle under investigation.

**More vandalism on campus continued from front page**

that this incident may have had something to due with the outcome of the Honor and Conduct Board hearing on Feb. 25.

However, for another student, who wishes to remain unnamed, she has no idea why someone would want to destroy her property. On March 1 her car was vandalized in the parking lot behind Alfred Norman Ward Hall. She parked near the tennis courts at 9:15 am, and when she returned to her dark blue 1999 Volkswagen at 1:15 pm the damage was done.

Her car had been keyed the whole way around and the word "PENIS" had been etched into the passenger side in 6-inch letters. She immediately notified Campus Safety, although there was little they could do unless there was an eyewitness, said Webster.

He said he does not recall ever solving a case like that because there is little evidence, and since it takes so little time to commit the perpetrator is rarely seen. While Campus Safety officers have minimums on the building checks they must perform, Webster said there is no way to control the frequency of the patrols through the parking lots because there are so many unforeseen circumstances during their shifts.

The student is still rather upset over the vandalism.

"I would hope that I could park my car on this campus safely, and I would expect that if Campus Safety didn’t see it that my fellow students who did would report it,” she said.

She said her mom was disappointed because she did not expect something like this to happen on such a small campus. At this time the student is waiting to hear from her insurance company.

### Campus Safety Blotter

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- **at 9:55 pm** failure to comply to security personnel campus wide.
- **at 10:00 pm** defacing in Rouzer Parking Lot.
- **at 11:25 pm** a case of treatment not rendered in Blanche Ward Hall.
- **at 9:50 pm** stealing in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- **at 12:05 pm** alcohol violation for underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall.
- **at 12:10 pm** alcohol violation for underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall.

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Grace Almandrez discusses her plans for this semester

LAST week reporter Nykole Tyson sat down with Mary Grace Almandrez, Director of Multicultural Services, to find out what projects she has been working on and what goals she has for her position.

Almandrez came to WMC November 1998 with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Spanish. At UCSD, she was the president of the Filipino Organization and director of multicultural issues.

Below are the questions Tyson asked and the paraphrased responses Almandrez gave:

How do you like your job so far?

ALMANDREZ: I love my job! It is one of the most rewarding experiences! I am fortunate to have a supportive boss, inspiring colleagues, and energetic students with whom I work.

What programs are you working on now?

ALMANDREZ: Most of what I do is coordinate co-sponsored events. This year, I am helping with Women's History Month (March), Multicultural Awareness Month (April), and Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May).

However, the process I am currently working on for this semester are: Phenomenal Women Recognition Luncheon (March 9), Minority Student Weekend (March 24-26), Diversity Conference (April 2), Diversity Day (April 6), and Multicultural Leaders Banquet (April 22).

Do you see a change in the students' thinking since you have been employed at WMC?

ALMANDREZ: I have seen significant changes. For example, there has been a great improvement in the types and quality of programs student organizations plan. There is an effort to include educational events in heritage celebrations.

In addition, more students are interested in diverse curriculum changes (e.g., pushing to have Deaf Studies, making African-American Studies a language major, etc.). However, there is always room for improvement.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

ALMANDREZ: The most rewarding aspect is seeing my student leaders recognized whether through award ceremonies or graduation. My job is to ensure that my students have the opportunity to achieve more than I have achieved.

Another rewarding and humbling experience is to see my student leaders applauded for their hard work and effort by other members of the community.

What is the most frustrating aspect of your job?

ALMANDREZ: One challenge is to get the students to be more politically vocal and active on campus and in the community.

Also, I would like to see more faculty members involved in diversity issues and programs.

What has been your biggest obstacle so far in accomplishing your objectives at WMC?

ALMANDREZ: The biggest obstacles are getting the faculty more involved in the office's efforts and the budget. I've done a lot with the money the Budget Committee's allotted for my department, but I can always use more. The budget did increase almost 100% for this school year, but there are so many other programs I'd like to implement on campus if only I had the necessary funds.

How would you describe the typical WMC student in terms of diversity awareness?

ALMANDREZ: I see the average student as willing to learn more about diversity issues but not really taking the opportunity to expand their base of knowledge. Many students are well aware of issues; however, not everyone views diversity as a priority on this campus. I'm fortunate that I get a chance to work with students that are committed to making an impact to institutionalize multiculturalism.

When you are not at the job, what do you most enjoy in your leisure time?

ALMANDREZ: I enjoy reading and (honestly) crossing my fingers! I also love to shop, catch up with friends, and go out dancing.

How long do you plan to stay at WMC in this job?

ALMANDREZ: I will be living in Dallas, TX with my husband and three children. I will have a successful home-based consulting firm dedicated to race relations training. I want to work with higher education institutions in creating and maintaining multicultural centers. Additionally, I want to be politically active in my community while also working with young students and corporations.

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Campus looks forward to Reel Big Fish concert

STACI L. GEORGE

Earlier in the semester, the College Concert Committee (CCC) informed the campus that the Huntington Beach, California good-time ska music band Reel Big Fish will perform at the annual WMC spring concert event.

The CCC meets Tuesday nights in Gold Room A at 9:30 pm. Along with Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities, and Dave Meckley, the CCC chairperson, everyone involved has been working hard to make the concert a success.

Junior Jason Bhangara was selected at 8 pm and Reel Big Fish will start around 9:15 pm and perform for longer than an hour.

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JEFF BENDER

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**COMMENTS**

**Hackers threaten school reputation**

WMC is an institution that generally does not encounter serious crime. I am proud to say that, with the exception of a few alcohol-related incidents, I know I can do so without fear of contradiction. This was all true, of course, until February 9.

As must of you are aware, on February 9, two WMC students attempted to hack into the school's computer system, damaging systems in both the Charleston lab and the Writing Center in Hill Hall. Although these students were not only unsuccessful but also apprehended, the story only becomes more distressing. In the February 24 issue of the Phoenix, Philip Sutyre, dean of Student Affairs, issued a statement saying that the disciplining of these students would be a matter kept within the college, and that the authorities would be notified only after the fact that both students broke federal and state laws.

This course of action makes me question what the administration is trying to hide. It would seem that they find the situation shameful, and that, were this matter to be exposed, they would be faced with even less of an obvious reason, this method was used to gain access to our school's computers, and therefore were not aware of the policy, but I would not advise it. Ignorance of the law is no excuse.

What these two students did was planned and meant to be harmful. These two students decided to wage war on the faculty and students of this school by setting out to damage the computer labs and network we rely upon to complete our work. For this, they should be charged.

Why protect them when they have no respect for us? As a school, we put up with too much, and Western Maryland College is quickly becoming soiled by it all.

If the administration is interested in protecting the school reputation, and I believe they strongly are, they need only do one thing: prosecute these students.

It is time this school sends the message that it will not, in any way, tolerate the acts of those seeking to harm it. The administration owes it to the students of this school to see that these criminals are charged and convicted, if not to themselves, "The Defining Moment" has come.

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**Commuters face an uphill battle when it comes to parking**

Commuting to Western Maryland College is not a very popular or common occurrence among students. Although there are not a fair amount of students that attend WMC, I, for one, am a commuter to Western Maryland, and find no problem with the drive or any other factor involved in commuting. The commute is not the problem, parking is.

As many students already know, whether you are a commuter or not, the parking situation here is in need of improvement. Despite a few changes and advancements in parking permit, the problem still presents itself.

Students have become rather irritated with this recurring problem and are anticipating changes in the near future.

As a commuter, the most common problem that fac ing involve, finding a place to park, the weather, road work and safety concerns.

As you arrive to school, perhaps ten minutes before the first morning class you are confronted with the arduous task of finding a parking spot. This undertaking that itself.

A familiar scenario is as follow: just when you spot that "open" parking spot and you think it's all yours, you're faced once again with the life-size "Faculty/Staff Parking Only-Towing En forced" sign.

By now you have become quite familiar with your plan of arriving early to beat this nonsense has been obliterated, and you are now approaching minute number 10 in your parking spot search. However,
**COMMENTARY**

The new reality for a new millennium

Edward K. Schultheis discusses the new reality that has become the mainstay of today's society.

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My mom says that I’m just cynical...My girlfriend says I’m just plain difficult...My dad says I act just like my mother...But that’s another story.

Does mother have a point, however? Have I become a cynic? Have I just decided to look for the bad in everything? My father once told me, “Anyone can write a negative story, but it takes a real writer to write a positive story.” The problem is I never really thought about it until I sat down to write this story.

We live in a time where violence, hate, and discrimination are so prevalent that we just integrate them into our lives, and exhibit them at any given time. We have also become a society full of depression, sarcasm and one laced with “colorful metaphor.” When did this happen? Or have we always been like this?

We look at the news and we see violence stretched out across the whole broadcast. We look at movies and we see violence that is even more gratuitous than we saw five years ago.

I remember when Mortal Kombat came out years ago. It created such a response from parents; that instead of discontinuing the gruesome game, year later games with 10 times the violence have appeared on the shelves.

One might wonder what I am trying to say here. And in fact, while I continue to type away at my computer I wonder what I am saying also...But then I remember...I am supposing that this is my being a positive story. The only problem is, it’s not as clear-cut as I thought it was going to be.

I look around me and see such beautiful things. I see children playing at the playground, I see a wonderful environment, and I see a truly perfect existence here in 2000. Then I think about the things we are doing right now. And I see children shooting other children, I see women shouting because their house is being destroyed by pollutants, I see so many things that darken my perspective a little.

So as you can see, I may be looking for a utopian life, or perhaps I am even looking from a pessimistic’s perspective, but what I do not understand is why we continue to do the same things.

Just this past week, there were numerous shootings around the United States, including one where a 6-year-old walked into school and fired a gun that I’m sure classmate almost point blank. Maybe this is the reason I have such a hard time thinking about the good of the society. Certainly, it does.

There are so many things that I am happy for here, and there are so many things that I appreciate about this great country and this great world, but constantly I find myself pondering the cynical side of life. Maybe my own problem is the problem that is plaguing our society today.

Maybe I’m just a freak and other people view the world being perfect, and that it’s great and nothing needs to change...These are probably the same people that believe politicians nowadays...nops, that is cynicism again.

We sit at home, we talk on the computer, we speak more hours in front of the television than we do talking with our friends in some cases, does this bring us closer to ourselves and one another. My guess is no! While I might not have made any constructive point in all this, I did try my best at a purely “positive” editorial; and while I might have failed, perhaps it has helped you in seeing that the world isn’t always so black and white, that it is completely gray.

Some might say that I am a pure utopian, that I want a society that will never exist...Others might say that I’m a pessimist, looking for the bad in everything, looking for a way to turn good into bad. I think what I have written is not a classmate almost point blank. Maybe this is the reason I have such a hard time thinking about the good of the society. Certainly, it does.

As you can see, I am at it again, multiculturalism is a big problem today. I respect the fact that every body has different cultural beliefs, practices, and customs based on their ancestry or religion. But why do we have to remind everybody that we’re different?

Shouldn’t we be promoting unity and focusing on our similarities and not our differences? The majority of us are created equal. The people of this country should be proud that no matter what religion or race we are, whether we are white, black, yellow or green; whether we are Catholic, Protestant, Unitarian or vegetarian that we all share the common thread of being American in our hearts.

Conservatives get an absolutely miserable rap when it comes to race relations. The media always portrays them as racists, stuck in the ways of the Old South, throwing out Stuon Thurmond and Jesse Helms as racists. Don’t get me wrong, some conservatives share some of these views.

But a majority of Conservatives believe in equal rights and in fact still exist. Liberals believe that setting quotas for the hiring of minorities is a good thing to ensure that they get jobs. And it looks good...on paper. Until you realize that people who are not qualified for their jobs get them based on quotas. True story. In 1983, American Airlines was hiring flight attendants on a specific route. The field of candidates was whittled to twosome: a white male and a black female.

The white male had higher qualifications, more experience, was described by his superiors as an excellent pilot, and was eventually hired.

The woman sued...and won...$4 million based on Affirmative Action because American Airlines did not hire nearly enough minorities to suit the government.

Do anybody else see a problem here?
Sharing opinions on a plethora of subjects

Eric Barry shares his views on sleep, classes and stress relievers...

Moving off campus is a great opportunity. For once you are truly on your own. No RA’s no RLC’s, no Campus Safety. Sometimes I wish I had Campus Safety at my house. Anyhow. Many things change when one moves off campus. Finally you are allowed to have a normal message on your answering machine. Having a cheesy message is synonymous with living on campus. The burden of living “gay” is lifted. If someone chooses to live like this, that is wonderful. However, living in the dorms is very alienized pipe floods Blanche," incorrectly attributed quotes said by Susan Werley to Mindy Bucey. The article also stated that it “took an extensive...
Republicans McCain and Bush appear on two popular late night talk shows

This past week, both George W. Bush and John McCain made their respective appearances on late night television. Bush appeared on "Late Night" with David Letterman via satellite relay from St. Louis. His appearance was the longest so far to prove to Letterman and his viewers that he is not a "pishmed," which is a running gag on the Letterman show. However, in my mind, Bush merely failed to live up to Letterman's expectations. When asked questions, Bush gave short, one or two word answers and stared blankly into the camera. Meanwhile, the satellite feed from St. Louis was a bit slow, making it seem like he was using a script, which he was.

Matt Harff looks at the effects each candidate had during a lighter time of their campaign.

Needless to say, Bush really did not entice himself to the crowd. This could really hurt Bush in the long run if you think back to the Kennedy-Nixon debate, where Richard Nixon was ill and was not as appealing on television as John F. Kennedy, who was the one calling the vote to Kennedy. Thus showing that appearance on television is highly important in modern political elections.

Now he carries himself on a late night show such as Letterman could have a major role, in swaying younger voters to his corner, especially the ones who may only expose to him through such appearances.

McCain on the other hand, fared better on "Tonight" with Jay Lenno. Lenno seemed much more apt to build up his guest, making him appear like Letterman. This was apparent in Lenno's introduction of McCain, in which he called him "Arizona senator and a war hero."

McCain was very smooth, chatting with actress Neve Campbell while discussing Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura and his lucky shoes which put him over the top in New Hampshire (I guess he wasn't wearing them in the subsequent primaries). However, a different situation has occurred. The economy is at an all-time high, with crime and unemployment at their lowest levels in decades. This sets the stage for campaign 2000, in which the Republican Party has a fight on their hands not only to beat Vice President Al Gore, but to prove to the nation that the Republicans are indeed the party of progress.

During the interview with Letterman, Bush held up a T-shirt he created for the host which had "Dweebus for Bush" inscribed on it. Anyone who knows me probably knows that I'm a huge fan of Japanese animation (anime). Heck, I'm president of the anime club (CATS) here on campus. Recently, I had a chance to attend an anime festival, which I'll admit, I could talk all day about.

Chris Anastasia examines the reasons why McCain is not the man for this election.

I'm not sure I've ever been happier about attending a school that is so "in touch" with the hearing-impaired. Now that I think about it, however, I'm not sure I was in touch at all. Sure we do have the decades old deaf education program, but that's really only for graduate students. And yes, we do offer several levels of American Sign Language (ASL), but it doesn't count for anything, not even a foreign language.

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I'm actually quite appalled that the school does not offer any deaf education program. It's now only an elective and most people have no idea what it's about. It's a pity.

Quirks: "Talk" with Robert broadened horizons

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Anne Butler discusses her "chat" with a deaf man, and her pride in the ASL program.

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Ward is the hero of Student Affairs

Ryan Seawolf

By most accounts, Bobbi Ward is one of the hardest-working employees of Western Maryland College. But she is not a dean, a president, or a professor. She is an office manager.

Ward’s smiling face is the first image you see when you enter the Student Affairs office. She is the office manager for Scott Kane, the assistant dean of student affairs and director of Residence Life. However, long before she came to work at WMC, she was a homemaker and mother to three children.

This graduate of Hereford High School in White Hall, MD raised a family, worked part time in sales at a craft store, and even volunteered to mentor a 4-H group of about 40 kids. She says she worked very hard at her job and taught the children in her 4-H group about everything from cows to rockets. However, her family was very important to her and she wanted to be available for her daughter and two sons while they were growing up, so she made the decision not to work full time.

About nine years ago, once Ward’s children were grown, she came to WMC and was first employed in the accounts payable and receivable section of the Bursar’s office.

She then transferred to the Graduate Education Department before arriving at her current position almost three years ago.

She did not mind changing positions at the college and has no complaints about her time at WMC. "I enjoy change," Ward says, smiling. However, she prefers her current position to her former jobs. "I enjoy it here the most because I have the most contact with the students."

A diligent work ethic was present in Ward when she arrived at WMC, and it would appear to remain with her today.

As an office manager, Ward takes notes, schedules alcohol-education classes, prepares conduct and misbehavior forms for dealing with students who violate campus regulations, types letters, and works with students with questions about housing and discipline, among other duties.

Ward often deals with students upset about disciplinary actions being taken against them. She tries to comfort them, while at the same time informing them of their rights. "I’m not here to judge them; I’m just here to give them someone to talk to concerning the procedures," says Ward.

Although very busy with her job, she still finds time to teach a knitting class every Wednesday evening. In fact, she started the course over a year ago.

When it comes to Bobbi Ward, co-workers have nothing but praise. Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre, for whom Ward sometimes does secretarial work, describes her as "warm, caring, and motherly."

While Ward sometimes works for Dean Sayre, she usually works for Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Scott Kane. Kane recalls many instances when Ward did much more than expected.

On a Friday afternoon about a year ago, he and others in the office were involved in a serious Honor and Conduct Board hearing. The hearing was scheduled to end by 4:30, when most employees (including Ward) leave for the day. However, this hearing ran quite late.

When it finally concluded at 6:30, Kane stepped off of his office and, to his surprise, discovered Ward was still sitting at her desk waiting to see if he needed any assistance.

Judith A. Hart, Ward’s co-worker in the Student Affairs office, remembers that when she was leaving the office a few days ago to go home for the evening, she saw Ward sitting on the floor, working on a poster for resident assistant selection.

As it turns out, a student worker was responsible for constructing the poster, but had difficulty obtaining the proper materials, and did not have time to put it together.

Rather than let the student worker take the blame for not making the poster, Ward made it herself.

"Practically every day you notice something that Bobbi has done for someone else that was above and beyond the call of duty," says Hart.

However, Ward is not consumed by her work. She finds time to volunteer for SERVE and Circle K, which participate in good works like obtaining food and housing for the poor.

Paula Castro, a student clerical worker who often works with Ward, says that she is a "wonderful person." When asked about Ward, Castro’s face lights up.

“When I had some personal problems last year Bobbi gave me her phone number and offered her house for me to stay in until my problems were resolved," Castro says. "She’s like a second mother to me."

Ward says she definitely believes “the more you give, the more you get,” and her co-workers agree that they are indebted to Ward for all of her hard work.

Perhaps the general consensus on Bobbi Ward can be summed up in the words of her supervisor. Says Kane, "From our perspective, Bobbi is the office."
Cheazy-E goes Hollywood in a John Waters feature film

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Like many Hollywood stars, from Will Smith to Jennifer Lopez, one of WMC's own is making his mark in both the music and movie industries.

Senior Eric Barry, known as "Cheazy-E," wasn't expecting to land a role in a Hollywood film. He had been hard at work on his second CD, "Girls Wanna Get with Shorty," when his manager called him about the audition.

Nearly a week later, Barry was cast as the character Fidget in the comedy "Cecil B. Demented," along side Melanie Griffith ("Milk Money"), Stephen Dorff ("Blade"), Ricki Lake, and Alicia Witt. He decided to take fall semester off for the filming. It began in Baltimore on October 4 and continued into late November.

Prior to making the movie, Barry had never acted. But film director John Waters ("Serial Mom," "Hairspray"), decided to ignore Barry's relatively bare resume to give him a chance.

"Cecil B. Demented" is essentially a film within a film, where a group of aspiring young filmmakers known as the Sprocket Holes kidnap Hollywood actors to star in their independent film. Griffith plays the captive movie star. The director of the film, Cecil B. Demented himself, is played by Dorff.

Witt plays Cherish Oh Lordy, Demented's porn-star girlfriend. Barry described his character, Fidget, the youngest of the movie-making clan, as a "dweebish" costume designer.

Barry enjoyed his first taste of acting and said, "It was nice to work with John because he was so relaxed and he takes his movies seriously."

The movie, which Barry feels could be a hit, is currently in the post production stage. It is scheduled to appear at the Cannes Film Festival in May and then premier at the Senator Theater in Baltimore in August.

Barry, a communication major, became interested in entertainment his freshman year at WMC. "I got bored because I didn't drink and party," Barry said. "I figured you can complain or you can do something about it."

Barry's motivation to keep himself busy led him to performing stand-up comedy in the Pub and making his first rap album, "Crack the White Mystery," in 1998.

After coming to WMC from Canton, NY in 1996, Barry found that there was a benefit in going to a small school. By not having a captive movie star, Barry described, one can test any talent or interest they want.

Communication professor, Tony Kirschner, who advised Barry in a film independent study, commented that Barry is, "multi-dimensional and an entertainer."

He continued, "Acting in a real movie gave him a real-world experience that is professionally valuable and will open other doors."

Barry is already on the fast track to stardom. He has auditioned for "Blair Witch II" and plans to move to New York City after graduation in May.

Until then, Barry says that he'll "keep plugging" on the Cheazy-E.

For more information on Eric Barry and upcoming events, visit his website at www.chirprecs.com.

Do most students find their soul mates while in college?

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Many people spend their lives looking for them, wondering where they might be. But how many actually are fortunate enough to find their soul mates? Do they even exist?

According to many Western Maryland College students, there is a good chance of meeting the person you want to spend the rest of your life with while in college, but it is not definite.

"There is no predetermined time, it just happens," commented Aleya Horn, a junior sociology major. "Whether in high school, college, or later in life."

Sophomore sociology major Maribel Calderon said, "It is just a matter of being fortunate enough to actually find them in one's life span. But how long does one have to wait to discover one's soul mate?"

"I only have a few months after knowing [her]" I knew I wanted a long-term relationship," said sophomore English major Doug Novielli of his girlfriend Helen Whitehurst, also a sophomore English major. The couple has been together since the fall of 1998 and are now engaged.

Many fall in love and believe that their partners are human works of art. Their mission is to love, to hold, and cherish each other. Their relationship will continue long before marriage is even an issue.

So how does the game of love work? Do you start out as friends? Is it love at first sight? More questions than answers seem to exist on this subject.

When asked if their relationship was love at first sight, both Mike O'Dell, a senior sociology major and Susan Werley, a sophomore psychology major, said "yes."

They were introduced by a friend of O'Dell's in the dinning hall during the first week of November 1999.

"I can remember the exact thing he was wearing, how he was sitting, everything," said Werley of O'Dell.

"I took a blanket out," and beneath the stars, "I asked if she would be my girlfriend."

O'Dell and Werley, have been together for a year and three months and their relationship is still strong and growing.

Horn did not believe that "finding my soul mate was a definite thing that would happen." She hoped that she would meet someone sometime and she said, "it just so happened that it was in college."

Her boyfriend, Marcus Helton, a sophomore communication major, did not expect to meet someone right away, "But I am glad I did," he said. Their friends are part of the reason they are together today.

Asked how he felt when his friend revealed his crush on Horn, Helton said, smiling, "I was scared to death!" He jokingly added, "I shouldn't have been, because I know she wanted me."

What are your thoughts on finding your partner in life? Where, when, and how do you think it will happen? Do we have soul mates?

There are varying views on the probability of one finding his or her soul mate in college.

Dr. Dan Rees, a licensed clinical social worker who has had a private practice working with couples for 24 years in Columbia, teaches a family class with a heavy emphasis on family and how it impacts romantic love and parenting.

Backed with years of experience he gave his thoughts on meeting your soul mates in college.

"If you asked me ten years ago if most people meet their mates in college I would have answered yes. But because young people are waiting to marry; a younger trend is not marriage but cohabitation."

Reese added, "Not only are couples waiting longer, they co-habitate because they don't want to commit." Additionally he said, "The commitment to live with each other is not enough."

Being a romantic, Calderon said that in high school she held the idea that, "I would meet my partner for life in college. But once I arrived reality struck that it doesn't always happen that way."

Before she enters into any romantic relationship she says that she wants to be friends first.

Angie Chapman, a sophomore communication major, believes that there is a about a 50-50 chance of finding your soul mate in college.

She said, "Personally I did not come to college to find my soul mate, but you never know what will happen."

Chapman stresses the importance of taking every day as it comes. She concluded, "in anything worse having you have to take a chance."

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**Features**

**Fishy horoscopes for the Spring**

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**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
People will be watching you so give them something to talk about.

**Pisces**  
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)  
You are at your best when you challenge yourself. Several challenges may face you this week, so you will be at your best.

**Aries**  
(Mar 21 - Apr 19)  
You have a talent for reading people so always go with your instincts in business and romance.

**Taurus**  
(Apr 20 - May 20)  
Instead of giving advice, try listening for a change. What you hear may surprise you.

**Gemini**  
(May 21 - Jun 21)  
The truth is out there. Let the flow of events bloom and they will show you the way.

**Leo**  
(Jul 23 - Aug 22)  
Butterflies of sudden delight will rest upon you because your charms have not gone unnoticed.

**Virgo**  
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)  
It's about time you follow through on your dreams, after all, dreams are your best guide to the future.

**Libra**  
(Sept 23 - Oct 22)  
Many unique personalities will cross your life and spark your imagination. However, they may come in any form, so remember to admire a rose for its beauty but don't forget to beware of its thorns.

**Scorpio**  
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)  
You are loved by more people than you realize so stop being so hard on yourself.

**Sagittarius**  
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)  
This is the year when ingenuity is high on your list. You will be fortunate with opportunities presented to you.

**Capricorn**  
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)  
Don't bury your talents. Make opportunities for yourself instead of waiting to find them.

The WMC Institutional Advancement Office is in the need of student volunteers to assist College in April for two major events.

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Our office is hosting two major events in April: Friday, April 14 and again on the weekend of Friday — Sunday, April 28-30.

We need over 100 volunteers to make them a success!

Contact Sandi Miller at ext. 792 (smiller@wmc.edu) or Robin Brevant at ext. 258 (rbrevant@wmc.edu) and sign up today! No experience necessary.

Groups can earn community service points and individuals can enjoy serving the College community.

Work for a few hours or all four days — it's up to you!

Give us a call for more information!

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"The House Bernarda Alba" captured audiences

The daughters of Bernarda Alba wrestle their smiles grandmother (Alison Smith) after she escaped from her confinement.

JOHN FACKNER
Staff Writer

When one first sees "The House of Bernarda Alba," which was performed at Alumini Hall February 23-27 and March 2-4, one might be really confused by this emotional play.

Although it takes a while to stay with the story and try to understand its message, the effects are extremely rewarding.

Going to, I expected there to be a tragic atmosphere, but never such an intense, almost spiritual experience. It seemed as if what I was watching didn't seem to be part of this life at all.

Written by Federico Garcia Lorca, the play is set in the 1930s. The plot of this turn-of-the-century performance is that of a Spanish household ruled by an old tyrant named Bernarda Alba. She presides over a household filled with silence, darkness, and longing.

It is very cloistered and Alba manages it under the shadow of the church, which is being affected by passionate resistance. Her husband has just died and she makes her five daughters stay closed up in the house for eight years as part of the "propel" mourning period.

Bernarda doesn't let them have any freedom at all. She scolds them for crying and demands them to obey her or else she will very likely inflict her on them. Although she loves her daughters, she is more interested in money and outward appearances than their happiness.

Because Bernarda can only afford one dowry, the eldest daughter is the only one allowed to marry and leave home. The younger four must stay single and childless. What Bernarda sees as a practicality is justifiably perceived as a punishment. The focus of the play is the examination of the effects of that punishment.

Krista Dawn Stacy played Bernarda, and what a tremendous job she did. You could see how intense and demanding the part was by her wrenchingly emotional expressions.

Miss Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then sings a catchy tune about their sexuality. Miss Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then sings a catchy tune about their sexuality. Miss Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then sings a catchy tune about their sexuality. Miss Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then sings a catchy tune about their sexuality. Miss Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then sings a catchy tune about their sexuality.

The characters emerge from the crowd, which encompasses the entire Head Theater. Pub-style chairs and tables litter the floor for the audience and a fully functional bar is located at the back. The assimilation of the audience into the brothel is quite marvelous.

The characters are superficial and lack the absorbing qualities of the music and lighting. The music does its best to hold the audience's attention and the lighting creates an atmosphere that is very intense.

The one man in the play, Pepe el Romano, is the most handsome man in town, whom all the daughters are in love with. Pepe (played by Albert Pero III) is seen periodically throughout the scenes strutting his stuff and Flamenco dancing.

Director Ron Miller described him by saying, "He's a demon and devil, but all the life [the daughters] have."

Miller added the Pepe figure (which is not present in the play) because he saw Pepe as poetic to the play and wanted to "make him into a dream figure."

The highs and lows that "The House of Bernarda Alba" present are harrowing in their depth. What will happen to each of the daughters in the future is left to the imagination, but in my mind, these empty lives are not worth living.

Audience not captivated by "The Hostage" at Center Stage

On the 23 of February I saw Irene Lewis's production of Brendan Behan's "The House" at Center Stage. I usually compose a quick review commenting on aspects that I find particularly interesting. Unfortunately, I am at a loss here. It was the most disappointing professional production I have ever attended.

I can think of nothing that would impart you with the unpleasant taste that is still left in my mouth. I have never given a poor review for a Center Stage production and I feel somewhat dispirited that I am forced to do so at this moment.

The Hostage takes place in a brothel, which encompasses the entire Head Theater. Pub-style chairs and tables litter the floor for the audience and a fully functional bar is located at the back. The assimilation of the audience into the brothel is quite marvelous.

The characters emerge from the crowd to take the stage, joining in an Irish jig for good measure. The music dies and we become.

The audience into the brothel is quite marvelous. The fascinating atmosphere at least made the production somewhat entertaining. The characters are superficial and lack the absorbing qualities of the music and lighting. The music does its best to hold the audience's attention and the lighting creates an atmosphere that is very intense.

Maybe there is a third act. I hope so.

You are right: "The Hostage" present are harrowing in their depth. What will happen to each of the daughters in the future is left to the imagination, but in my mind, these empty lives are not worth living.

Peter Ragan (L) and Willy Conley star in "The Hostage" at Head Theater

Refrain from viewing this play. Irene Lewis was stellar in her direction of Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" earlier in the year, but "The Hostage" pales in comparison. She includes several clever ideas, but they do not seem to mesh as anything greater.

There are some talented actors represented such as Willy Conley who is well known for his appearances on the children's program, "Festival III."

Peter Ragan's makes his third appearance in this particular play after performing in Connecticut and New York. I did not really notice anything exceptional regarding his performance.

I imagine that is indicative of the play, as well. Brown's original work was written in Gothic and was quite serious. I doubt something was lost in the translation.

If you do not mind a bar with a $26 cover charge then you might want to take in the Head Theater Cabaret at Center Stage. Instead of a lousy cover band playing in the corner, you get a margarita to play with. The Hostage is running until April 2. Tickets range from $24-29, depending on the show time.

Center Stage is located at 700 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Call (410) 332-0033 for tickets.
Terror baseball team feels the power of aluminum bats

By Dan Gade

In August 1998, the NCAA made a relatively simple statement that turned 1999 into a statistical freak show for the Centennial Conference.

At that time, they announced that beginning on August 1, 1999, aluminum bats would have to undergo some minor modifications, and be certified by the NCAA, in order to be used in competitive play. These modifications would supposedly make aluminum bats perform more like wood bats, and reduce their power.

They did this for two reasons.

For one thing, it was felt that the increasing technology used to create these bats had shifted the balance of the game into the hitters' favor, and the number of runs being scored was making a mockery of the game.

The second reason for these modifications was players' safety. With increasing exit velocity off the bats, it was becoming more and more difficult for players, especially pitchers, to defend themselves.

While the NCAA questioned the safety of these bats, they did not outlaw their use for the 1999 season.

This caused a problem for many colleges and universities.

The minute they made that statement, a lot of schools started saying 'wait a minute, if you're telling us the bat's not safe, we shouldn't be using it now.' WMC Manager Dave Seibert said.

Schools and conferences became wary of lawsuits.

In reaction to this, some conferences outlawed aluminum bats for the 1999 season, until the new requirements went into effect, and manufacturers had time to make the certifiable bats.

The Centennial Conference was one of these.

Anyone questioning the difference between aluminum bats and wood ones need only look at the Centennial Conference's 1999 statistics, and compare them to 1998's. Several disparities jump out.

In 1998, for instance, the conference's home run leader had nine. Just one year later, four was all it took to lead the league.

The most glaring difference comes in pitchers' ERA. In '98, the conference's ERA leader finished with a 2.08 ERA.

In '99, six pitchers beat that mark, including the leader's 0.50. In fact Western Maryland, Gettysburg, and Ursinus all finished in the top ten nationally in team ERA.

For Western Maryland, the switch to wood bats meant a big drop in home runs more than anything.

In fact, the team didn't hit a single home run in '99, down from at least three or four...where it came down to a sacrifice bunt in the last inning, or moving the runner, and it didn't come down to a homerun, or a single,...senior outfielder Ryan Legge said.

While this difference in style may not please some hitters, it suits Seibert just fine.

"I like the game with wood bats."

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The Sports View: Age, not Yankees, is the O's biggest foe

CHRIS ANASTASIA
Sports Editor

Now, I know it is still technically winter, but you could have fooled me. It is sunny and moderately warm out, and the air is just a little crisper than normal. Of course, there is another reason that spring seems to be here. Yep, you guessed it; spring training is here once again.

For Orioles fans, spring training means a visit to the retirement villa yet again. This year, the O's will boost (if you can truly call it that) the oldest infield in the league.

There would not be so bad if these veterans were still at the top of their games, but sadly, this is not the case. First baseman Will Clark is coming off of yet another injury-riddled season is still occupying a starting position despite the late season charge of Calvin Pickering in Clark's stead last September.

The same situation exists at second base, where Jerry Hairston, Jr. played very well last season but will still be backing up injured-prone Delino DeShields.

DeShields has done little to earn a starting spot since arriving in Charm City. His inability to stay off the disabled list crippled the already weak running game and left a large hole in the lead-off spot.

Hairston filled in admirably for the injured DeShields both in at the plate and in the field in his 50 games last season, making no errors at the crucial middle-infield position.

The problems with young players breaking into the starting line-up are not unique to the infield. Top pitching prospect Calvin Maduro will probably wilt in Triple-A-while journeyman Pat Rupp toils in mediocrity.

Obviously the front office must realize that these youngsters have the talent to play well at the major league level, but they are still re-signing to let these talented players sit the bench or stay in the minors.

The Orioles are at a crossroads. They must decide if they want to stick with the veterans, whom the team has many millions tied up in, or if they will start these young prospects and hope that they can continue to improve at this level.

The state of this team and how well they do this season is very much in the hands of the Angelos family and new manager Mike Hargrove. If Hargrove, who is known as a baseball circles as a veterans' manager who favors experience over raw talent, does tire of Clark and DeShields, how quickly if at all will he turn to Pickering and Hairston? This, more than any bottom-of-the-ninth strategy, will be the biggest decision of the season.

Sometimes winning is not everything: Chris Clemmens and the swim team show the true meaning of sports

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At the 2000 Centennial Conference Swimming Championships held at Franklin and Marshall College, junior Chris Clemmens broke two records and won a silver medal in the 100 backstroke.

The two records Clemmens broke were not conference records, but that doesn't make them less meaningful.

Clemmens broke his previous school records of 56.79 in the 100 backstroke and 203.28 in the 200 backstroke.

His record-breaking times are 55.85 and 200.64, respectively.

Training for two and a half hours every day from mid-October until the championships, which were held February 18th through 20th, really paid off for Clemmens this year.

Besides holding two personal records, Clemmens also holds a record from last year's championships with the 200 Medley Relay team.

In the same order they raced in, the relay team consisted of Clemmens, Scott Hoover, Luke Page, and Aaron Corbett.

The record time they hold is 1:42.80.

The sociologist major said that this season was "my personal best season in my career," not only because I trained harder, but because "I had more dedication than ever!"

Not only was it a productive season for Clemmens, but likewise for the entire team.

Clemmens said there was a big improvement over last season.

Part of this is due to their dedication to swimming and to the team.

As Clemmens put it, "When I'm in the pool during a race, everyone else on the team is in the pool with me."

As for his future, Clemmens said he would love to keep swimming, whether through coaching or teaching lessons, because "swimming is a big part of who I am."

Although Clemmens doesn't want to give up swimming altogether, he also thinks that he won't be competing anymore after college.

Clemmens made reference to the Carroll County Times reporter who, in an interview about last season, asked him how they felt about going knowing they would lose.

Clemmens' reply was simply, "If heart and soul won swim meets, Western Maryland, without a doubt, would be undefeated."

"The team really sticks together, and when one of the swimmers is victorious, the whole team feels the pride and gratification that is due," he added.

After all, Clemmens said, "we're all family."

Men's B-ball coach Zoulias retires

GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland College Men's basketball team will have a new coach next year.

On Tuesday, February 29, the school reported the resignation of men's basketball coach Nick Zoulias.

The news wasn't very surprising because there had been rumors for weeks that changes were coming soon.

Zoulias started his basketball coaching career at Mount Anthony Union High in Vermont as an assistant coach from 1969-1974. He served as acting head coach in 1983-1984, and succeeded Alex Ober when he retired from coaching the team in 1990.

A Keene State, VT alum, Zoulias began his coaching career at Western Maryland College as the team's assistant coach starting in 1977, and became the team's fourth head coach in 1990-91.

In his 11 seasons, Zoulias had 84 wins and 180 losses and the team never enjoyed a winning season under his control.

The team's best season was in the 1994-1995 season when the Green Terror went 11-14, 7-6 and made the playoffs, the only post-season appearance of the program and the only time.

The athletic department has begun the search and interviewing process for a new coach while assistant coach Kevin Selby takes over as interim coach and will be in charge of recruiting in the meantime.

A former high school guard at Northern Garrett High in rural western Maryland, Selby gained experience as an assistant coach last fall instructing the Division III College Select team which was a all-star team that competed in Europe.

Selby earned his bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University, and a masters from WMC.

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WMC Soccer club membership rises

The Western Maryland College Soccer Club was officially recognized by the College Activities office prior to the Spring 1999 semester.

In the last year, membership has steadily increased to the current number of 21 students. There are also more students who will be attending the upcoming meeting in order to join.

The membership is open to any students who enjoy watching or playing the game. The club has also organized teams to play at the Carroll Indoor Sports Center for the past three seasons.

Also, with the help from Keith Rentenbach, the club has developed an intramural indoor soccer league for the spring semester on Monday nights from 9:30 to 11:00 pm at the old gym.

At the upcoming meeting, planned discussion includes organizing planned trips to DC United, Baltimore Blast, or US National Team matches, community service activities, fund raisers, and further publicizing the club on campus.

If interested, students should contact one of the following:

Jack Craig 410-857-3847
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Erik Higgingbottom x8453
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Courtesy of College Soccer Club
Men’s lacrosse slaughters Stevens Tech, 27-1, sets record

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By Dan Gado Staff Writer

With only 13 players returning from a team that went 5-9 last season, there wouldn't seem to be much reason for optimism heading into the new season for Western Maryland's men's lacrosse team.

Yet for those involved in the program, there is a quiet confidence that a big season is in store. Very big.

They got off on the right foot Sunday with 27-1 pasting of Stevens Tech at Johns Hopkins’ field, setting a school record for margin of victory. Attackman Tom Brown led the charge with five goals and six assists, and Brent Sweeney added five more.

"Our number one goal is always to compete for the Centennial Conference championship," WMC Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said.

This is no small task considering that the Centennial Conference is considered one of the 23rd hardest conferences in the country. In fact, the Centennial’s champion has finished in the top three in the nation in all seven years that the conference has been in existence.

According to one preseason poll, two of the six teams that are in the Centennial Conference this year, those being number 3 Gettysburg, and number 6 Washington.

If the Terror can beat these high-caliber teams, in their minds there is no reason they can't go farther than a conference championship.

"We're not talking about our goals being anything short of winning every game," Reitenbach said. "We may not go unbeaten, but that is none the less our goal," he continued.

The reason for this optimism goes beyond pure talent or statistics. For those in the program, there seems to be a connectedness unlike any in recent history.

"It's a real positive outlook. We have a lot of camaraderie, a lot of friendships on the team this year. It was there the past two years...but not like this year," co-captain Dave Riley '01 said.

Aluminum bats raise safety issues for baseball team

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I like the low scoring games. Games aren't as long. It's the game of tradition," he said.

This low scoring style was a one-year phenomenon in the Centennial Conference, however, as they will be going back to aluminum bats before are very similar. 1 of the aluminum bats.

Most, however, do not feel that these new bats will fill the void of the team's 26 roster spots filled by freshmen, and another eight are sophomores.

Coach Reitenbach believes he can address this problem.

"We are going to make up for it by superior conditioning. We're going to have to try and control the tempo in games so that we don't get into the kind of run and gun game that will tire us out unduly," he said.

Despite this lack of experience, there is one area on the team where depth is a strength-defensemen.

Both starting defensemen, Gaelen Cross '00 and Jason Wiles '02, are back for the Terror.

Besides these Cross and Wiles, Thomas Mason '02, Vince Hackler '01, Scott Armstrong '02, Greg Elko '03, and Steve Mason '02 will all be part of the regular rotation.

Reitenbach likes having this many players, on paper, with great offensive capabilities, and says that it compares favorably to those of the '96 and '97 teams, which had a combined record of 21-1.

While the strength of this rotation will be a key for the Terror this season, Cross is the standout of the group.

He was recently named a preseason Honorable Mention All-America by Face Off magazine. According to Reitenbach, Cross will be playing the role of Mr. Everything for the Terror this season.

He will line up on the wing for face-offs, he will take shots against the goalie, and he has the opportunity to be a top attack man, and be part of any special offensive packages WMC puts in this season.

"He's not going to leave the field. He's going to play every minute he's capable of...he's going to be a force," Reitenbach said.

Playing behind the defensemen will be Brian Nottingham '02, who returns to the team after a one year hiatus. His return couldn't have come at a better time, as the Terror lost their two goalkeeper candidates from last year’s team. Nottingham started for Western Maryland two years ago, and brings a high caliber experience to the team.

Nottingham played his high school days at Gilman High School in Baltimore, one of the top lacrosse schools in Maryland. They also play some of the best teams in Maryland.

"When you play in that league, you see the best players in the country," Reitenbach said. "To have a quality team, you have to have a quality goaltender, and we feel we have a quality goalstnder.

Also making a return to the team after a year off is midfielder Anthony Burgess '00, Burgess brings the type of speed to the team that will cause havoc for slow footed defenders.

In fact, Reitenbach proclaims Burgess to be the "fastest man playing Centennial Conference lacrosse."

But as Riley points out, Burgess brings more to the team than just speed.

Besides being a leader for the young team, "he knows the game well, he's a defensive master. He also, right now, is going to be one of our top offensive guys too," he said.

Joining Burgess on the first midfield will be speedsters Mike Coleman '02, and Riley. Reitenbach is looking for big things out of this trio.

"We've got some true midfielders. We've got some guys who can play both ends of the field, and can make a very exciting things happen," he said.

Riley who began to show signs of dominance midway through last season could generate much of this excitement.

"There is no question that he is our number one midfielder," Reitenbach said of the junior captain.

If the Terror have one major strength, it is speed.

Not only are the Terror playing with a quick first midfield unit, they've got speed to burn at the attack position.

The first unit will be made up of the speedy Joe Ellis '03 and Brett Sweeney '01, last year's freshman phenom Tom Brown.

Despite being only a freshman, Brown led the team in scoring. Brown finished last season with 25 goals and 16 assists, and is an early candidate for all conference honors this season.

"No doubt, he's the go to guy. He's big, he's a great ball handler, he's a great shooter," Riley said.

What could be even more frightening for opponents, however, is that by all accounts Brown has made major improvements in his game.

"He's learned that he's not the one man wiping machine that he was in high school," Riley said.

Riley says that Brown has learned to move his feet more, and spread the ball around in order to create offense, instead of trying to force tough shots.

Not being a one man show has taken some adjustment on Brown's part, but it appears that he's doing just that.

"He's adjusting to that great, and he's playing that much better this year," Riley said.

Reitenbach believes that the talent and speed for the Terror at attack could cause some real match up problems for the opposition.

Opponents may try to contain one, or possibly two of the three attackmen, but it will be difficult for most teams to come up with the speed to stop all three.

The combination of last season's 5-9 record, and the heavy losses suffered by the Terror could cause some to write them off, but if Nottingham plays like Reitenbach thinks he will, and the team's speed on offense and in transition, and depth on defense come through for them, this could be a very big year for Green Terror lacrosse.

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Three All-Americans lead Green Terror wrestling team to top 20 finish at Division Championships

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Sports Editor

The Terror wrestlers walked away from the NCAA Division III championships at Ohio Northern University with three all-Americans and a 17th place finish.

The Terror, whose finish was the highest ever from a Centennial Conference team at nationals, also set a league record with three all-Americans in one year.

The Terror, who had no seeded wrestlers in the tournament, received their first ever all-American last year in Andrey Brener. This season was supposed to be one of rebuilding after the losses of Josh Iffin, Brener, and Rodney Stine, though it instead ended with a record score in the victory at the Centennial Conference Championships. The best record in thirty years for the team, and now, a national ranking.

"Every season," said Coach John Lowe, "I tell the kids that if they work hard enough, we can win the conference, have some All-Americans, and be nationally ranked. I always knew they could do it, but to sit back and actually see them do it, it's just great."

The highest finisher for the Terror was sophomore Vinny Pedalino, who finished fifth at 125 pounds. The former New Jersey high school state tournament runner up barely missed the nationals last year, losing the conference final on a controversial call in overtime.

Sophomore Chris McNally fell just short at nationals, losing a one point match to the third ranked wrestler in the country and a three point loss to the tournament's fifth seeded wrestler.

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"Chris is right there," said Lowe. "To go from a third string wrestler with a losing record to a conference champion and a national qualifier is wonderful. Next season, he will be a force."

For a rebuilding team, the Terror was obviously still a danger to other teams across the nation. "This year was just amazing," said McNally. "The coaches, all the wrestlers, everyone just worked hard and did a great job this year."

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As opposed to wooden bats, of course, we could be even stronger next season."

Sophomore transfer Rob Johns, who attended Wagner University in New York prior to arriving here, finished seventh at 157 pounds.

Senior Captain Charlie Conaway ended his wrestling career with an eighth place finish and the tournament award for most pins in the least amount of time. Conaway pinned two wrestlers in forty minutes and eight seconds, including one in thirty-six seconds. Conaway, a former Maryland High School State Champion, ended his career as the Western Maryland record holder in both victories and pins.

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"We've got some great freshmen and some amazing back-ups. With a good recruiting class, we could be even stronger next season."

There is a long off-season ahead of the Terror, but if last year was any indication of how they respond to adversity, they will continue to be a force to be reckoned with by teams all across the nation.
Main Street area closed

By Stacey M. Myers

By this time next year, Western Maryland College will have realized a face lift. The area of West Main Street that runs between Union Street and the campus road behind Levine Hall will be closed off and turned into a park.

According to Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, this new park is part of the State Highway Administration’s project to update the old sections behind Levine Hall.

The mystery of campus recycling

By Joan Jallen

Staff Writer

As the spring semester steps into its last lap of Diez Coke and turn to throw the can out, you suddenly realize that the aluminum recycling receptacle is four floors away on the ground-floor level. However, it’s your laziness gets the better of you and you hastily toss the can out.

There never seems to be a recycling bin around when you need one. Or are they there but simply not getting much attention from students?

Whatever the reason, the amount of trash that can be recycled on campus has dropped from 29% to 14% over the last six years. Yet because the overall student interest in recycling was so vast.

When the student recycling coordinator from the State Highway Administration’s Environmental Affordability Group carried out community clean-ups and projects like Save Our Stream.

For one year, they even went to each dorm and personally collected the recyclables there. They sold them collected as a fund-raiser. In 1991, the senior class raised $8,000, and donated it toward the purchase of a large dumpster. The same year, the club SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) was formed to promote recycling.

The club leaders, most recently Dan Gadd, who acts as the foreman of housekeeping under WMC student Megan Zioloskuk, was named environmental student of the year.

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of West Main Street. Currently, West Main is a considered a state highway, so the rest of the old water lines, sewer lines, and storm drains falls into the hands of state contractors.

The construction going on in front of Western is a result of a project. Over the past few years the state has refurbished East Main Street and parts of West Main Street. Now they will finish in sections, finally completing their work when they reach Route 31.

"The Highway Administration has been really good about working with the college," says Seidel. "They're doing the construction in phases to minimize inconveniences. They've made an effort to schedule the construction so as not to close all the entrances to the college from Main Street at one time." Once the construction is done, the road will become the property of the city, Seidel says. In fact, that is how the college was able to get this section of West Main turned into a park. The city of Westminster was concerned about the increase of traffic on Uniontown Road, a city-owned road that runs into West Main Street.

In order to help ease the congestion caused by this area, the city decided to close off the area of West Main between Union Street and the college road that runs behind Levine Hall. This would cause all westbound traffic to be routed on West Main onto Uniontown Road, where drivers could then be taken right and rejoin West Main.

Here is where the college comes in. The city also owns Uniontown Road and is planning on making changes to this road that will include widening the road and altering parts of the embankments to improve visibility.

However, the college owns the land where the embankments are.

"We were able to work out a nice agreement," says Seidel. "Now the city won't have to pay for the upkeep of the park, and they'll be able to renovate Uniontown." The nice part is that it will not cost any money. The new plan is simply an extension of the land that the arch now sits on, and there was talk of moving the arch to a more prominent position so that it could be easily seen as people approach the college on Main Street. However, Seidel says the Board of Trustees made the decision not to move the arch because it was simply too expensive.

In order to move the arch, it would have to be completely taken apart and then reassembled in a different location. Furthermore, all of the utility lines would have to be moved because the arch cannot sit on top of them for practical reasons.

"All told, with moving the utilities and dissembling the arch, this project would probably cost the college around $250,000," explained Seidel. "The trustees thought there were better ways to spend that money." Unfortunately, the city's planning for the arch is not part of the improvement plans for the campus. According to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the officers have "seen a substantial increase in non-college traffic using the road behind Levine as a shortcut." This is a problem because the college road is a private one and is not designed to handle such traffic.

Webster has a solution, though. "We're planning on closing the road right behind Little Baker Chapel," he says. The road block will be constructed of chain, orange snow fence and large traffic control cones, and should be up by Saturday, March 25.

Once the road block goes up, the only access to the Whitford and Garden Apartments parking lots will be off of Pennsylvania Avenue, says Webster. "I think that's where most student come in anyway," he speculates.

The State Highway Administration could not be reached for an interview.

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**Sleeping Under the Stars**

**Ginger Randels**

*Contributing Writer*

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to be homeless? Have you ever wished that there was something you could do here at Western Maryland College to help those who are hungry, just as equal? Have you ever wanted to be a part of something that could make people believe that students today are not apathetic, that we do care about the needs of others and that we can still make a difference?

As a senior social work major here at WM C, I have spent four years studying people and their strengths and weaknesses. I have worked for different social agencies, including a shelter for women and children who were homeless. I have volunteered at soup kitchens and have laid on the grass and wished that there was something you could be or do here for homeless people.

I have learned that people in this country really are different from each other as we sometimes might think. The only real reason that I am a student at Western Maryland College and not a resident of a shelter is that I have been the one to get help. I have helped parents who were able to provide me with food, shelter, and clothing and help me with my schoolwork and support my efforts to go to college.

I happened to make a few lucky choices about relationships and drinks and alcohol. I have not had any health problems that cover in this area, and I have not had treatment for a mental illness or for childhood of abuse. Very little of my current situation is thanks to me. It is mostly thanks to chance. Scary, but true.

You can not work with people who are homeless without taking into account that we are all as different as the people we serve. I have lived with students today who are contributing to their self worth and those that are just forgetting about themselves. I have worked with people who are poor/homeless and at least one speaker will talk about his personal experience with homelessness. There will be some interactive things to participate in and maybe some music. I will provide tarps and lanterns so all you need to bring is a sleeping bag or blanket and an open mind. Please come and give the opportunity to thrive, said Cochran. He became a member of the Aryan Nation when he was just fourteen years old, when he was at the target age for hate group recruitment. Hate groups play off adolescents' fears, lack of self-confidence, and awkwardness by offering them a supportive community with a common bond, he said.

He also said racist seeds had been sown in his mind by the media, friends, and family prior to his recruitment, so the transition to active racism was not drastic. Hate groups, in which "racism [is] the unifier," give adolescents the sense of belonging that they crave, he said.

According to Cochran, many hate groups justify their racism through "Christian Identity," which is not so much a religion as a system of hatred. Through their interpretation of the Bible, white supremacy hate groups teach that only whites created things; therefore, they are entitled to the planet. Furthermore, hate groups also justify anti-Semitism by claiming that Jews are the descendants of Satan, he said. Cochran also noted that although many people are vegetable, animal, and even nature lovers and organizations are common to both hate groups and some religious groups.

"Pull out a Bible, and racism becomes acceptable," he said, adding that there are over 50,000 followers of the "Christian Identity" movement.

Nearly 20 years ago his first involvement, Cochran left the Aryan Nation after he was informed that his son would have to be euthanized because of a minor "genetic defect." Although his son's sentence was shocking, it took Cochran three months to build up the courage to leave. Still reeling from the effects of his experiences with the Aryan Nation, Cochran has been speaking out against hate groups for the past seven and a half years despite harassment and death-threats.

He has appeared on numerous talk-shows and newscasts, such as "48 Hours" (CBS), "Dateline" (NBC), and "Good Morning America" (ABC). He has also been called to help in the fight against hatred by various organizations, including churches and schools.

Cochran was sponsored by the History Department, Multicultural Student Association, Black Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Asian Community Coalition, Allies of Student Affairs, Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu, Kappa Sigma, Hispanic Latino Alliance, College Activities, and the Office of Multicultural Services.

For more information, visit Cochran's website at www.geocities.com/JCapito/Hili/7701.
sors opting not to teach Jan Term courses? There are several reasons. Full-time faculty see January as "a time to catch up a little on their writing," says Dr. Gregory Alles, chairperson of the department of philosophy and religious studies. One reason some choose not to teach during January is because they would like the break to spend with families and relax before starting the new semester, says Dr. Robert Lightner, associate dean of communication and chair of the Curriculum Committee. Finishing a course just three days prior to starting the spring semester would not leave very much time for planning.

Likewise, Smith says professors may be less interested in offering a course for financial reasons. Salaries for offering Jan Term courses have not changed from $800 for study tours and $1500 for on-campus courses in years past.

Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the first-year program and director of Jan Term until this past year when the registrar took it over, disagrees that there have been "too many events." She says, "There was a recent change? The salary for a Jan Term course went up 7 percent this year; now on-campus courses are $600 and study tours are $800, she says. Independent studies and internships go directly through the sponsoring professor, not the Curriculum Committee. Not all professors who sponsor independent studies or internships over Jan Term are paid, she says. It depends on the number of hours spent with the student.

What about faculty members who teach 20 students? Do they receive the same salary as one who teaches only a few students? You will not find equity in teaching numbers...in numbers of advisors...in workload," says Horneff. However, there is a minimum enrollment of six students in a Jan Term course, or it may be less interested in offering a course for financial reasons, Smith says.

According to the philosophy of Jan Term, written by Lightner, which can be found in any course catalog, students can benefit from Jan Term in three different ways. First, it can give a student the opportunity to "pursue independently" areas of deep interest. Secondly, it can give a student the opportunity to enroll in a course even though they have "no previous background" in that field. Thirdly, it can be a time of "explotation" in their field or another one. For all students, it is a time of "continual study" beyond the normal courses.

Although the philosophy has not changed much on paper, in reality it is a different story. Is Jan Term still of value? "In theory, yes. In practice, maybe not," says Alles, who taught one Jan Term course in 1990. He senses that many students expect little "no academic content" in a Jan Term course. He knows faculty who refuse to teach in it because they felt that "when they did, they didn't get as much of the academic course." Even more, he says that "students aren't interested in doing any work outside of class, such as reading." As a result, Alles recommends "making the experience required, but without credit." On the other hand, Lightner believes that it still serves an "essential purpose," that is to "round oneself out." He believes that the program will have its high and low points, and it will even be altered over time, but never "axed" altogether.

Another sophomore student who has not taken a Jan Term course says it because they have not found one that interests them.

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Campus hosts first Reunion Weekend

On April 28–30, 2000, Western Maryland College hosted its first Reunion Weekend. Alumni from 16 different classes have been invited back to enjoy a weekend of activities and celebrating reunions this spring graduated in classes from 1925 through 1995, every five years. In addition, your friends who graduated just last year are invited too.

In the past, WMC has celebrated reunions during Alumni Weekend in June or in conjunction with Homecoming. Therefore, there has not been much interaction with students and faculty. One of the goals with the new program is to invite alumni to experience a busy campus and meet students and faculty. Not only will there be many alumni mingling around campus, but there will be a weekend of several specific activities mixing alumni with students and faculty.

On Friday morning, alumni may be visiting the campus to observe what current classes are like. Many of these alumni graduated from WMC over 50 years ago, so they are very interested in seeing what topics are currently taught and how teaching methods have changed (they certainly didn’t use computers in the classroom!). After classes, some alumni may be going through the food line in GLAR. (This should be quite a line.) On Friday afternoon, there will be groups of alumni touring campus to see the changes in the buildings and admire the recent renovations.

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WMC Reunion 2000
April 28-30

one planned for Reunion Weekend. Start out the morning on Saturday, alumni will display their class pride and march from Big Baker to Gill Center led by the WMC Pep Band. Come out and cheer them on, they will really appreciate the attendance. The parade will lead into the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon. Four alumni will be honored for their support and work for the Western Maryland Alumni Association.

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On Sunday morning, alumni have been invited to participate in the Latin teams’ second annual “Martin” 5K Memorial Run/Walk. Also, the Alumni Association will hold its annual memorial service.

There are several opportunities for students to be involved in the weekend. If you would like to volunteer to help out during the weekend, please contact Robin Adams at 186 at 255.

Since we will be having all of these guests on campus during the weekend, we will be making special parking arrangements.

We appreciate everyone’s assistance and cooperation in making this a fun and memorable weekend for alumni. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laura Russell at 187.

Courtesy of Laura Russell

A weekend of fun at WMC

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At least six prospective students who attended the Minority Student Weekend, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services, March 24–26 agreed that WMC made a favorable impression on them and have decided to attend WMC in the fall.

Approximately forty prospective students attended and were hosted by WMC students who felt that they could experience college life.

“Everyone has been real, no one has been phony and are not just trying to tell us all the good about the campus, but the things we want and need to know,” said prospective student Natasha Caleman, a Maryland resident. She said, “I am definitely coming here. My mom made the decision but now I am agreeing even more since I have been here.

I am 99 percent sure that I will be attending WMC” said Chris Assing, from Prince George’s County. He said that the powerful atmosphere at WMC is what made his decision.

The activities they took part in during the weekend included: a Dean’s chat, scavenger hunt, rap session, college fair, pool party and work shops such as “Finding the Actor Within,” “Personal Marketing,” “The History of Black Music,” and multicultural issues.

Terra Jolly, from Solitide, Maryland, is another student who decided to attend W.MC. “During the weekend event that she will enroll in the fall, “the campus is beautiful and WMC has all the majors I am contemplating,” she said.

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Recycling: the big mystery on the Western Maryland College campus

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should be more receptacles around campus. Out of nine students who were asked what should be done to make students more aware of recycling, seven said there should be more recycling cans.

Jeff Grever, a sophomore, thinks that having a recycling receptacle next to each trash can would help promote recycling awareness. When there is both a trash can and a recycling can in front of me, I recycle," he said.

Nicole Novotny, also a sophomore, is dismayed by the whole situation. "I try to recycle when I can, but the low availability and inconvenience of recycling often discourages me from going out of my way to recycle a can or bottle," she said.

Sophomore Alison Rupert says, "They should have one thing for cars on each floor, or no...at least every resident building. For people that choose not to recycle it would be more convenient."

However, Rupert thinks the paper receptacles at the library and post office are very useful because there's a lot of paper put in them. "A lot of people would throw it in the trash if it wasn't there," she said. "I'm not a devotated recycler. I don't like to do it, but it too often so the [recycling bin] help."

Senior Rich Suchoski is one of the few devoteted recyclers on campus. He says, "I've been able to move paper from the trash to a green recycling bin, which is often right next to the trash can. Suchoski will also lug paper from his room to the post office boxes. The biggest problem with recycling on campus, he says, is "that people are just lazy. The recycling bins are there, but [people] just put [recyclables] in the trash anyway. A lot of students just aren't aware because they didn't grow up with it." Joe Ben, a junior biology major, was the last president of SEAC before it dissolved a year ago. The main problem with the recycling bins is that there are not enough of them, he says. "Recycling without economic backing is pretty much a voluntary thing, especially on campus," Seydel adds. So why is the housekeeping staff doesn't recycle the material. "I remember last year doing a petition for recycling," says Suchoski. "[The student] at the moment is that they thought that the school was not doing anything with the material in the recycling bins so why should they bother."

One administration staff person, who wished to remain anonymous, said that another student member does not separate the bags anymore, although they separate paper and glass.

Despite these accusations about lack of recycling, Mel Whelan is the student who should be given recycling credit. "They should have one thing for cars on every possible. Glaken says that for students, "It takes the if the school does not recycle. And students."

Sarah says that she's going to the physical plant to "I'm going to the physical plant to..." several years ago," according to Glaken. Seydel adds, "I myself Iglich says, "I believe in the biological department for 20 years, believes that many different recycling groups might realize that the school does..."

"We've tried to get support to push the recycling movement for two decades. She's been involved with five major recycling groups during that time. However, Glaken stresses, that "It takes the whole community to really get recycling going." One of the major efforts of a previous campus group was to move the recycling responsibility over to the Physical Plant. Whelan, "very graciously picked up..." several years ago, according to Iglich. Because of groups "just dumping garbage, vomit, and even things like that," Iglich says, "I couldn't blame the physical plant staff if they didn't have the time or energy to clean it all up.

Not only should another group form, Iglich believes, but it should extend beyond recycling to other environmental issues such as human environmental health issues, endangered species loss, and low of wild spaces in general. "We tend to only deal with top..." needs, she says. Nonetheless, "If students are interested enough to do something to support the environment, I'm willing to support their efforts as much as I can," Iglich affirms.

Mike Weilbacher, host of an environmental radio show in Philadelphi de, describes environmental education programs like WMC's in Researcher Environmental Education as 'rare when students actually decide, plan, and implement the action themselves.'

Jon Bearr thinks that "A campaign on campus would put environmental issues into the minds of students." If this happens, students might realize that the school does strive to recycle, but it needs their full support to push the recycling system back into place again.

The following awards will be announced at the ceremony. The awards will be presented at the Senior Investiture Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 in McDaniel Hall.

Presented to the male and female individual who volunteer the most hours of service to the campus community at Western Maryland College.

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FEATURES

Joan Weyers celebrates volunteerism

CLAIRE ADAMS
Staff Writer

For ten years, physical education professor Joan Weyers made each of her students handicapped. She put them in wheelchairs, robbed them of their sight, and made them amputees.

But this was only for one hour, three days a week during her Adapted P.E. class, where local amputees gathered on campus along with WMC students with physical disabilities, called the "Tourney of Champions." Weyers explained her motives by saying, "We need to show us that they don't necessarily have to fun playing sports as able-bodied athletes."

Weyers put her underdog does not have the ability or the mean living, or drives them back to those tough moments. "My main goal is to teach the students that maybe they can have disabilities, but they can do many things," she said. Weyers said that she chose to work with adults instead of children because they are in the program or drop out and work in prison.

There, the inmates are mandated by a judge to take the reading class for 90 days, explained Weyers. Then, they can either stay in the program or drop out and work in prison jobs.

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Art show gets face lift

JEN DENKER Contributing Writer

Each April the Art Department holds a student art show at Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall.

Senior art and art history majors are required to show at least three of their works in this exhibit in order to graduate; but it is open to all students. Because each year there are more students participating and more works to judge, the Peterson Gallery Committee in cooperation with ETE, the Art History Honor Society, has decided to change the format of the show.

In an effort to reflect a higher level of quality and professionalism, we are dividing the artwork of the show into the following five categories:

Drawing: Including pencil, pen and ink, dry pastel, colored pencil, and printmaking

Painting: Including acrylic, watercolor, tempera, egg tempera, oil pastel, encaustic, and fresco

Three-dimensional: Including sculpture, jewelry, and ceramics

The show will open on April 11 until 7:30 pm April 12 when voting closes. There will be a first place monetary prize in each of the five categories, eight honorable mentions chosen from the entire show, one monetary "Best of Show," award, and a "People's Choice" award voted for by students.

Works must be submitted, ready to hang, by Friday, April 7 to Stacey Kovacs in Peterson Hall. Ballots for the "People's Choice" award will be available in Rice Gallery from Tuesday, April 11 until 7:30 pm April 12 when voting closes.

The opening reception will be Wednesday, April 12 from 7-9 pm in the gallery, at which time prizes will be awarded. If you have any questions concerning the show, please contact Stacey at x505.

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Photography: Including black and white, and color. There will also be new prizes awarded which did not exist in previous years. There will be a first place monetary prize in each of the five categories, eight honorable-mention choices from the entire show, one monetary "Best of Show," award, and a "People's Choice" award voted for by students.

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If a friend invites you to a rally that involves credit cards, dynamite, and a vast supply of mountain climbing equipment, it might be a good to pass.

Scorpio (Oct.24-Nov.22)

You might be getting spring fever, but stick to the routine and you will pay off in good grades, happy parents, and a windfall.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.21)

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Rat's Web: Trojans & Worms II

Anne Butler
Staff Writer

After an issue hiatus I'm back to present my wealth of Web wisdom to you. Last time I explained what Trojans, Virii, and Worms are; now I am going to tell you how to guard against them.

Trojans, worms, and most viruses are transmitted through files passed via the Internet or taken from another computer. For the most part they can only be passed in files that end in .zip, .com, .bat, or .exe. Picture files (.jpg, .tif, .bmp, .gif) are safe as are most text files (.txt). Word documents (.doc) can possibly help spread macro viruses (which screws up Word) so it's best to be careful with them.

So how can you protect yourself? First and foremost, know where you are getting your files from. Don't download files from just any site on the Internet. Generally downloading from the major company sites is alright (such as microsoft.com or netscape.com,) as they are very careful about viruses. Be careful. You may be unwittingly sending you an email attachment that contains a virus. A new trick of viruses and worms is that they send an email to everyone in your address book and attach copies of themselves as attachments. It is best to check all attachments with an updated anti-virus program.

Speaking of anti-virus programs, these should be your strongest defense for your computer. These programs can be set to scan frequently for viruses, Trojans, and worms. They can also "clean" a file if they find it infected or, if all else fails, they delete the file.

It is imperative that you keep these programs updated with the latest virus definitions. In many cases this is as easy as clicking the mouse a few times. To find out precisely how to update your virus definitions, check the help file that comes with your program. Most anti-virus companies post new definitions every two weeks and software post even more frequently, so keep an eye on top of them.

Anti-virus software is one area where I recommend that you do not use freeware or shareware. Pay the full money for a good current copy of Norton or MacAfee's Anti-virus. I have Norton's myself, but I also use a free program called InoculateIT as a backup. I keep both up to date.

Some links to anti-virus programs and other resources:
- MacAfee's Anti-virus Centre - info on the McAfee product and updates: http://www.mcafee.com/centers/anti-virus
- InoculateIT Homepage - a free anti-virus program best used with one of the others: http://antivirus.cai.com/

 Weird-Ass Site of the Issue

Ah, Americans and their politicians are ever so stupid. Don't believe me? Check out some of these Dumb Laws: http://www.dumblaws.com/ Hmmm... It's illegal to throw bales of hay from a second story window in Baltimore. Darn, there goes my weekend plans!

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60 Seconds

The members of Reel Big Fish comment on their favorite Muppets:

Words and pictures by Trang Dam

“Animal”
Carlos De la Garza
Drums

“Doctor Teeth-keyboardist for the band Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem”
Dan Regan
Trombone

“Crazy Harry is great.”
Scott Klopfenstein
Trumpet & Vocals

“I like Grover. I’ve always liked Grover.”
Matt Wong
Bass

“Kermit-me and my brother used to have the whole ‘Movin’ Right Along’ song and dance down. He was Fozzie and I was Kermit.”
Tavis Wertz
Trumpet

“Rizzo the rat”
Aaron Barrett
Vocals & Guitar

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Reel Big Fish and Beat Soup

Fishing for answers from the Fish: the zany interview

Is Beat Soup something you can eat? No way! Beat Soup is a "ska pop" band from Massachusetts. They consider themselves "ska pop" because they have a ska foundation, with some pop and a little splash of reggae.

Beat Soup is the brainchild of Tom Healey, Dan Cuetara, Robb Haynes, and Karl Schneider. The band got their start in the mid-90s by playing covers, but eventually started writing their own songs and becoming a popular local band.

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Scott Klopfenstein (trumpet and vocals) recently explained that his Beat Soup was the least lame band he's been in. Healy added, "we like to play in front of anybody." The rest of the band explained that the downer question to get back into the mood of the interview was "Cheeros are good on Sundays." Later in the interview, Healey said, "we're all one person." Werts jokingly added, "one really schizophrenic person."

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These guys were goofy throughout the entire interview, but when asked why they opposed moshing they got serious. "We don't like violence. We want everyone to have a good time," said Barrett. De la Garza feels that "they should save that shit for the football field." Klopfenstein said simply, "violence is stupid."

The band consists of Tom Healey, Dan Cuetara, and Robb Haynes. They are a web-designer and an elementary school teacher, so it's not like the band is their whole life. They manage to lead normal lives as well.

satisfy appetites for music
Poor attendance, positive reviews mark RBF concert

LAUREN BETH KELLEY
Co-editor in chief

Reel Big Fish played to a crowd of over 500 people at Western Maryland College on Saturday, March 25 and they received stellar reviews. “They rock,” said Emily Scott Parizer, a junior psychology major.

She had a great time at the concert, but was disappointed by the small turnout. "They came all the way from California and took time out of their East Coast tour to play at our school and the crowd was mostly Westminster High School students," said Scott Parizer.

Nicole Sinclair, vice president of CAPBoard, who has been involved in planning the concert all four years here, felt the concert was a success but also noticed the attendance was lower than expected.

"It was a little below the average amount," said Sinclair.

She didn't know the exact number, but knew a couple hundred more people usually attend the campus concert.

With the smaller crowd, fewer problems with the crowd would be expected. This was the case.

Only one person was asked to leave the concert, but four warnings were issued, according to Jason Bhargava, head of security.

Bhargava said the “typical moshing and crowd surfing” took place but commended those that helped were very attentive and did their tour of duty to their fullest.

Sinclair added that the Reel Big Fish concert went off without many hitches that occurred during past concerts.

This concert also had the quickest setup and clean up in her four years.

"This concert definitely went off the best," said Sinclair.

Lisa Stanley has attended several Reel Big Fish concerts and said the WMU concert matched the others as far as intensity is concerned.

“The charisma of the group was energizing. The whole group had a grip on the crowd,” Stanley said.

Sinclair said, “Reel Big Fish were extremely friendly and were good with the audience.”

Amanda Cameron, a junior English major, said her favorite part of the concert was the audience participation.

"The lead singer [of Reel Big Fish] actually came down and talked to us after the show," she said.

During the concert, Reel Big Fish chose an audience member to participate in a karaoke of their song “All I want is More.”

The lucky participant was Eric Krause, a student at Villa Julie College.

“It was amazing,” he said. The highlight of the evening for Cameron was when she and her roommate got their picture taken with the cute trumpet player

FANS in the front row cheer enthusiastically as Reel Big Fish performs a karaoke of their song “All I want is More.”

"Awesome. They were awesome," Cameron summed up the show up the best by saying.

The dish about the Fish: Bios of the band members

Compiled by Kate Esposito Photos by Trang Dam

Tavis Werts
He has a tattoo on his upper right arm of a trumpet, which he also plays (the trumpet—not his arm). He is also skilled at the flugal horn. He collects memorabilia of the Quik Bunny and also enjoys the chocolate beverage. He hates being called “Travis”.

Dan Regan
He began his career playing trombone while in the high school band. He says that he and Tavis joined the band after seeing an ad in a local music store. As a member of Party Inc., he is known as “Woo” and Tavis as “Ha!”. He communicates using grunts and whistles.

Scott Klopfenstein
He is the backup vocalist for the band and also sporadically plays trumpet. He enjoys singing, scratching his head, twirching his right leg while playing the trumpet, and watching the movie “Urban Cowboy” with John Travolta which is his all-time favorite.

Matt Wong
The bassist and oldest member of the group, he also handles party planning at Westminster, CA. That's California, so don't scour Main Street trying to find his house. His favorite bands include 311, The Deftones, and Korn. He has many tattoos which he "got out of Cracker Jack boxes."

Carlos De la Garza
He is a new addition to the band; having just joined in the fall of 1999. He was previously the drummer for the bands Suburban Rhythm and Action League. The members of Reel Big Fish agree that he is a "hootie," however he is currently engaged.

Aaron Barrett
He enjoys wearing towels on his head and Hawaiian shirts. His favorite color is plaid. His idol is the singer Morrissey. He spends thirty minutes a day modeling his hairstyle after him. He commented, "I gotta get it just right. It's very important to me.”
Mr. Griffiths,
Your article on "special months" segregating us further might be an interesting point but I was having trouble following it. You seemed to be having a problem with spelling, being a WASP male, and Anne Arundel County Schools, to ending up with Affirmative Action, American Airlines in 1983, and Dr. King. I wasn't sure why Dalton's best journalist student, but I distinctly remember him underscoring the importance of making points you can support and tie together with an overall theme; you clearly missed Dalton's structure. In any event, you seem to be as misguided as your "several" female and black friends about this.

Instead of wasting time discussing perspectives of models outside of Glor or Conservative thinking, consider this: What essential, crucial pieces of information do you have about Black or Women's contributions to our society if we didn't have a month to talk about it? While I agree we shouldn't need a particular month to acknowledge these and other contributions, the fact that we do underscore this idea. Under CONTRIBUTIONS are not made part of "mainstream" education.

When I was a student at WMC less than 10 years ago, the only time I received any information about the contributions of blacks to a particular field of discipline was when I asked about it. I never learned about William Grant Still, the "Dean of American composers." In fact, it wasn't until I interacted with Dr. Glenn Caldwell, a Black Music Professor, that I'd even heard of him. Still's work wasn't largely unnoticed, even though it's work is reprinted throughout the world, even though this was reprinted throughout the world, and was more so even to American Art Music: that just as any other composer, living or dead. If it weren't for Dr. Caldwell's generosity with dispensing information, I may have remained an ignorant, young, black unaware of my own history.

How many other students, white, black or otherwise, might miss out on an opportunity to learn something beautiful about our culture because teachers and administrators decide for us what we want to learn? Every time you turn on Shania Twain, DMX, Kid Rock, or Britney and Christina, you are listening to the influence of black culture on the world. Anything we can consider "American" or "Pop Music" has an Afro-American root. Why can't we teach students outside of our designated days? Because someone else decides no one would be interested in it, or it isn't important enough to learn.

And while I mention the word ignorant, allow me to say this. I am so sick and tired of people like you using Affirmative Action as a way to support your thinking. If Affirmative Action is worth your marriage because it worked for this under qualified black female you mentioned in your article, why isn't it working for the average black in cities all across this country? If white people are losing hope are they, who are they, the under qualified blacks? I'm extremely offended when people like you throw in to your pathetic dialogue phrases like Affirmative Action when you don't play along with its current and relevant information to support your point of view.

Last time I checked WMC isn't overrunning with a multi-cultural faculty. (I personally attest to being confused for Glenn and Glen for me because of the lack of minorities on campus.) Last time I checked Carroll County Public Schools hasn't stepped up to the plate, there is a recruitment of multicultural teachers, even though the county is growing more multicultural each year. According to my wife, a high school math teacher, the only time diversity is integrated in learning is when a "special" month comes up or when the school has to lie to state evaluators when they come for a visit.

The bottom line should be to get your facts straight before you start to criticize why things exist. Actually, I'd be happy if you were able to develop a clear point in your writing. Stop complaining about the blood that no one is afraid to shed. And consider this: if we say no to Affirmative Action and/or "special" months, what will we say yes to? What would we replace them with?

To the Editor,
I have read both letters posted around the pub as to its service and both miss the mark. The SGA letter demands that the pub become more clean and efficient at delivering food. Meanwhile, the letter from Richard Gebhardt says that the pub is an outstanding eating establishment.

I agree with both of them. I believe that Mr. Gebhardt visits the pub during the day, and like myself, finds that food is delivered in a clean and quick manner during this time. But like the SGA members I have also visited the pub at night when the wait for food often reaches an hour.

The SGA demands that the pub change its ways, but offers no suggestions as to how it may achieve this. The biggest problem with the pub is the time it takes for food to be served at night.

THE ONLY WAY FOR THE PUB TO SERVE FOOD FASTER IS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF COOKING SPACE.

If the SGA wants to help us out by making the pub faster, perhaps they need to cough up the money to renovate the pub and give them more cooking space.

Until that happens we will be unable to get our food at night in less than an hour.

Jeremy Keil

Letters to the Editor regarding last issue

Money can't buy love or a decent TV show

By now, you've heard the hype and may even have seen the show..."Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" Why doesn't this bother anyone?

If you happened to miss the show, let me summarize it for you. Fifty women paraded on around a two-hour show, complete with biographical information, dresses, and a bathing suit competition. Does that sound like a beauty pageant?

Well, the show ends with the grand-prize winner being "crowned" a winner. However, there is one difference. The judge is composed of a forty-something man, who happens to be worth about $20 million! The prize? The winner, Darva, got to be married to this nice gentle-man, Rick, on national TV, on the basis of him choosing of her.

So, the two were married on TV, whisked off to a mansion and away for one year. They seem to be still married, judging from the latest news clip. What's next for the two?*

This production is a mockery of marriage, romance, decency, common sense, and most of all respect for women. This show will have never achieved the popularity that it did had it been with male contestants.

Kristen G. Fraser discusses the effects of the TV special, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire." ceremony. (The preemptual agreement that she signed doesn't allow for them to become legally married in the states which might have legal marital restrictions.) She was expelled by kissing him, according to Newsweek. She didn't spend time with him and considered him to be a "good friend...but not romantically interested."

First of all, what would possess you to go on a show like that? The first clue should have been that the Fox Network produced it. The Fox Network doesn't make shows that educate. They are interested in entertainment. They are interested in being profitable. Therefore, they would have screened the show to make sure it would be profitable.

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Westminster: Is it safe to walk around?

Jessica Fitzgerald

examines the atmosphere surrounding WMC.

Having grown up in Carroll County, I consider myself fairly familiar with the people of Westminster. It seems recently that I can't even go down Main Street without running into someone I know. It's a real comfort to know that, wherever I go, there will most likely be a friend of mine.

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Close by. While many students here at WMC find Westminster to be unbelievably small and boring, I still care a great deal for my hometown, and the people who live here.

However, I have recently been quite disturbed by what I see in Westminster. Drug deals have always been an issue on Pennsylvania Avenue, but it seems I am reading more and more reports of arrests of young people.

If this is not enough to frighten you, consider the recent death of a former WMC student behind Best Pizza. As I read about more and more crimes in the Phoenix, it causes me to wonder about the safety for the average person and the good vibes of the staff.

And I must say so myself, I could not agree with you more Mr. Gebhardt.

Several programs are in progress within the police department to solve the drug problems in Westminster and Carroll County.

However, these programs will never be effective unless people in the drug-ridden areas are involved. Problems in our community must be handled and solved through a community effort.

Otherwise, more and more children will be hurt and arrested, and Westminster will never really be safe.
COMMENTARY

Is WMC ready after recent dorm fires at other colleges?

Matt Hurff examines the recent fires that have plagued dorms in the country.

Is Western Maryland College prepared for fire?

In light of recent fires at a Seton Hall University dormitory, and a house fire at Bloomsburg University, I feel this is a topic which should be discussed to a greater extent at Western Maryland College, especially since some existing conditions here could be problematic.

As I dispose of my garbage, I notice that there are some major deficiencies in the trash rooms. In addition, trash tends to be strewn throughout the small, poorly ventilated room.

Toilets: A place to read

Eric Barry discusses his problems with public bathrooms and the writing found on the walls.

Who thought up those signs with HIV statistics in the bathroom? I wonder if they had any idea what they were doing. Did they contact the head of the Pub and Dining Services and present their complaints?

I don’t know what can be done about them since the signs are not permanent. No one thinks much of them, but I do. I have found that the signs are usually covered with graffiti so that they are not easily visible. There are several big signs that read: “Only with the birth of Jesus could there be the possibility of a nuclear winter.”

I don’t know who put these signs up, but I think it is a waste of time and money. I would rather see some good, clean, and thoughtful messages in the bathrooms.

This situation at Rouzer seems like a dangerous combination that could lead to a fire, especially if someone inadvertently dumps cigarettes that have not been completely extinguished into a room laden with paper and cardboard.

A boring 2000 election

Chris Anasatia towards the upcoming elections with boredom and disgust over the system.

While confronted with the rather depressing news that the two major parties in the US were nominating Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore respectively, I could only think about how uninspired this election for president will be.

I don’t believe that the majority of voters are truly concerned about the issues. Many people are just going to vote for the candidate they think will win.

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Quirks: Pub Standards

Anne Butler discusses the new SGA regulations about the conditions of the Pub.

You probably have all seen it if not read it by now. I’m talking about the SGA’s invasion of the Pub listing the “Pub Standards and Quality Act” that apparently the SGA voted on.

I have fully read through that poster and frankly I am shocked and appalled at the audacity of the SGA in posting this document. I do not understand precisely where these complaints are coming from as I have never had any problems with the pub and find it a wonderful and inviting place to have a meal. However, I guess other people have had trouble and wrote to the SGA.

Even if they had received complaints I still find the SGA’s actions abominable. Didn’t they attempt to contact the head of the Pub and Dining Services and present their complaints?

I would suspect they did, but nothing on their Act indicates that this was done. Have the SGA investigated the instances of these complaints to the full extent of their capacity? Again there is no evidence that they have, which is why I question the nature of complaints that caused the SGA to act in the manner they have.

Did the SGA get any feedback from the Pub staff themselves? I doubt they have. In my own discussions I have found the Pub staff to always be friendly and amiable and they do not deserve to be credited with the unruly behavior that the Act implies they have committed.

As a journalist and as a person it is important to get both sides of the story. I do not feel the SGA has gotten the side of the story from all the people involved. Indeed, I think the members of the SGA are even aware of just how much pressure is on these poor, hardworking Pub workers.

During the Fourth Meal hours as many as a hundred or so students can be in the Pub and there is generally only four or more staff to handle all of them. Working food service as a hundred or so students can be in the Pub is not always the best behaved people either. I call your attention to a Phoenix article a few years ago by Dan Granieri about his experience as a Pub worker.

He clearly states that the patrons where the worst part of his job, they were consistently rude to him and the servers. He states that they were a servant. These people are NOT servants. They are just trying to get their job done in the best way that they can.

The Pub is a popular place to eat as evidenced by the crowds in there at night and during meal times. People from outside the college even routinely visit the Pub in order to eat and relax.

One man from this group has written a letter to the president of the SGA (it is also posted near the cash register in the Pub) and states that he finds the Pub staff courteous, that place clean, bright, friendly and the food excellent. If so many people outside of this campus enjoy the Pub’s atmosphere and fare how can it do anything but reflect well on the college?

It’s also worth noting that the Pub does not show a profit (as shown in a Phoenix article by Rich Suchoski). It is, in fact, a place that loses money for the college, and perhaps it would be better to close it down. It would certainly save money for the school. By damaging the Pub’s reputation and posting the Act outside the Pub the SGA is merely giving the school what they want. Is this really a good idea? I reason to believe that neither the SGA nor the students can be satisfied with this situation.

If the SGA truly wishes to improve conditions at the Pub they should look into getting Fourth Meal hours extended so that large crowds could be more evenly spread throughout the night. I recommend they look into helping the Pub to recruit more staff.

Anything would have been better than the hastily and badly chosen idea to put that poster outside of the Pub. Even now as I pass the thing I feel a surge of anger and disgust at the rude and disrespectful actions our government has taken.

Please, let this obnoxious piece of card board be removed from outside the Pub with all due haste.

Despite my strong opinions on this matter, I do not feel the Pub staff are bad people. They are just trying to do their job in the best way they can. It is not the recommendation I would give to date that is actually worth our time and more importantly, our vote.

This has me thinking off our former Cold War era dates, then lets throw them off the ballot and let the people pick their own leaders.

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Mens lacrosse wins first ever “March Mayhem” tournament

The Western Maryland men’s lacrosse team had high expectations to start the season, and thus far they have lived up to those hopes.

Their 17-12 defeat of Villa Julie Saturday capped a banner week for the team.

That victory earned them the title in the inaugural March Mayhem tournament, which they hosted, and ended a week that saw the Terrifics crack the nation’s top 20, were victorious in the 8-1 non-conference match up against Johns Hopkins 8-0 in Centennial Conference play.

Winning in singles action for the Terror were seniors Amanda Donaldson pitched a no-hitter in the slotted. Third baseman Katie Swierkos, a junior, hit a double in the second inning of the game to drive in both the Terror runs for that game.

Game two of the double header featured another rookie pitcher in Leah Clelland. Clelland tossed a two-hitter in the victory. Catcher Courtney Wonderlich and centerfielder Lauren Henry each hit a pair of doubles in their first two at-bats in the game.

Over spring break, the Terror finished in a tie for fourth place out of twelve teams at the Seagull Invitational Tournament at Salisbury State. The Terror began the tournament with a 6-3 defeat of Moravian before losing a close game, 3-2, to Cabrini. They rebounded the following day with a 12-2 thrashing of St. Joseph’s of Maine and a 5-2 victory over Wilkes.

Indoor courts lead womens tennis team to a 7-2 fault at Muhlenburg

The Western Maryland women’s tennis team fell to Muhlenburg 7-2 in a Centennial Conference Match on March 25.

Winning in singles action for the Terror (3-1) was No. 3 junior Jamie Maxcy also victorious in the 8-1 non-conference win.

In the season opener on March 6, the Terror were flawless, defeating Johns Hopkins 8-0 in Centennial Conference Play. The match marked the debut of new head coach Michael Coleman.

Henderson broke a WMC record with her thirty-third career singles win on March 9, when the Terror took on Goucher College. Desrosiers, Lyter, Wiederholt, and No. 4 junior Jamie Maxcy also were victorious in the 8-1 non-conference win.

In the second set, the Terror jumped out to a 5-1 lead, and they never looked back, holding on for the 14-10 win.

Tom Brown had another big day, scoring six goals and handing out two assists. Riley ended up with four goals, and goalie Brian Nottingham ‘02 had a career high 23 saves.

Four days prior to the Virginia Wesleyan tilt, Western Maryland put on an offensive display at home against first year York College.

After opening up the game with a record breaking 12 goals in the first quarter, WMC rolled to a 29-3 whitewashing.

Tom Brown alone accounted for five goals in that quarter, as he finished the day with seven. Thirteen players scored for the Terror, and Swartmore (0-9, 0-2) in a March 15 showdown at the Seagull Invitational Tournament at Salisbury State.

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Sports Editor

All right, be honest, who else got screwed on their NCAA Tournament bracket? I am not going to lie to you, I really got burned. It seemed to be the year of major upsets throughout the brackets. It seemed that anything that could have happened did happen this year.

Some believe that this is the beauty of college basketball in general and just an anomaly that exists in team sports like basketball. In reality, two major factors have contributed to this most interesting and not a slight bit irritating tournament.

First, with early defections to the pros by some of the best college basketball hoopers has led to a narrower margin between the great teams and the also-rans.

Another big reason is that the structure of the tournament, a succession of one game playoffs, favors disciplined and hard working clubs as opposed to those less organized or motivated.

This is the reason that a team like Wisconsin (the only thing on my bracket I hit on was Wisconsin in the Final Four, and I have the bracket if you don't believe me) can make a big splash in the tourney with a disciplined defensive game plan.

Congrats to Coach Dick Bennett and his Badgers club for a really exiting time so far and continued success.

And, oh by the way, should I give a shout out to the "Final Four" biggest disappointments. They are, in no real order:

1. Indiana: Bobby Knights club was obviously rattled by the reports of a violent episode between Knight and former player Neil Ried.

How else can anyone explain why a team once considered the most talented and balanced in Knight's tenure could fall as easily as they did?

2. Maryland: The Terp's got trounced in a game against the hot and cold UCLA squad that was ugly.

I do not know of many that thought Gary Williams's team was Final Four bound, but I don't think anybody could have foreseen this athletic-a team just being manhandled.

3. Duke: A talented but young team simply just wore down after a hard fought regular season and ACC Tournament. Maybe next year for this talented group that is, if they stay in school.

4. Temple: John Chaney's Owls didn't do anything wrong in their losing effort.

With their suffocating match-up zone, second round opponent Seton Hall would have to have a superhuman game of three-point shooting. They did, Good-bye Temple.

Well, with that traumatic experience out of the way, lets look at the spring training of the majors. Many teams retooled this season, while some major favorites like the Yankees and the Braves played it safe and made few real changes.

One team to keep your eye out for this year is the Philadelphia Phillies. This young team nearly had a wild card berth and a few key acquisitions may make them a force in the 2000 season. The biggest of the adds was that of Andy Ashby to a pitching staff that already includes All-Stars Curt Schilling and Paul Byrd.

Ashby is in the final year of his contract, so a big season from him would be great for the Phillies playoff chances as much as to his bank account.

This is in conjunction with the bullpen add of Mike Jackson (no, not the king of pop, the one who wears the one glove...I mean...oh never mind) to a solid, if unspectacular relief staff.

The Phillies have made big steps in their minor league system too. If Scott Rolen and Mike Lieberthal were not enough of an example of this fact, then maybe newcomer Pat Burrell may convince you.

Burrell, a big-time slugger can hit the ball a long way and will be a great addition to an already stacked lineup that also features Bob Abreau and Doug Glanville.

If everything comes together for this club, like staff ace Curt Schilling returning healthy to the team by the end of May, then the Phillies may give the Mets and Braves a run for their money in the National League.

Speaking of Major League injuries, it seems Cubs strikeout king Kerry Wood is making a tremendous recovery from serious elbow surgery. Wood, who is still not due back in Chicago until mid-June, has been phenomenal in recent spring training work.

Throwing just fastballs and change-ups, Wood has shown the dominance that helped him throw a 20 strikeout gem against the Astros his rookie season.

As much as I am a huge Cubs Fan, I think waiting for a fully healthy Wood is the best bet.

There is no need to rush him back without the proper time for his elbow to heal after surgery. If Wood makes a full recovery, he could very well be one of the most dominant pitchers this game has ever seen.

Well, that about does it for another Sports View. Remember to keep your feedback, facts and questions coming to e-mail me at cmal002@wmdc.edu, and I will answer them in my next column.

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Track and Field team breaks school records

Mike Yeistramski
Sports Editor

Much like during the winter season, the spring track and field team has been smashing meet records all over the place.

At the Bridgewater College Invitational this past Saturday, the Terror set six meet records and three school records.

Junior Jamie Falcone won the women's 100-meter dash in 12.54 seconds, a meet and Jopson Stadium record. She also won the 200-meter dash in a record time of 25.52 seconds.

Falcone, a five-time Centennial Conference gold medalist, was also a member of the record setting 4 X 200 relay team.

Sophomore Erik Larson won the 400 medley relay.

Talon Powell and Larson were also members of the record breaking 4 X 400-relay team.

The all-freshman relay team of Bruce, Falcone, and Horn to break school and meet records.

In all, the women set five meet records and the men set two.

Golf wins WMC Spring Invitational

Western Maryland took a major step toward a berth in the NCAA Division III golf championships Saturday by topping 11 other schools to win its own WMC Spring Invitational for the first time since 1993.

The Green Terror shot a combined 10-over-par 290 at the Western Maryland Golf Club to best favored Wesley by four strokes, with Shenandoah third at 303 and Susquehanna fourth at 305.

Wesley entered the day ranked No. 1 in the NCAA's District III (Mid-Atlantic region), three spots higher than Western Maryland.

The top four teams in each region earn bids to the national championships.

John Mikiewicz of sixth-place King's won the individual crown with a 1-over-par 71, the same score as Western Maryland's Ryan Reid and Wesley's Andy Ferrario.

Mikiewicz earned the nod on the basis of three goals, her fourth and fifth of the game, in a 46-second span.

The Terror lost the ensuing draw and never got the ball back.

Senior midfielder Meaghan Giorno had two goals and three assists for Western Maryland, and Maggy Kilroy matched her for Washington.

Womens lax loses tough to Washington

Kim Adams scored her first career hat trick and fellow sophomore Erin Mulhern equaled her career high with three goals.

But Western Maryland's comeback bid came up just short in a 12-11 Centennial Conference loss at unbeaten Washington College (3-0, 2-0).

The Green Terror (2-3, 0-2) fought back from an early 6-1 deficit and trailed 12-9 with 7:49 remaining after Washington's Jordan Holt scored back-to-back goals, her fourth and fifth of the game, in a 46-second span.

WMC junior Amy Bittinger cut the margin to 12-10 with 5:14 to go, and Mulhern made it a one-goal game with 2:07 left.

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Baseball bashes competition in Florida, leaves with a five game winning streak and a strong start to season

Unfazed by his first career start on the mound, sophomore pitcher Jack Griffith gave up only two hits and struck out seven and led the team to a 10-0 victory.

Replacing senior RBI champion Tim Smith, sophomore Guy Sheetz had a sparkling performance with a double, triple, and three RBI to lead a potent offense that had twenty-two hits on the night.

Senior outfielders Sean Giblin was 2 out 3 from the plate with three RBIs and sophomore outfielder Jeremy Merrell had two RBIs to pace the defense.

The team was unfortunate to lose their junior catcher Rich Steigerwalt to a fractured knuckle on his right ring finger.

Third baseman Sheetz drove in three runs on the day with a double and single and Senior pitcher Brent Fuchs tossed a four hit complete game.

Junior Ace Dan Elbaz throwing some heat last season

Smoking! It has been a great start for the Western Maryland College baseball team as they finished their early season trip to Florida on a five game winning streak.

Despite key injuries early in the season, other players have stepped up their game to thrive on the tough competition.

The team began the season with a spring break trip to Florida.

On opening day, the team split a pair of games against Mount St. Mary's (NY) and St. John Fisher of Canada.

In their first game, the Green Terror jumped to the lead in the fourth inning with catcher John VanderNat's two-run triple and first baseman's Kacy Jenkin's sacrifice fly to grab a 3-1 advantage.

However Mount St. Mary's scored 3 runs over the next three innings to take a 4-3 win despite a strong nine strikeout performance by WMC ace pitcher Brent Fuchs.

The team gained better results in their second game of the day against St. John Fisher.

Behind the five scoreless innings of junior pitcher Dan Elbaz, the team used VanderNat's three RBIs and Jenkin's first career home run to register a 5-1 win.

It was also the first home run by the team since a April 24, 1998 league game against Dickinson.

In their next game against Clarkson of Potsdam, New York, the Green Terror jumped out to a early 7-1 lead with a six run second inning.

Jon VanderNat continued his hot play this spring with a two run double that gave him seven RBIs on the season, already equaling his total all of last year.

Unfortunately the team couldn't hold the lead, as the pitching staff gave up eight walks en route to a 14-9 loss.

The Green Terror did get good production from senior third baseman Tim Smith who had a double and two RBIs.

Later that night, the team continued to struggle as they were jumped on for a four run first inning and beaten 8-2 by Bridgewater State, MA.

Junior rightfielder Paul Oakes drove in the two runs for the team.

At 1-3 overall, the team responded convincingly in the following game against Vassar.

Infuriating of scoreless ball on the mound, the offense used Jenkin's three hits, Paul Oakes's two doubles, and Ryan Legge's two hits to rout the opposition.

Finishing up their trip in Florida, was their toughest competition of all, nationally ranked Brandeis, Fla.

The Green Terror rose to the challenge with an impressive 8-0 shutout of a team ranked in the top five in many preseason publications.

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After some bad weather postponed two games, the team had its first home game on March 25, against St. Mary's.

In a tightly played contest, the opposition's pitching appeared too much as the Green Terror were shut out 2-0.

Brent Fuchs and Dan Elbaz both had great pitching performances.

The team played well, but we just couldn't put everything together said freshman pitcher Justin Raynor.

On a good note, senior third baseman Tim Smith returned to the team after being out with an injured hand.

With key players of Smith and

Senior Jon VanderNat has seven RBIs this season which also ties his total from last year.

While Smith was out, sophomore Guy Sheetz has hit .450 to go along with nine RBIs, compared to his .200 average in only 10 at-bats last year.

With their winning streak cut short at five games, the team looks forward to conference play.

With a experienced team and promising young talent, it looks to be a very exciting season for the Green Terror.

Coach Dave Seibert discusses a pull with the umpire

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Defining Moment campaign reaches goal

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News Co-Editor

The banners that proudly wave through the breeze outside of Hill Hall contain three words that epitomize WMC and what it has recently come to stand for: "The Defining Moment."

To celebrate the Defining Moment Campaign’s success, a celebration will take place on April 14 and 15, Trustees’ Weekend.

However, reaching the celebration phase has required a lot of work.

The Defining Moment Campaign, whose fund-raising goal was set at $40 million, began in 1996 and took more than four years to complete.

On December 31, 1999, the largest campaign in this liberal arts institution’s 132-year history closed.

Leaks remain a problem

FRANCESCA SAYLOR
News Co-editor

Imagine an organization to which you belong has been planning an important dinner all semester to take place in the President’s Dining Room, and once it finally happens, as one of your keynote speakers is about to talk, water begins leaking from the ceiling into a big metal tin. The sound of water hitting tin so rapidly is enough to prompt one of your guests to get up and put cloth napkins in the tin.

How would you feel?

If you think this is a hypothetical question, it is not. It is exactly what happened on Monday, April 3 when Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity hosted its Second Annual Law Dinner. Phi Alpha Delta President Matt Burger commented, “It is really embarrassing to have a guest speaker come in and then have water gushing out of the ceiling or anything [happen] that makes our school look like it belongs to the inner city ghetto.”

Bentz, director of Building and Operations Maintenance, said, “The problem with the PDR is that the dining hall is right above it. All the drain lines there are the existing 30-year old pipes.”

Fortunately, though, Bentz said 10 feet of pipe was just replaced in the days after the dinner. He said he has plans to replace all of the

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English offerings decrease

STACY M. MYERS
Staff Writer

Trying to plan their schedules for next fall has been frustrating for some English majors due to the lack of upper level courses being offered.

According to Carole Arrieta, associate registrar, there will be 82 returning English majors in the fall, and only nine upper level courses for them to take. This number is down 31 percent from past years. The department offered 11 upper level courses during the fall semester of 1999 and 13 upper level courses during the fall semester of 1998.

The reason for such limited course offerings is threefold. First, the English department will be losing the

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Students learn from local journalists

CLaire Adams
Staff Writer

WMC recently caught an inside glimpse of news in the making and the people who cover it courtesy of a political panel of top Washington, D.C. reporters, a former Baltimore Sun international correspondent, and the Society of Collegiate Journalists’ Second Annual Press Day.

On April 3, a political panel composed of Washington Bureau Chief and Assistant Manager of the Boston Globe, David Shribman, Newsday Congressional reporter Elaine Povich, and Washington Bureau Chief of the Baltimore Sun Paul West discussed and evaluated the press’s role in covering the 2001 presidential election.

Shribman, a 1995 Pulitzer Prize winner, explained that his biggest surprise in the primary season was that both the media and the Republican party fell for the New Hampshire primary voter predictions that McCain would lead the race for the Oval Office. Povich, who reported directly from McCain’s “Straight Talk Express,” said that the media had a love affair with McCain because he gave them unlimited access, a privilege that most candidates do not grant.

West cautioned that the press gives too much attention to the polls and not enough attention to the voters, but said, “Poll driven politics are a way of life.”

On April 5, the inaugural Resnick Lecture was given by Baltimore Sun national corre-

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College reviews OCTA

MICHAEL STOKES
Staff Writer

No other four-letter word associated with WMC freshman orientation causes recent freshman, sophomores, and juniors to frown than the word OCTA.

The alcohol awareness program that was first conducted in the fall of 1999 will enter its fourth and most likely final year during freshman orientation in the fall of 2000. However, the fourth and final year of the OCTA contract will expire after the fall of 2000.

Bonnie Bosley, health education coordinator, first discovered the program from a friend at the Carroll County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Center Junction.

Her friend was teaching the program down at Clemson University in South Carolina, and Bosley thought that it might be a good program for WMC. She then went through the training process to learn to conduct the program, and then presented it to the entire Student Affairs office. “Many of the faculty and staff had wanted to do more to educate first-year students

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policy discussion and that is due mostly to a total of $300 billion a year on the military, spends nearly $1 billion a year in Iraq, with is becoming less and less representative of the Republican party, unlike most in the media. people in the military identify with the Republican party, unlike most in the media. 20-30 percent of those in the media did. “There were people up on the roof several times, but no one ever told me to check what the problem was or if the leak was fixed,” said Franke, who now keeps his important papers and personal belongings on the other side of the room, just in case. Bentz said things should be fine now though. Smith said the problem, which occurred at other places on the third floor as well, is due to the flat roof that the building has. However, Bentz said, “A lot of it is just age and wear and tear.” Winslow Hall, for instance, is 40 years old, said Bentz. Complaints about leaks are not difficult to find. Senior Lauren Hein, who has several classes there, explained that every time it rains there is a fountain of water from the center that is attached to the ceiling, so water can spill out if it is on a bucket on the floor.

“If you’re going to go out through all that effort, why not fix the ceiling?” exclaimed Hein. Bentz said that leak should have been fixed months ago so he thinks that complaint is justified. However, Bentz said one of the problems with complaints is that he does not always hear about them, and he promises to double-check on all the leaks mentioned in this story.

“I know the leak. I’m more than happy to fix it,” he assured.

He said that the leak on the stairs of Derick Hall, which is a huge tank with a hole in the ceiling, was fixed again on April 7 although he originally thought it would be fixed during the week of March 14, when he told the Phoenix roofers that Building would be coming to the school.

“The problem with leaks is that you do something that may fix it, but you don’t know if it does until it rains again,” ex- panded Ann Lolordo, who was a Middle East correspondent from 1996 to 1999.

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Among the workshop speakers were Molly Rath, senior writer at the Baltimore City Paper, Chris Hampson, the NBC News London Bureau Chief, Scott Blanchard, editor of the Carroll County Times, Tim Maler, writer for The Washington Times, and Janelie Erlichman, of the Washington Post, and college journalism professors.

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The Pub continues to make changes after recent SGA Act

RICH SUCHOSKI
Distribution Manager

Surely you have seen the Pub and Grille Standards Act posted outside of the Pub. Students have praised it, faculty and alumni have condemned it, but not too many people have actually read it, much less read into what prompted it.

Last semester, the Campus Life Committee of the SGA, under the leadership of Jeremiah Kelly, made a list of goals for the Fall 1999 semester. The goals outline a number of sweeping changes for the campus. Included were a recycling initiative; which will make recycling more prominent on campus, the Pub, and coordinating the colorings of the Pub, game room, and lounges, and pushing the amount of cooking space.

Unfortunately, this much needed gutting of the Pub will take hundreds of thousands of dollars and put the Pub out of commission for several months. With a price tag this large, it does not take prior priority over the renovation of dorms or creation of more parking spaces.

Seidel says the long term goal is to raise money and redesign the pub, but there is no money allocated from this year's budget. The SGA has also not been in contact with Bosley, Dolid, or Seidel about renovations since they presented the Act to them in the fall. None of them have heard from Kelly or Gebhardt since the fall, except about the posting of the Act.

Seidel felt he could not do anything to stop them from posting it because he did not want to tread on their freedom of speech.

Bosley sums up the feelings of the administration: "It's disheartening to go through this process."

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**Students cannot share IDs as Glar tightens security**

**Michael Stokes**  
Staff Writer

Recently a WMC student named and only meal plan. You paid for room and meals, Sayre said that the cards are like cash dir

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How do we know that the student gave permission for their friend to use their card,” said Bosley. “How much did you have if you’re going to change that plan? We have an obligation as the college, and security is the biggest issue.”

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paign Western Maryland College ever conducted was for $8 million for Daniel Maclea renovations.

"This was a large endeavor. We worked well organized. We had good leadership from the trustees," she stated.

In order to raise the money, representatives from the College made individual visits to each trustee.

"It was extremely critical to get each trustee in order to demonstrate to other people that our trustees have a lot of faith in us," Coley said.

Coley only identified one challenge that temporarily stood in the way of reaching the $40 million mark.

The challenge was having to ask corporations and foundations for large gifts while still encouraging the small gifts.

WMC wanted parents and alumni to contribute so they too could own a piece of the college.

"I was absolutely thrilled, as was anyone else who was involved," said Coley. "When we started, there was a huge question as to whether or not we could get $40 million. Not only did we meet the goal, but [we] surpassed it...People should have a lot of pride because we succeeded the goal-those businesses, individual, and corporations who helped us." When asked if President Chambers would be making a return trip to campus for the celebration, Coley said, "President Chambers is in

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WMC community triumphs over $40 million success

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Switzerland right now. He's probably more eclectic because he was the one who envisioned the campaign and put it into action."

Kief strongly believes that, This campaign's success is a defining moment for Marty Hill, the Campaign chairman and a trustee of the college, the entire Board of Trustees, the faculty and the staff, the alumni, and the parents and friends and other donors who made it happen.

Much effort has gone into making this victory celebration more than the initial celebration when The Defining Moment Campaign began in 1996, according to Debbie Leazer, coordinator or Donor Relations.

The celebration kicks off at 4:15 pm on Friday as students eat in the Forum, instead of Glac.

The menu includes herb chicken, Pizza Hut pizza, chicken wings, and tacos.

In English Dining Hall, there will be a "Diners' Dinner" resembling the one they had four years ago when the kicked campaign began at 6 pm.

There will be cocktails and a dinner for top donors and key volunteers to the campaign.

Dr. Joan Develin Coley, acting president of Western Maryland College, Martin K. P. Hill, National Campaign Chair and trustee of Western Maryland College, and James I. Melhorn, chair of the board of Trustees, will be the speakers.

Also during the Trustees' dinner, Michael Bair, class of 2003, will be performing during cocktails as well as Linda Kirkpatrick and the flute choir.

At 9:00 pm the WMC community and the Westminster Chamber of Commerce will join the Trustees for an illuminated tour of the campus.

The tour begins in Ensor Lobby and will move to the first floor of the Western Maryland College Arch.

A sparkling cider toast, student countdown to the unveiling of the Campaign total, and a special lighting of the Ward Arch will begin at 9:30 pm.

A Baltimore lighting company, Skychet, will be responsible for the lasers and computerized lights that will light the Came.

The Illumination of the buildings will take place between 9:30 and 10:00 pm.

Over 50 students have volunteered to help with the evening's details in addition to the WMC students and faculty members who will provide entertainment during the evening.

"I have-to believe that when people see the beautiful buildings, and they see how much we've been able to do on the Hill, it's clear that WMC is a wonderful place to study," Coley emphatically commented.

"This success, and future successes, will help to ensure an excellent liberal arts education for future generations of Western Maryland students throughout the 21st century!" Kief added.

Minority student retention improves after 11 years

NICKIE TYSON
Staff Writer

While the retention of black students on Western Maryland College's campus has shown a significant improvement over the past 11 years (1987-1998; see chart), there is still difficulty in retaining them throughout their college careers.

WMC has been working hard to recruit more African American students with moderate success. The number of black students who enrolled last semester was 35, which is a significant difference from the 18 who enrolled in 1997.

However, the question arises as to whether or not WMC's work is in vain because many of those students decide to transfer or leave for some other reason prior to graduation.

For example, freshman Marcel Spears, an African American, will be transferring next semester to the University of Maryland at College Park, a school he feels more comfortable in. I do not like the location and I feel subtle racism in the math and computer science department."

While WMC has made some progress in discouraging and certainly not healthy.

Administrators agree that retention and recruitment are important.

"I think retention is more important than recruitment, but the two go hand in hand," said Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs. He empathizes with the fact it is a somewhat difficult experience for black students attending a predominantly white school.

Reiff says that the "thing to look at is the graduation rate of black students because "the ultimate statistic is those who get their degree."

Reiff said the graduation rate of black students who entered WMC in 1997 and graduated in 1991 is 45 percent.

During those four years, 58 African American students entered WMC and graduated. For the period from 1992-1995, Reiff said 54 black students enrolled and 27 graduated, making the retention rate 50 percent.

The figures for the college's two most recent graduating classes are as follows: of the 13 students who enrolled in 1995, seven graduated in 1999 yielding a 53.8 percent retention. However, of the 13 that entered in 1994, only four graduated in 1998, which represents a 30.8 percent retention rate. Additionally, graduation rates in the late 1980s were considerably lower. For example, of the 10 black students who enrolled in 1987, only one graduated four years later. The attitude of black students has grown significantly since then and is expected to continue increasing.

The college is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the most elite liberal arts schools, but there is more to staying at WMC than status. So what needs to be done to improve retention permanently?

Reiff believes that WMC would retain more African Americans if "we had a more diverse student body."

Philip Sayre, president and president of WMC's Alumni, said WMC is more focused now than ever during his 16 years here in the recruitment of minorities.

"He says, "If we had a diverse various backgrounds together, which leads to much better classroom debates and better critical thinking skills." Sayre says that WMC should not focus on just making the campus more diverse but making it a healthier place where the students feel included. He also added that ideas come from the administration, but he feels that "most should come from students and get support from the college administration."

According to Reiff, an African American female will join the sociology department next year.

"WMC has also made some progress in addressing issues of race within the upcoming academic year," said Reiff. While overnight change is an unrealistic expectation, WMC has taken strides to ensure growth in the black student population.

Faculty and administrators agree that if WMC is to become a truly diverse community, the growth must continue.
Dear Mr. Lee,

I would like to disagree and comment on a number of sections of your last article on Palczynski. Before being dismissed as a "bleeding heart liberal" whom you decry, your conclusions and statements are somewhat confusing. You made a number of statements that contradict the logic of your own arguments, fail to clarify several issues, and jump to some rather speculative conclusions.

First, you start off on a general diatribe against sections of Baltimore County. For those of us from different locations whom you would like to actually understand what you are writing about, you need to clarify or justify some of the following statements. Who are these "incorrigent sanitation workers" and why are they incorrirent? Why is this important? And what are you referring to as "Section 8 housing for criminal miscreants?"

I will agree with you that this man should probably never have been released from prison. I am all in favor of the longest jail terms and stiffest punishments for criminal offenders.

Yet I did not sit in on the parole hearings, and do not know all the facts of the situation. Perhaps you did, and if so, you should make some mention of that fact or the trouble you have with the penal system, either county, state, or federal.

The SGA, specifically the Campus Life Committee, spent five months talking with dormitory and SGA workers? whom you mention in your article. They expressed a strong desire to change the current situation, and we made some mention of that fact or the trouble you have with the penal system, either county, state, or federal.

In conclusion, I would like to state that any student who has had the privilege to be an SGA member for three years now, and while I may not agree with some of your past opinions, I still feel that the SGA is the best organization on campus to communicate issues to students. I wish the SGA had enough money to renovate the Pub, create more work space, and hire more workers.

I wish people came to SGA meetings on Thursday nights (at 7:30 in Hill 110) if I convince you in any way or our open forums besides SGA members.

Well, the director of Food Services declared that the SGA was not taking action on this subject. I can, with certainty, say yes because there have been and always will be problems with the Pub and people who are displeased with the SGA.

Sakuraga has all seen the Pub and Grille Standards Act of 1999. If you have not, I invite you to cross in front of the Pub, take a few seconds, and read it.

It is very simply stated, in a non-critical manner. But in the end, the actions of the student body in regard to the performance of services in the Pub. Many have said posting this act is inconsistent and even wrong.

If for yourself, would someone write a commentary on the ineffectiveness of the SGA or bad conditions in the Pub had the SGA not taken action on this subject? I can, with certainty, say yes because there have been and always will be problems with the Pub and people who are displeased with the SGA.

A second and think about your experience in the Pub in December and then compare it to the experience you had last night. Tell me the SGA has not done you a favor.

The mere discussion of passing an act stating our expectations and posing it has lit a spark under the feet of those in charge of the Pub. In the last issue of the Phoenix, the SGA was asked whether or not they spoke with the head of the Pub and Dining Services, or Pub workers? I think I can answer your questions because I was the person who met with them.

First semester, over 50 students expressed discontent with the Pub service and asked the SGA to take action. The SGA, specifically the Campus Life Committee, spent five months talking with Alan Delid, director of Food Service, Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, and Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, about our displeasure with the conditions of the Pub.

We discussed the problems and possible solutions, however, months passed and improvements were not seen. On behalf of the students, the SGA decided to take a proactive step to create student momentum (three articles in the last edition of the Phoenix is enough proof the SGA has achieved that), establish student expectations and partnering with Food Services, sign the Pub and Grille Standards Act of 1999.

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You can, however, criticize the SGA for not do so what other student organizations have been able to do. If you, the student body, please take these steps and tell us why you don't like it because we are open-minded.

I know the SGA will be taking steps to bring its turnaround full circle by educating students and working harder to get their input. Just a few weeks ago it passed an act to create "Student Newsletters" to go to all students (I know your thinking more junk mail but at least you'll be informed if you take the time to read it).

The SGA never has been apathetic, nor ever will be. However, as long as there are 20 caring students willing to give up a night in Fell's Point, there will be an SGA to work for you, the student body. Please take these steps into consideration when you are enyoying your prompt, hot meal in a tidy, Pub.

Jeremiah Kelly discusses the reasoning behind SGA's Pub and Grille Standards Act.

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Regarding your anti-federal statements involving Ruby Ridge and Waco, it is very odd that you insist on a storming tactic. I am not a qualified squad military tactician, so that I would hesitate to tell the brave men of Maryland SWAT what to do in a given situation.

If you are a qualified tactician you should make reference of such training to establish reader credibility. That being said, the two previous situations in cooped armed locations and civilians shows the potential for a standoff in which a wanted person; with disastrous results.

Yet this is precisely the course of action that you prescribe when you state that "I had SWAT surrounded the house and bull rushed in on Friday Night, this would have been over in a matter of seconds, and nobody other than Palczynski would have been hurt." Yes, it would indeed have been over, but what I question is how is Mr. Lee to know that nobody else would have been injured? Again I am not a hostage, crisis, or stand-off negotiator and will not provide my input. Again, Mr. Lee, if you have received such training you should say so in the article. Perhaps you were a part of the Mogrants freemen, and this standoff, I do not believe anybody wanted to see a killing of hostages.

Therefore I believe in letting the professionals handle the situation, and trust that they know best.

If they felt that giving Palczynski food would prevent him killing or harming the hostages then it was worth it. I am not going to put a price on the safety of human life. If you are able to put a dollar value on human life and safety then do so, if otherwise you do not claim to cost $100 the cost in having these operations.

I would like to add that name calling in the Golden's of a teacher does nothing to lend any credibility to your arguments. Referring to him as "Pal nutski" does nothing but make your argument seem juvenile.

In a similar vein, while you may not like the president for political or personal reasons, he is still the president. I may not care for former president Reagan or Nixon, but I still refer to them with some respect. Again, by spouting off with such an insult you lose credibility in your own argument.

In conclusion, I would like to state that anything has defied the fate of Mr. Palczynski as Mr. Lee is predicted. Mr. Lee closed in saying "What a load of crap...How typically American." If Mr. Lee does not like America or how things are done, perhaps it is the SGA which is wrong. But this being America, everybody has the option to either work for change, sit and complain, or simply do nothing at all.

The reasoning behind the SGA's actions

David Canty
The Pub: Can’t please everyone

Edward K. Schultheis expresses his concerns about the Pub’s problems.

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fourth meal hours to warrant my claim. And actually, whenever I do have a problem with my food, such as missing fries, I simply point that out and they take care of it for me.

While I have looked over the Pub and Grille Standards Act, I feel many angry, hungry people the Pub can take care of at once. It is because of these restrictions that the Pub gets booked down so much, especially during the fourth meal hours. I’m sure the workers aren’t back there laughing it up... I eat down there often enough during fourth meal hours to warrant my claim. And actually, whenever I do have a problem with my food, such as missing fries, I simply point that out and they take care of it for me.

I’m sure the workers aren’t back there saying, “we’ve been holding this order for 40 minutes, let’s see if anyone notices.”

Quirks: The last true hero

Many songs have lamented “There are no heroes anymore.” They are wrong. One hero remains to free use from these troublesome times.

He is the last hope that we have of saving the world from the hor-
worship of the Pub. Now, there is no prospective students mind you. The food was great, the service was good and the time that it took to prepare the food was reasonable. In fact, I have even seen the lady taking our or-
der even joked around with us about how it looked like we just got up. It was in fact, very late in the afternoon.

The fact of the matter is that I didn’t have a problem with the Pub then, and I don’t have a problem with the Pub now.

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I am so tired I wish he would break into my eyes. This is going to be a small part of the life of Pepsi Cola. The fact of the matter is that
I am writing about it because I have come to the realization that no mat-
ner what you use, it will still not go to satisfy everyone.

I read the different viewpoints and I look over the differing com-
mentaries and I know that no mat-
ter what happens in the Pub, there will always be someone meaning and whining about the service or the food or the long wait and the list just goes on forever. I just don’t

I mainly see it as a political state-
ment made by the SGA. If the SGA does not have a problem with the Pub and magically thinks that all the food in the Pub will be piggin
get and specially served, then they have to leave their “fantasy world.”

The Pub, with all of its faults and quirks will remain one of the cheap-
est and most accessible places to
eat at and around WMC. I even showed it to a couple of prospective
students before warning them that they were going to be in for a shock, but I am not saying that the Pub is perfect.

I am merely stating that the Pub
is mainly student run and while we would like for it to be a perfect din-
ing establishment, there are only so

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**Commentary**

Reflection on the Reel Big Fish Concert

Alright, I am not above admitting when I am wrong, and I was about a recent event on campus. When I first heard that "Reel Big Fish" would be performing on campus, I was not too optimistic about the results. I immediately wrote the band off, assuming that they were a no-name group (since I had never heard of them), and felt pity for CAPBoard for planning an event that was so certain to fail.

Well, the actual outcome of the March 25 concert only goes to show one thing: I fail. I do not think that the SGA has acted almost up to the minute there is no one in the restaurant, until now have I felt so adamantly about the credibility of its governing body. I'm fully aware of the fact that some may perceive there to be a conflict of interest with me writing this commentary, seeing how I serve as co-editor of the News section, and also as a class of 2003 representative. However, over the course of the year, I have sat on the sidelines while the SGA has been the center of "bad publicity." And not until now have I felt so adamantly about expressing my feelings.

The posting of the "Pub Standards Act" has once again caused the SGA "bad publicity" as the student body has begun to question the credibility of its governing body. Everything else, Food Services is not as easy as it may look, especially when one minute there is no one in the restaurant and a sudden, mass show occurs, and 50 people instantly demand fast service. But that is as sympathetic as I am going to get at this time.

I do not think that the SGA has acted falsely or without careful discussion beforehand. But that is as sympathetic as I am going to get at this time.

Are you involved with a campus media organization?

If so, join the Society for Collegiate Journalists!

Applications and membership information are available at the Information Desk. Applications are due by noon on April 17 via campus mail to Francesca Saylor. If you have any questions, call Francesca at 8931.

SCJ Adviser Terry Dalton praises the journalism honor society for the success of College Press Day.

"I just want to take a moment to extend my warmest congratulations to the representatives of the three colleges who joined us this year: Mr. St. Mary's, Gettysburg, and Washington. We are excited to the devotion and determination of student journalists such as the ones who attended this conference, the flame of press freedom burns brightly on college campuses across this land."
**Greek Speak: Meet the four social sororities on campus**

**Alpha Mu**

**Phi Mu**

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

**Phi Alpha Mu**

**Expressions 2000: Photos of the recent BSU fashion show**

The fashion show was held on March 31 in Alumni Hall. Students strutted their stuff on the runway with clothes provided by J.C. Penney, DEB, Belk, and Maurices. Fashion categories included evening wear, sleepwear, and swimwear, to name a few. Even "Will Smith" and "Snoop" joined in on the fun for the Wild Wild West experience. As you can tell from the above photo, the night was all about fashion and attitude! There was also an aspect of eloquence as seen in the evening wear photo at left.

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Basement of DMC Section 4

**Erin Brokovich proves that anyone can become a hero**

**KATE ESPINOSA**

FEATURES Editor

Ever wanted to take revenge on the energy industry for destroying the environment? How about another worthy cause?

You avengers out there could learn a lesson from Erin Brokovich. This film, which is based on a true story, proves that you don't have to be a politician, or an organization leader, or even gainfully employed to make a difference.

The lead character (Erin Brockovich for those of you who haven't been paying attention) is played by Julia Roberts who goes from emotional highs to the depths of despair while getting her way through the use of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and strategically fitted clothing.

After being divorced twice, she is left by herself to raise three children including an infant, and has a hard time finding a job due to the fact that her only experience is as a wife and mother.

To make matters worse, after her most recent unsuccessful interview shown during the beginning scene in the film, she is hit by a car and injured, not to mention her vehicle is also missing a passenger side door.

Although she is not at fault, her seemingly inept lawyer (played by Albert Finney) is unable to get her reimbursement for her medical bills. This is possibly due to the fact that her behavior in court is a bit unerved to say the least.

However, instead of firing her attorney due to the loss and calling Stephen L. Mills, she instead insists that he give her a job. Due to her constant presence in his law office and her load and persistent nagging, she is eventually hired.

Unbeknownst to everyone in the office, she winds up becoming the greatest asset that the firm has ever had. Somewhat by accident, her status changes from being the filler and coffee maker to a crusader for human rights.

She ends up fighting against a large energy corporation, PG&E after finding out that they have been contaminating the local groundwater with the chemical chromium six.

For those of you who are not chemistry majors, suffice to say that this is a bad thing. She takes on the voice of the common townspeople who were lied to be the seedy official types.

As a result of the contamination, local residents have become seriously ill from the effects of the water running through their taps and filling their swimming pools.

A good time is had by all as her campaign takes off, except for her boyfriend (played by Aaron Eckhart), who is somewhat unkempt and hairy but has a good heart.

Problems arise when he decides (justifiably) that would rather be riding his Harley into the sunset than playing Mr. Mom while his girlfriend is off campaigning.

So how will it turn out? Will Erin kick some corporate butt? There are two ways to find out. (1) Call the real Erin Brockovich, although her number is probably unlisted or (2) See the movie.
Esa innovatively teaches German culture

**Shauna Dominguez**
Assistant Features Editor

Saturday's CAP Board-sponsored Spring Fling festivities include many old favorites as well as some new events and games. Starting at 5:00 pm and ending around 7:30 pm, there will be plenty to do with all games and student organization booths spread throughout the Quad.

Among the things to do are Powerball, Extreme Adrenaline - an obstacle course, the Velcro Wall, and Trampoline Thing. Also featured are two bands, Apartment 3, an acoustico/punk band, and Public Service, a Top 40/ ska band, who will both be playing.

The College Activities Office is sponsoring a Ballroom Man who will be making balloon animals, hats, and such. Some of the student organization sponsored things include a lollipop game, a Super Mario Kart tournament, face painting, a jail ball, a ball toss, duct tape a professor, and a target shoot. A sampling of the things that will be on sale are t-shirts, short glasses, cups and food such as hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, Krispy Kreme donuts. A few of the organizations participating are ASAP, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Phi Omega, and Catholic Campus Ministries.

New this year is Gamma Sigma Sigma sponsored Double Dare. The game starts at 10:00 am and will last to approximately 12:30 pm. All proceeds from the games go to the American Cancer Society in the name of Dr. Julie Badiee, professor of art history.

**Esa displays one of his many “graffities”**

A student scales a wall during a past Spring Fling.

Of course, many of the students also come to enjoy each other's company while they have fun. Esa enjoys this as well. He says, “It’s where students are just being themselves.”

“Graffities” have only recently made their appearance. Esa has students create “graffities” by listing different types of ways of grading students.

In this case, Esa is referring to a grade-based course. The professor assigns grades to the students based on their performance in class. The grades are then used to evaluate the students' understanding of the material.

“Graffiti” is a term used to describe a form of visual art that is characterized by its spontaneous and informal nature. It is a type of art that is typically associated with street culture and is often used to express social or political messages.

The annual Picnic Dinner will be from 4:45 to 6:30 pm.

From 10:00 pm to 2:00 am is the free Pajama Jammy Jam sponsored by Black Student Union. The Jam will be held in the Forum.

Leading up to Saturday’s events are several activities being planned for the end of this week. Thursday night is Karaoke Night at 7:00 pm in the Pub. This event is cosponsored by IGC and CAP Board.

Friday night at 10:00 pm in the Forum, comedian Spanky will be performing. In addition, Friday, April 14 marks the end of the Defining Moment Campaign which raised over $400,000.

There will be an illumination of Ward Arch at 9:00 pm, followed by a dessert reception as the campaign is celebrated.

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Ram-bling Spring Fling ‘scopes

Trang Dam and Kate Esposto
Photographers and Features Editor

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
This month leaves you in a constant state of paranoia. You think everyone is laughing at you or talking trash behind your back... and you’re right, you’ll become the butt of all jokes!

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)
Your sign, the bull, represents power and strength but this month, the only bull you’ll be full of is the kind that comes out in liquid form. Stop BS-ing, pop down some Pepto, and get to work!

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Let loose your wild side during Spring Fling and show everyone those new Backstreet Boys dance moves you’ve learned (you know you want to).

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Don’t try crawling back Marge, if you want to leave, leave!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The planets are aligned and this is your month. You will accomplish everything on your “to-do” list except your laundry, but Virgos are super smart and know how to flip things inside out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Your exercise routine could use a little of Richard Simmons’ help. Get off the couch and start sweating to the oldies!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov 21)
Pay close attention to your dreams this month and stop wetting your bed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are known for your quick wit and knowledge of useless facts. Put these skills to good use and try on that fake dolphin nose.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stop underestimating your talent, you too can be the next Cheesy E.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You look good this month! Shake that booty and get some too!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
You dance like a fish out of water, but don’t worry there is still hope. Hook up with a Gemini for the latest dance moves.

If today is your birthday...

Remember one thing during Spring Fling: beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Advice on video games

Anne Butler
Staff Writer

You know, I really love video games. They’re a whole lot of fun, and nowadays there’s a game for nearly everyone! Whether you play Pokemon, Final Fantasy, Gran Turismo, Lunar or Smashdown, this Rat’s Web is for you!

It’s good to stay on top of your gaming news when you’re as into ‘em as I am. Otherwise how would I know when the games I’m waiting for (Lunar: Eternal Blue, Kirby 64) are coming out? And how do you know what games are good? The following sites offer up to the minute news, reviews and previews of the newest releases.

Videogames.com [www.videogames.com]
My favorite video games site (and not just because of the easy to remember address!); this site offers daily news and interesting features. “The History of Nintendo” was fun, as was “Top Ten Villains of all Time.” There are also codes, previews, and reviews for the latest games, but not for older ones unfortunately. I also find their logo to be a great eyesore.

Another site is Happy Puppy [www.happyhuppy.com]. This site recently changed their design, and I’m not particularly fond of the new one. Still, they offer good reviews and news. They don’t cover the handholds (Game Boy etc.) unfortunately, which makes them lag far behind videogames.com in my eyes. They also offer good computer game information.

The major console players out there are Nintendo (www.nintendo.com) (featuring Nintendo 64 and Gameboy), Sony at www.playstation.com (Playstation 1 & 2), and the surprisingly returning Sega (www.sega.com/homepage) (primarily Dreamcast). Others are about to enter the fray, most notably Microsoft with its X-Box; but for now these remain the big three.

Having trouble with a game? I can’t think of anything more frustrating than getting stuck in the middle of a game I love (Grrr... FF7). The following sites can help you escape this fate.

GameFAQs - www.gamefaqs.com
GameFAQs (FAQ = Frequently Asked Questions.) In this case the questions will be about whatever game you look up. There’s an incredible selection here with the Nintendo 64, Super Nintendo, Sega Saturn, and other “dead” systems represented. I regularly visit this site and have found it most useful.

Gamesages.com
One of GameFAQs sister sites, this site provides codes, tricks and hints for tons of games from nearly every system. Get a Colecovision (Why?) then they have codes for you.

Finally, here are some miscellaneous video game related sites:

Seanbaby’s NES Page [http://www seanbaby.com/nes]
This guy is freaking hilarious! Man, if you had an 8-bit Nintendo as a kid or ever played one, you have to check out this page!

Zany Video Game Quotes [http://www.portalsolutions/zanny.html]
I featured this page before, but it more then deserves a return visit.

60 Seconds
What is your favorite memory of Spring Fling?
Words and pictures by Erin Owen

“Sophomore year hanging out with my ‘photo shoot’ friends in secret while watching the thunderstorm roll in.”
Krysta Stacey ’00

“Performing with the show choir–our tape broke and there was a rash to use the microphone.”
Melanie Weintraub ’02

“How the whole campus came together and we just had fun like a community should.”
Maya Redfearn ’02

“I got to hang out with teachers and friends and eat the best steak sub I’ve ever had.”
Patrick Pullan ’03

“Getting drunk and rioting.”
Matt Libber ’01
Hero of Computer Science

By Jo Shorb
Staff Writer

Loyal, devoted, humble, outgoing, patient and honorable...

Not every WMC employee deserves words of praise like that, but then Dr. Linda Eshleman is hardly your average associate professor of math and computer science.

After working at WMC for 30 years, her work ethic has not changed. "You can't get much more dedicated," says her friend and colleague of 30 years, Dr. Robert Boner, also a math professor.

Eshleman, originally from Fort Lauderdale, FL, earned her masters degree in math education from Florida State University. She then taught high school math for seven years before coming to WMC.

While working here, she earned her Ph.D. in applied math at the University of Maryland of Baltimore County. Shortly after receiving her Ph.D, Eshleman was approached by the dean of the faculty and asked if she would consider going back to school to learn to teach computer science.

At this time, WMC had very few computer courses and only one computer language, FORTRAN, was being taught. She agreed to take a sabbatical and went to Georgia Tech where she completed postgraduate studies in computer science in 1979.

Upon her return, the computer science department was formed, and to this day she remains the only professor teaching computer science courses. "She developed all of the computer-science courses," said Boner.

Now, it is possible for a student to major in computer science.

For Eshleman, this is when the days grew longer and her dedication was tested. Along with computer science courses came a bigger responsibility. She now had to maintain a lab for her students to work in and be available to assist them.

Senior Mike Morgan, commented, "She is always available for help, which is critical in the kinds of classes she teaches."

She describes computers as "constantly changing," which is one reason why someone who teaches in this field must continuously learn new things about it.

Eshleman devotes tremendous hours to her job. She is on campus from 8:30 in the morning to 10:00 at night on four weekdays, and usually comes back on Sundays for five hours. Morgan describes her dedication as exemplary. "I don't know anyone who puts in as much time as she does," he says.

Another student of hers, junior Christa Farrar, said that she doesn't know of another professor "who is as available, open, or patient as she is with her students." In addition, "She is always willing to stop what she is doing to help a student, even if it means leaving her office to come to the lab."

A time when Eshleman's availability was especially helpful occurred late last semester. At 8:30 the night before the Computer Programming II final, two students found themselves in need of her assistance.

They called her office and were told not only was she there, but she let them come over for help. She ended up staying and teaching them for another half hour. Why would a professor spend so much extra time on campus? Eshleman's motivation is for the sake of her students.

She said she loves to work with students because it "keeps me young."

Some would say her loyalty to the students goes beyond learning and into friendship and guidance. "She is also interested in us as people," says Farrar. "Even though she is not my advisor, she has been willing to help me plan my classes for my major."

Eshleman not only goes out of her way for her students but also her colleagues. According to Boner, she taught classes for him and led department meetings.

Dr. Eshleman, WMC's only professor of computer science is often found in the Lewis Lab.
Softball leads Centennial Conference; Dix wins 200th

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SPORTS

The Terror softball team (14-3, 7-1) swept a doubleheader against Washington College by identical 4-1 scores.

Freshman pitcher Amanda Donaldson won the first game and is now 10-0 on the year. Freshman Leah Clelland won the nightcap. Donaldson won both games earlier in the week against F&M, one starting appearance and one relief. The Terror won the opener by a score of 8-0, powered by a two-run homer from senior rightfielder Jackie Mathias. The Terror won game two by an 8-7 score.

“Jacie Mathias was a offensive threat for the team’s outstanding efforts the whole game,” WMU head coach Keith Reitenbach said.

Brent Fuchs knew his team needed a spark, and it was most likely going to come from his usually high scoring attack men. “At halftime I talked to Brent [Sweeney] and the other attackers and said, ‘you guys gotta step it up here, we’ve only scored four goals this half,’” he said.

They responded in force, scor- ing 15 goals in the second half, in- cluding a 12-2 run to end the game pulling away from the Garnet Tide 19-11.

Sweeney led the charge with a career high six goals, and Brown added five.

“We started playing more like we were capable of,” said Sweeney. “We started possessing the ball longer, taking advantage of new opportunities that we had,” WMCD head coach Keith Reitenbach said.

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TAMMI SLATER

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The Sports View: It’s that time of the year again; Insights and analysis of the 2001 baseball season

CHRIS ANASTASI Sports Editor

The sun is shining, the sky is clear, and the grass is green. This must mean that baseball season is upon us again.

There is nothing I love better than sitting down with some friends, some food, and some drinks and enjoying a good ballgame.

This seems to be the season for watching baseball, too. I have never really seen the league this wide open in quite a while.

Last years finalists, the Braves and the Yankees, are still strong, but a number of teams have made improvements and should pose a significant challenge.

The St. Louis Cardinals are one team that will definitely be a force come playoff time.

The Cards strengthened a lineup that already boasted Mark McGwire, Fernando Tatís, and J.D. Drew with Fernando Vina and Jim Edmonds.

The Cards biggest additions, however were in the pitching department; where Daryl Kile and Pat Hentgen will help anchor an effective, but often injured, rotation.

With so many teams in contention this year, it seems that some individual efforts will be the difference for most teams in making the playoffs.

Here are a few of the players that I think will need a big year for their club to have a great season.

*Lee Stevens, Expo: Now I know what you are thinking, the Expos have no chance of going to playoffs this year. Yes, but the key phrase is “this year.”

The Expos have finally made a long-term commitment to winning (i.e. money).

Stevens, a good longball hitter with Texas the last few years, gives a young Expo’s lineup some much needed punch and will allow this team to grow into a more offensive unit.

*Rick Reed, Mets: With a solid one-two punch of Mike Hampton and Al Leiter, the Mets will win their fair share of games.

What New York needs from the former replacement player Reed is the basics from a solid third starter, 14 to 16 wins, and more importantly 200 innings.

*Paul Konerko, White Sox: Konerko, a former top prospect of the Dodgers, lost some of his hype while bouncing around the league last season.

There is still hope for the young slugger if he can find the hitting stroke he showed in the minors behind Magglio Ordonez and Frank Thomas for the South Siders.

A live bat for Konerko could push the White Sox into contention for the wild card.

*Jeff Cirillo, Rockies: Cirillo, who was virtually unknown in Milwaukee, has gotten a second chance to be a star in Colorado. Hopefully, Cirillo’s bat can carry him in the mile high city the way it carried him in the home of beer and Bratwurst.

The career .300 hitter should find the spacious home of the Rockies a haven for line drives and for giving opposing pitchers headaches.

**Quote of The Week**

Baltimore Orioles ace Mike Mussina, on his four run performance in the season opener versus the Cleveland Indians. “Even though it shows I gave up four runs, I didn’t feel like four runs.”

Uhmm, ok. Well, Mike, how many runs do you THINK you gave up? Did I miss the meeting for the new ERA calculation system or something.

This must be the new math that tells the Orioles front office that Will Clark is both young and a bargain, right?

Now, before I go, here are some quick hits about the young 2001 season.

*Andres Galarraga has made a big impact for the Braves already this season.

It is great to see a player come back from as great a setback as cancer, and to do it with as much grace as Galarraga has makes you think that there maybe still some good left in pro athletics.

*Poor Tony Gwynn. Healthy for the first time in a year and he gets hit by a pitch in his season opener, and is put on the injured list.

This eight-time N.L. batting Champion is due some good luck, and worked very hard over the summer to stay in shape. Let’s all hope that this soon-to-be Hall of Famer will be back in the lineup soon.

*Charles Johnson has had an awesome start this season and should have a great offensive season.

Anybody think this is not because Johnson is in the last year of a contract and is due for a big payday at season’s end if his numbers are high?

*If Pat Rapp wins 15 or more games this year, I will write the man a formal apology and hand-deliver to his house the multi-page letter about my doubts of his ability.

But just between you and me, I am not worrying about what to write just yet, if you know what I mean.

*And finally, Sports Illustrated picked the Boston Red Sox to win the World Series this year.

OK, insert your own favorite “if the Red Sox win the world Series, the world will end” joke here.

Until next time, I will see you guys in the cheap seats.
Tom Brown leads team to victory, nation in scoring

Western Maryland's 9-0 start in men's lacrosse garnered the team national attention, as they flirted with a top 20 ranking.

The Terror dominated the offensive statistics in the Centennial Conference, both as a team and individual leaders. But one player has done more than that. WMC's attacker Tom Brown has dominated the national scene.

Only a sophomore, Brown leads the nation in scoring with an astounding 42 goals and 18 assists. Prior to the Swarthmore game, in fact, he was a full point a game ahead of the next leading scorer.

There were signs of his offensive prowess during his freshman year, as he led the team with 41 points, and showed a knack for getting the ball in the net.

"He's a pure shooter. He's always been very good at putting the ball past the goalie, between the pipes," WMC Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said.

It seemed, however, that there was going to have to be a lot of improvement in Brown's game before he could be truly dominant.

"Last year, as a sophomore, having not played fall ball (in order to play football) he really struggled to overcome the bad habits that he carried with him from high school. They didn't prevent him from being successful in high school, but they prevented him from being very successful at this level," Reitenbach said.

But as last season wore on, Reitenbach began to see Brown's development take form last season.

"He did make significant improvements during the year last year, as a feeder, and as a ball carrier, as a shooter," Reitenbach said.

Brown furthered his development this year by deciding not to play football in order to participate in fall ball. His one year of college experience, and his participation in fall ball have paid big dividends for the Green Terror lacrosse team this season.

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"But it's not just his ability to score that Reitenbach sees major improvements. "Tommy's worked very hard to become a better feeder, become a better ground ball guy, to incorporate his skills into the team offense," he said.

Brown is certain to break WMC's single season scoring records, and is still in good shape to be the nation's leading scorer come the end of the season, but he says these things don't interest him right now.

"I don't have any statistical goals, I just want to try to keep improving, and never slow down, always keep improving and just play as hard as I can all the time," he said.
Student-athletes showcase hidden talents and abilities as they participate in the first ever NCAA “Athletes’ Day”

GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

On April 2, athletes from many sports teams at Western Maryland College got together for fun and games during Athletes’ Day. The event was planned to have ten or so teams competing in events ranging from the football throw to a jello-eating contest.

T-shirts were sold commemo-
rating the event and prizes were to be given out to the worst through rating the event. Laughter and applause were heard throughout the sticky event.

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The competition saw many athletes prove very good at their fundraising skills for their peers. Laughter and applause were heard by everyone as they cheered on their team members throughout the event.

The event that drew much excitement and laughter was the obstacle course.

In the event, athletes showed many talents including doing a handstand, riding a bike, jumping over hurdles, and kicking soccer balls into a net. From the beginning, people were able to have fun and laugh at each others mishaps through the course.

“It was exhilarating” said swimmer Sameer Chadha.

Many athletes had fun while doing the obstacles and cheering on their fellow teammates. A truly funny, while sometimes called disgusting event, was the jello-eating contest.

Each team picked about five people to run up to an table and with their hands behind their back, eat some jello out of bowls.

The teams made fun of each other and applauded their teams effort throughout theicky event.

“It was awesome because we won our second event and we just sucked it down you could say. It was key because we needed the points to win” said a member of the winning team, Tim Youngblood.

A wet event was the water balloon contest where athletes tossed water balloons to each other while trying to avoid them from exploding.

The competition saw many athletes getting wet and dirty to win the event. In the final event of the day, the teams went to tug of war with the championship on the line.

With the rain starting to come down the field, it was difficult for people to get a good grip without slipping on the wet grass. The athletes were pushed on by their peers throughout the event and every person gave it everything they had left in the competition.

When the events were over and the final scores were tallied up, the teams received all kinds of prizes such as t-shirts, Baltimore Ravens gear, and fruit drinks.

The champions of the event were the white team who all received Athlete’s Day trophies and envy from the other participants.

“It was great” said freshman Annie Linz on winning the competition.

The day was marked by gloomy clouds, but almost all of the athletes were able to have fun and excitement throughout the competition. There were many people who were not present for the event, but the athletes still seemed to enjoy themselves despite the lack of participation from many sports.

It was a great day for the athletes to compete against each other and hang out with friends and look forward to much of the same in the future.

The Hula-hoop contest was one of the popular “Athletes’ Day” events

Baseball breaks out of early slump; defeats Gettysburg

GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

After a hot start in Florida, the Western Maryland College baseball team (11-9, 3-2) has cooled off lately over their last few games. Despite some injuries and pitching problems, many players have stepped up their performance as the team continues their pursuit of the Centennial Conference title.

On March 28, the team experienced a heartbreak losing 12-7 in the sixth inning. In the pivotal 6th inning with the game tied at 7-7, the team was ignited by junior, Paul Oakes’s two-run home run and had a five run rally to take a 12-7 lead. Unfortunately, the opponent responded with four runs in the bottom of the sixth and added another five in the seventh en route to a 16-12.

Despite designated hitter, Oakes’s career high four hits including two doubles and homer, the pitching fell short on this night. Senior centerfielder, Sean Giblin went 3-4 with 3 RBIs and sophomore third baseman, Guy Sheetz, was 2-5 with 2 RBIs in a losing effort.

In their next game on March 29th, the team played host to another non-conference opponent, Catholic. In a tightly contested pitching duel, Catholic freshman pitcher Adam Weiss shut down the WMC attack by yielding only three hits over eight innings.

Down only 2-1 after seven innings, the Green Terror were struck with a late four run eighth inning in route to a 6-1 defeat. Senior first baseman, Kacy Jenkins went 2 for 3 and drove in the teams only run.

In the midst of a four game losing streak, the team was determined to fight to get back on the winning track.

The Green Terror looked to turn around their recent woes in a March 31, non-league game against Lebanon Valley.

In the first inning, the team used Jenkins’s 2-run single to grab an early 2-0 lead and extended that lead in the fourth with another 2-run base hit by senior catcher, Jon Vandermer.

Down 4-0, Lebanon Valley didn’t go away and rallied with three runs in the seventh inning to close the gap to a one run contest. In the ninth, the opposition struck again by putting runners on first and third with only one out. In a desperate situation, WMC manager called for a rare relief appearance from senior staff ace, Brent Fuhs.

The very next batter slapped the ball right at shortstop, Greg Shelton who made an incredible play by gunning down the opposing runner at the plate for the second out of the inning.

After walking the next hitter, Fuhs got the following batter to hit a ground ball right at third baseman, Guy Sheetz, who tagged out the runner for the third out and a spectacular finish.

The home crown went crazy.
Chambers resigns as WMC’s Seventh President
Coley named interim president as plans to search for the next president are being developed

MICHAEL STOKES

On April 10, 2000, Robert Chambers officially resigned as the seventh president in the history of Western Maryland College.

Chamber’s resignation happened during his 15th year as president of this institution.

He was on sabbatical for this spring semester when he decided that it was time to move on.

According to Charlie Moore, a WMC graduate and Trustee of the college since 1993, Chambers told the Board of Trustees that upon reflection during his sabbatical he decided that the timing was good for him to move on in his life.

According to many, including Moore, his decision to leave the school was “certainly of his own volition.”

Chambers could not be reached by the Phoenix to comment for the story. Moore said that it was his understanding that Chambers is moving to Florida, and that he does not seem to have any plans for the future at this time.

Regardless of his future, Chambers will surely be missed by many at the college for the contributions he has made to WMC.

Nancy Godwin, executive assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Trustees, said, “I am devastated that he is gone. He was my colleague and my friend, and a wonderful boss to work for.”

Godwin points to just a few of his accomplishments that reveal his impact on the college, including the building of the new $13.4 million science center, the establishment of the Budapest, Hungary program, and the successful completion of the $40 million dollar Defining Moment Campaign.

“I was surprised and very sorry to see him go,” said Philip Sayre, the dean of Student Affairs.

Sayre was the first person to hire Chambers, hired back in 1984. He too said that Chambers was a good friend and a wonderful boss.

According to Sayre, one of Chambers’ most important accomplishments was that he “raised the level of sophistication and reputation of the college.”

“Among other things, he established lectureships and concert series, he said. “The tone of the campus, because of him, is much better than it was in the mid-1980s.”

Sayre also believes that the continued on page 4

Dr. Robert Chambers, who will be leaving WMC following his Spring 2000 sabbatical, has been credited for improving the college by renovating campus buildings and envisioning the Defining Moment campaign.

Honor and Conduct Board is questioned
FRANCESCA SAYLOR

What if the Honor and Conduct Board hearings were made open to the campus community? Would you care? Would it affect your life at all? What if some professor or student had an open, public trial they could file a criminal charge, he said.

He questions what would happen if a sorority sister accused a fellow sister with hazing, saying, “Is the gain achieved by opening the process offset by the chilling effect of people coming forward? I mean, we are a private college. He was my colleague and my friend, and a wonderful boss to work for.”

Dean Philip Sayre said that Honor and Conduct Board proceedings are a “confidential matter of the student” and that conduct records are part of record by federal law. He mentions the Buckley Amendment or FERPA (Family Educational Rights Privacy Act), passed in several years ago.

Similarly, Webster said, “I wouldn’t have a problem with it [publishing names of those found guilty after adjudication], except that it’s not legal.”

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Do athletes receive select treatment?
CLAIIE ADAMS

What if a special pair of shoes could get you a free WMC education, an apartment, and better grades? What if that particular pair of shoes had to be cleats, and you had to be a WMC Green Terror athlete?

What WMC students believe athletes receive preferential treatment in various forms, regardless of NCAA Division III school regulations. From special housing to gender inequalities within athletics, speculation is prevalent on the interpretation of NCAA Division III regulations state specifically that athletes should not receive preferential treatment in any form.

One WMC student and former wrestler explained his personal glimpse at preferential treatment. After being recruited to come to WMC, the former wrestler told the assistant wrestling coach, Brandon Totten, that he could not afford to attend the school. He recalled that Totten replied, “I’ll take care of it.” and had him send his financial aid papers to the Athletic Department.

To his surprise, after graduating with a 2.7 GPA in high school, he was given a total of $23,000 a year, $5,000 of which was an academic scholarship.

While wrestling during his freshman year, he was severely injured and decided to stop wrestling. Three weeks after his decision, the Financial Aid office informed him that they had made a mistake and had to reduce his financial aid to $15,000. He also unexplainably lost his academic scholarship, despite having satisfactory grades.

He also said he believes many athletes are given slack when it comes to academic assignments, grades, and class attendance.

Another WMC athlete, junior softball player Stephanie Bell, believes that there are gender inequalities continued on page 3

English department plagiarism increases
STACEY M. MYERS

Students at Western Maryland College are learning hard that there is no easy way out of writing a paper.

In the past two weeks, six cases of plagiarism in the English department have been reported to the Honor and Conduct Board. According to Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, this is a substantial increase over past years.

Between 1995 and 1999 only 14 cases of plagiarism were reported; however, the 1999-2000 school year has brought a total of eight new cases, Sayre says.

Sayre believes this increase may be due to the accessibility of student papers on the Internet. In the old days, he says, [if you wanted to plagiarize] you had to hand copy it, and then type it in yourself - you might as well use your own words. Now, with the Internet, students have access to professional as well as student papers, and [plagiarism] is much easier.

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The WMC Theater department closed the season with their rendition of Marat/Sade. Pictured above is Don Todt, who played the character of Duperret, a comedic nymphomaniac. For a complete review, see page 10.
**Public presence in question regarding Honor and Conduct Board hearings**

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By Becky Carpenter

The normal sequence of events listed within its guidelines are not to take place. Furthermore, no distinction is made between academic (plagiarism) and conduct (vandalism, violent acts) cases.

Leathy stresses that the hearings should be public, perhaps asking the accused, "Tell him of your presence, and the decision of the witnesses must be protected (e.g. date rape).

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4/13 at 2:47 am treatment rendered in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
4/13 at 3:09 am damaging in Blanche Ward Hall.
4/13 at 10:25 pm possession of alcohol in Rouzer Lane.
4/14 at 11:45 pm treatment refused in DoCS Office.
4/14 at 10:55 pm a hit and run accident at Pennsylvania Avenue.
4/15 at 12:05 pm possession of alcohol in Cazeebo.
4/16 at 1:05 pm I am unauthorized access to a college facility in Blanche Ward Hall.
4/16 at 2:13 pm trespassing Campus Wide.

Gamma Sigma Sigma awarded charter

"I think football players do get preferential treatment, from scholarships to housing. The success of the team has made the faculty and administration more lenient."

- Unnamed team member
Students and faculty members react to Chambers' decision to resign

FRANCIS (SKID) FENELL
Professor of Education CASE-Carnegie Founda-

Over 15 years ago I was honored to have been elected by the faculty to serve as one of three faculty members involved in the search for a successor to Dr. Ralph C. John as President of Western Maryland College. Dr. Mary Ellen Elwell of the Social Work Department, Dr. Eibau A. Seidel of the Economics/Businesg Administration Department, and myself were the three vice presidents of the college, the we are going to be able to stay focused on the shared goals that were developed by all of us, including Bob," added Seidel.

She went on to say that part of her presidency will be to continue what Chambers did; however "the other part will be to form a future vision for the college with the continuing support of the Board of Trustees." Coley has not yet made a decision as to whether or not she wants to be considered for the full-time position as president.

"I don't think that we are going to lose any momentum," said Coley, in response to the new changes.

"Because the executive team is still here, including myself and the three vice presidents of the college, we are going to be able to continue to vie for this man's time. Not very far, certainly not very fast (oh, I hope he reads this line!) Bob is still bleeding nose. To my knowledge that nine out of 10 students could care less about what is going on right now within the administration."

Chambers used to drive me crazy with his unfailing ability to seem to know something about everything. He enjoyed the rodeo, the mediation, the hat, the whole gig. His introductory comments at virtually any ceremony were always something to behold, whether these were about the late Tip O'Neill, a friend, guest speaker, you name it. Trust me, we all want to receive a Chambers tribute.

"He was a great president, and I can't imagine the campus without him. He was Bob Chambers. Call me Bob was his passion, particularly quoting lines from his favorite films. I found this odd, but he enjoyed it. He taught - always. He was interested in what the faculty were doing, always. He loved to poke even provoke faculty debate and discussion."

During the time when the faculty debated the wisdom of moving from 3- to 4-credit classes, I still believe Bob drug out the faculty meetings, enjoyed the heated debates, enjoyed the fact that he was a faculty member. He taught - always. He was interested in what his faculty colleagues were doing - always. He loved to poke even provoke faculty debate and discussion.

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Chambers is pictured above with a cut-out character from the cartoon.

A reflection of Chambers from class

AMANDA LEISHER
Class of '01

When my advisor suggested that I take a class with President Chambers, I did not know what to expect. As a freshman, I hadn’t had much contact with him. I was unsure of what I was getting myself into and very intimidated.

On the first day of Religion and Literature, I sat at the enormous conference table in the President’s conference room surrounded by my fellow classmates. Five in all. And we waited. He was late.

After he sat down, Dr. Chambers spread out several yellow sheets of notebook paper with notes scrawled over them in red ink. He glanced about at the expectant faces surrounding the table. After greeting those students whom he already knew, he called roll and smiled at each in turn.

Immediately, he asked us for short autobiographies about our religious backgrounds and our previous English experiences. Dr. Chambers listened intently and seemed genuinely interested in us, not only as students, but also as people.

At the close of each class, Dr. Chambers would summarize whatever we had discussed and provide his own interpretations to help clarify our thinking and raise other issues. Of the three papers assigned, his requirements allowed creativity and original thinking. My classmates and I turned in collections of poems and short stories, as well as analysis-based papers. Dr. Chambers always offered constructive criticism tempered by ample praise of the student works and was willing to look over a draft for anyone.

It was obvious that he took his position as professor seriously and cared about his students.

Feeling very lucky that I took my advisor’s advice and enrolled in Religion and Literature with President Chambers. It was a wonderful introduction into the English department and my studies here at Western Maryland College.

Also, Dr. Chambers required us to teach a class on two of the 13 texts that we were reading during the semester. This meant that we had to do outside research and be prepared to lecture and discuss the novel for the majority of the three hour class period.

By throwing us into the teacher’s role, he helped us to think in depth about literature and figure out how to present our ideas to our peers.

Amanda Leisher had the opportunity to take Chambers’ class in spring of 1998.

Dr. Case becomes Acting Provost

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The WMC email system has been busy over the past few weeks; first it was the campus announcement about Dr. Seidel helping to fill the duties as the College’s provost while Dean Coley becomes interim president.

Case said that he is gradually working himself into the provost’s duties, and his first event as the acting provost was the Honors program’s annual banquet on April 27. He is no stranger to WMC’s Honors program, years ago he was the assistant director, along with Nancy Palmer.

So how did Case feel about Chambers’s resignation? “Surprised. Dr. Chambers has done a lot for WMC. If you look at the buildings and the appearance of the campus, this is the testimony of effectiveness of his presence,” he said. To quote the email Coley sent out campus wide, Sam Case has it all: “the respect of his colleagues, abundant historical perspective, and a publishing and writing agenda that serve as a fine example of scholarly pursuits.”

Case, a graduate in the class of 1963, has been teaching here for 35 years. During this time, he has coached wrestling, track, cross-country, lacrosse, and was an assistant football coach. Before becoming a Green Terror professor and coach, he worked at other institutions and has held other administration positions.

“Coaching involves administration—you have to plan practices, schedule meetings, and motivate people,” said Case, as he drew a parallel between his experience as a coach and an administrator. Besides teaching and coaching, Case has also devoted his time to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of American College Sports Medicine, which he just ended a term as president.

He has published works in scholarly journals and has served as associate editor for two national journals. Additionally, he has done research in Antarctica, which will be giving a presentation on soon-before he picks up the duty of an acting provost.
Hate groups, hate crimes, & diversity in Westminster

CLAIRE ADAMS
Staff Writer

Imagine confronting hate face to face. One WMC campus safety member did, while stopped at a red light in Manchester.

While his tinted car windows hid his identity to Ku Klux Klan members rallying nearby, he could see quite clearly what was about to take place.

Hate approached his car and knocked on the driver’s side window unknowingly. That’s when the white-robed Klan member surprisedly came to find that the driver was not white, but rather a person of color.

Campus Safety senior supervisor Chris Collins recalls from his experience, “I could see the fear in his eyes.”

While, Collins’ experience occurred nearly 10 years ago, hate groups are still active in Carroll County and hate crimes still threaten many county residents.

Diversification and multicultural awareness have become main goals of WMC faculty and students.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which keeps track of active hate groups all over the country, found that in 1999 Maryland was home to roughly 12 hate groups.

The groups range from the World Church of the Creator in Finksburg and Towson to the KKK in Woodsboro, 20 miles from Westminster.

Manchester police Chief Timothy Timmons reported that while the same KKK group that Collins encountered is still in Manchester, they’ve been “relatively quiet lately.”

The last reported hate crime on campus took place in November 1999, when three members of the World Church of the Creator placed recruitment pamphlets on cars in WMC parking lots.

Director of Multicultural Services Grace Almandrez explained that “Both Carroll County and WMC are small communities that are mainly white. I think there’s a misconception that hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents do not occur. Therefore, both communities are reactive versus proactive.”

While WMC has made diversity an important goal, much of Carroll County needs to also.

Carroll County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People member and WMC music professor Eric Byrd explained that currently there are no African American teachers in the county public school system.

“This world is so diverse, so the county should also,” Byrd said.

Byrd, a WMC graduate and Carroll County resident, went on to explain that while he feels diversification is poor in the community, he thinks WMC has largely improved since he first attended in 1984.

In 1992, racial epithets were burned into the WMC golf course and spray painted on the tennis courts, and National Alliance pamphlets were placed in campus mailboxes.

Campus Safety director Mike Webster explained that individuals were targeted when hate flyers were put under the doors of minority and international student residents in Rouzer.

Byrd recalls, “At the time there was a polarization. People were either shocked and outraged or didn’t care.”

Most people blame hatred on lack of knowledge.

WMC sociology professor Jean Shin explained that the lack of knowledge people have gets translated into a blame on a certain group for a societal problem.

Explanations coupled with the use of religion can be quite attractive to impressionable people, he said.

Collins believes that the hate crimes committed on campus and in the area have brought issues to the forefront at WMC. “I think there’s a stronger level of diversity,” he said.

Awareness in response to the crimes has come from some Carroll County leaders.

Westminster Mayor Ken Yowan commented, “Obviously, in our country we have freedom of speech and people are allowed to say things covertly. Individuals espouse hatred that many of us find revolting. On the other side of the coin, I think it is incumbent upon leaders to speak out against what these groups and these people stand for.”

Byrd explained that they wanted to spread the message that “we shall not be moved.”

Recently, WMC cultural groups and Greek organizations worked together to promote a stronger community by bringing former Aryan Nations propaganda leader, Floyd Cochran to campus.

Since then Multicultural Students Association President Camille Cook has received pamphlets on how to react to hate crimes from Cochran, now the director of the Education and Vigilance Network.

Cook hopes that in the future the MSA, Black Student Union, and other campus organizations can work together and educated area teenagers about diversification and facing hatred.

Fear and ignorance are promoted through hate crimes, Cook said. “Hate crimes drive people apart and force them to become hostile and resistant toward positive relationships.”

Webster feels that the 1992 incident was a catalyst for increased racial awareness and attention on campus.

“Although it was a sad thing,” he said, “it was also a good thing.”

While the multicultural clubs have provided many educational programs, Almandrez said she would like to have more students and groups take part.

“If diversity was infused in all our curricula, if more people attended multicultural programs, if there was a community effort to make diversity a priority, I believe there wouldn’t be these hate crimes, she said. “01 Education and an open mind are key to change.”

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Plagiarism problems plague English Department
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apparently so dramatic. He explains that the new Honor Code policy puts more responsibility on faculty to report violations, therefore, the number of recorded cases is growing.

”I make the assumption,” says Reiff, “that cheating is somewhat endemic for college students in general – it’s a social phenomenon. I believe that honor is a sacred trust, and that given the opportunity, people respond to this testing. However, this takes education, it’s a long-term goal . . . instituting a new Honor Code is not going to change students forever.” By doing this “we set ourselves up to be an island of honesty in a sea of deceit.”

The plagiarism violations were discovered by Mr. Bill Spence, a senior lecturer in the English department, and by Dr. Robert Kachur, assistant professor of English. All of the discoveries were due to the teachers’ detective work; there were no cases where students turned in their classmates.

Spence says all three of his cases came from the same writing assignment, due the week after spring break, and all involve first-year students. He discovered the first two cases when two students independently submitted the same paper to him.

Once he presented them with the evidence, they both confessed to taking the paper off the Internet, and he was able to go online and find the original.

He is unable to comment about the discovery of the third case at this time, but it is also an instance where a student has downloaded a paper off the Internet and submitted it as their own work, he affirmed.

Kachur’s story is similar, although he is unwilling to tell in which class(es) he is finding plagiarism. “I want people to understand that as much as we don’t want to police our students, we have become newly sensitive to the issue,” he said. Because it is an insult to students who are doing their work, we are working very hard to identify and report breaches of the Honor Code to the Honor and Conduct Board.

According to the new Honor Code policy passed last year by the SGA and the faculty, all cases of suspected plagiarism must be reported to the Honor and Conduct Board for hearing and sentencing. The 1999-2000 Student Guide and Date Book outlines the penalties for plagiarism, explaining that trial by the Honor and Conduct Board usually results in the student failing the course. The plagiarism was intentional and committed on a major assignment.

However, lesser punishments may be meted out in cases where the plagiarism was minor or unintentional. Second-time offenders face the penalty of suspension.

Some students feel that this policy may not be severe enough to get the message across. If it is not original, it is not worth putting down, says freshmen history major Patrick Dougherty. He feels that students who are caught plagiarizing should have the option of failing the assignment or recopying the entire work they cheated from by hand. “If they want to work out of a book they should write out of a book,” he concludes with a grin.

Sayre, although emphatic about the severity of plagiarism, is still willing to give most students the benefit of the doubt concerning their motives.

A lot of students come here from high-school situations where plagiarism is not as serious as it is here, he comments. Combined with the pressure of a deadline and general inexperience, the temptation to plagiarize can be very strong, he believes.

“In some cases, a student who is feeling pressured for time might simply run across a paper on the Internet and not be able to resist the temptation to make a copy,” says Spence, “That’s what I would like to believe.”

Sophomore English major Rebecca Carwell agrees that plagiarism is not acceptable, but argues that plagiarism is not always cut-clear. “A lot of times I don’t know whether I’m plagiarizing or not,” she said, adding, “If they know they’re plagiarizing, they should be punished harsher [than if they don’t know].”

Kachur believes that the temptation to plagiarize is probably due to stress, but says it sometimes leads to students turning in copied work that is not any good, which, even if they’re not caught, can result in a failing grade.

It takes almost the same amount of effort to get the right kind of help, Kachur explains. The key to all of this is communication. In all of these cases, I would have welcomed [the students] to come ask for ideas or extensions or both.

At least then the teacher is still involved in the learning process.

So what can be done to prevent plagiarism before it happens? According to Dr. LeRoy Panek, English department chair, the change needs to come from within the student body itself.

“Dishonesty is something. I’m afraid, as old as human kind, and plagiarism is dishonesty,” he said. “Rather than oaths and policing and trials and sanctions, I suspect that the way at least to minimize cheating would be to work to establish the kind of community in which respect for knowledge and the desire to acquire its benefits were the values that shaped individuals’ behavior . . . substantive change happens because of leadership and vision.”

Kachur agrees, commenting that the college needs to open a dialogue with the students about the importance of honor. “We should admit that, by asking students to abide by the Honor Code, we are in some ways asking them to act counter culturally in a society that often rewards appearance rather than substance, and achievement rather than integrity,” he said.

However, there may be other ways to reduce the rate of plagiarism, suggests Spence. “I suspect it’s extremely difficult to completely prevent plagiarism, but I think we can set up our assignments to make plagiarism more trouble than it’s worth,” he said. “That may entail more in-class work on writing assignments or perhaps giving students less freedom in selecting topics for papers.”

The six cases were scheduled to be heard by the Honor and Conduct Board before the end of the semester.

According to an email from Sayre, three separate cases have already been heard, and each student “admitted the Honor Code violation and was given the following sanction: ‘F’ in the course.”

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Amnesty International
JOANNA KRAFT Contributing Writer

The story that emerges is one of hope. No matter how bleak a situation looks, action by our club members can make a difference.”

In March, a group of about 15 students came together to form a new organization at WMC. The new organization is called Club WMC Amnesty International (AIWMC).

The idea of forming a new club at WMC stems from the mission of Amnesty International, the organization uses the name Club Amnesty International WMC since it has adapted the same mission statement as the original organization. The original Amnesty International was formed in 1961 with the idea to internationally campaign protection of human rights. The idea of a new club goes beyond national, cultural, religious, and ideological boundaries and members of Amnesty International does not work with cases in their own countries.

The word amnesty, according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary (1997), means “to grant pardon to a group of individuals.” It is considered an act of freeing all prisoners of conscience, that is, people who are being detained because of their beliefs, ethnic origin, sex, color, language, social and/or national origin, economic status, and have not used or advocated violence. Publicity and letters are important to Amnesty International, but there is never a “claim for fame” after being successful in releasing a prisoner of conscience.

The constitution of the club WMC Amnesty International, states the following; “The club WMC Amnesty International is a student organization that serves to create support and work impartially for the release of prisoners of conscience, fair trials for political prisoners, abolition of the death penalty, and an end to extra-judicial execution and disappearances.”

The club will actively work on raising awareness about prisoners of conscience on campus by writing petition letters to be signed by as many students as possible. These letters will be sent off to the country and prison in question and will hopefully help in freeing the prisoner.

So far, AIWMC has planned on working on two cases for the remainder of the semester. One case concerns a woman, Kajdha Yotha Bukhari, who was arrested in August 1997 by the police in the city of Karachi, Pakistan. Little about her whereabouts is known, but supposedly she has been in front of a military court, has been tortured, and is in poor health.

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SGA questions the new grading system

LISA VAN AREN Staff Writer

Although the faculty has announced its decision to implement a weighted grading system for the remainder of the fall semester, it seems that students are not finished hating it out with the administration, the faculty, and each other.

And although students seem to be calling for change, the WMC faculty is resolute, according to Joan Devlin-Coley, interim president.

The idea of a difference of opinion between the students and faculty, the Student Government Assembly is spearheading a campaign that hopes to give students a forum for their opinions.

They seek to educate them about introducing a new grading system in the middle of student’s WMC career.

Last week, the SGA sent letters to the student body highlighting the negative aspects of weighted grades and encouraged them to respond.

It also invited students via voice mail to a meeting discussing the grading system.

The SGA also set up a board outside of the Information Desk in Decker Center for students to jot down their opinions.

So far, student’s views seem to be polarized between those who are completely in favor of the system and those who are not.

One unnamed student wrote: “I don’t want to be punished for getting an A-minus so that someone who gets a C-plus can feel better.”

Some seem to consider opposition to the new measure as simply whining, writing such comments as “Suck it up and stop complaining.”

But whether or not the decision was right or wrong, one student was discouraged with the ordeal, wondering “why isn’t the faculty trying to hear our thoughts into consideration?”

The decision to convert to the weighted grades system was initiated in 1996 by a group of students and faculty members.

The system was not installed prior to now because of a computer problem in the registrar’s office.

Although the students who helped get the ball rolling have long since graduated, it appears that current WMC students will not have the final say in the matter.

“I think perhaps most of the faculty agreed in the end, it should be a faculty decision,” said Coley.

Steve Sharkey, SGA sophomore class president and chair of the academic committee, is optimistic about the faculty’s response to student dissatisfaction.

Sharkey said that the SGA is pushing to make the new system similar to the old.

In the SGA’s opinion, the new system should only affect incoming students so the transcripts of current students are more uniform, and the system should not be on a 4.3 scale.

“They’ll listen to what we have to say,” Sharkey said, after outlining the SGA’s future plans to continue its campaign.

Coley, however, sees problems with the SGA’s proposals since students are classified by their total credits, not their years in attendance at WMC.

The class of ‘04 might not be entirely comprised of freshmen, so implementing the new system on the incoming class might mean that some sophomores would have weighted grades.

Currently, the faculty will begin discussing the 4.3 scale that the new system would work on.

Meanwhile, members of the SGA will continue their efforts to make the faculty reconsider their position, but the future is still uncertain.

“I think the faculty did [consider student opinion],” said Coley. “And [they] disagreed.”

Thefts hinder campus organizations

FRANCESCAY NAYLOR News Co-editor

While recent thefts of computer equipment, including a printer from SGA, two laptops from VITA (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance), a scanner from the Phoenix, and a laptop from Lewis Hall remain unsolved, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster says they should not be considered uncertain.

Webster says the amount of thefts is small in comparison to those at other colleges. He also noted that some of the students believe if I’m not going to spend 60-70 hours in investigating. It doesn’t make economic sense. Just buy a new one. Of course the organizing members do not see the incidents as minor, though.

The Student Government Assembly’s printer was stolen on Jan. 22 when someone took it from their office located near the lacrosse room of Rouzer Hall. According to Matt Griffin, SGA president, a report was filed with Campus Safety immediately, but so far they have had no luck in locating it or the perpetrator.

Griffin said he has no idea who could have taken it. Webster speculates that someone took it for personal use. Obviously someone was in there for a while looking around,” he said, because only the printer and its manual were stolen. Meanwhile there is no other expensive equipment in their office that would have been worth stealing.

Griffin said he is pretty sure the office was locked at the time, and only five SGA members have keys. However, he said there is no official sheet of sign-ups at the Information Office and that they had been having problems with the door being left unlocked. Since the theft he has spoken with Christian Fellowship president, Jenny Weddle about it and asked her to spread the word. There have been no problems since.

VITA’s theft occurred between the evenings of February 10 and 11 and is also reported of being another case of breaking and entering, according to VITA student helper, Sergey Feyvusovich. Professor of economics and business Dr. Susan Milstein says before the theft of their organization’s two brand new laptops equipped with tax software, it could have gotten the keys to the closet where they were stored. VITA operated out of Goldroom B, and the closet there did not have restrictions on who could gain access to the key at the information desk until after the theft.

In hindsight Milstein said, "Had I known, I never in a million years would have put that stuff in there." Now access to their keys is limited to a few select members and are only given out by Campus Safety.

Webster wonders if that was actually where the laptops were when they were stolen; he said the equipment had been loaded in the back of a pick-up truck and driven to the Harlow pool parking lot to be unloaded.

"There were few people who knew they were being stored there [in the closet],” said Webster.

The event really saddened Milstein because it was the first year VITA had been given computers by Information Services and the IRS.

Meanwhile, members of the SGA will continue their efforts to make the faculty reconsider their position, but the future is still uncertain.

“I think the faculty did [consider student opinion],” said Coley. “And [they] disagreed.”
A Child Haunted: Hungarian Holocaust survivor speaks on campus

JOANNA KRAFT Contributing Writer

On April 27, Club Amnesty International sponsored a Hun- garian Holocaust survivor, Gyorgy “George” Pick, to come and share his story and memories of the Holocaust on campus.

“Hungarian Jew, about six million innocent Jews were killed by the Nazis and about 500,000 of them were Hungarian Jews. George Pick was one of the 15 Jewish children victims in the war who survived by luck and small acts of kindness by certain people who went enough to show sympathy for the haunting Jews. Pick opened his speech by posing the question whether we still can learn anything from the Holocaust or if it is too far removed for us in time to be relevant anymore. The Holocaust’s existence is questioned today by some people, but how can anyone turn away from thousands and thousands of witnesses and documents there are from the Holocaust?

The Holocaust was a systematic, state-sponsored genocide in which killed millions of innocent people. Genocide is still existing in the world, Pick argued. After the Holocaust, personally, there has been over 50 genocide instances around the world. “You know, the Holocaust is today also in Kosovo... People don’t learn.”

The last choices are ASL Literature minor. Pick argued that inaction by people cause things like the Holocaust and similar kinds of genocide to happen. So what can we learn from the Holocaust? Pick’s story is one of his family and what happened to the 253 members of the family during the war. His story is about the horror of death and torture, bomb raids, but, and hatred that he, a 10-year-old child, had to live with, and later on, learn to cope with. But Pick also remembers the random acts of kindness that few people showed him and his family and how these little things could make a great difference in Pick’s destiny as a Holocaust survivor.

The story of Gyorgy Pick was very personal and without going in a curse, Pick argued. Pick’s final message to the audience was to “learn tolerance, acceptence, and respect for each other’s differences”. Club Amnesty International WMC (AIWMC) likes to think that those who came out to listen to this very important message and speech.

A sign of the times: American Sign Language now WMC minor

KRISTEN G. FRASER Staff writer

A new minor has been introduced officially on campus after the April faculty meeting.

According to one Curriculum Committee member, the minor turned down because there was not strong enough foreign language courses and because of Western Maryland College's status as a liberal arts college, the minor was considered too specialized. Pick said, “I think it’s a great thing, especially if there is not a deaf major. It will help Deaf Education grad students with their ASL skills.”

Other students are intimidated by the requirements for the minor. Despite the fact that many RLC’s and RA’s are not likely because of their reputations of being uptight and strict, Songer says, “I’ve had a good experience here.” She even attests that in the future, “I would very much like to stay on a college campus. I’m looking for a place where I could continue working in student affairs.”

At the end of the year, Songer says she would also like to concentrate on getting her graduate degree in conflict and resolution studies. As part of her job, Songer has tried to get students to work better with their RA’s and improve living in the dorms. Songer’s main responsibilities were to “oversee [student] housing, housing requirements, and any other problems that may arise.” Sometimes she also helped Greek organizations improve themselves.

Junior Jeremiah Kelly received the Most Outstanding Delegate Award. Sophomore Kate Boyle received the Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Award for the 2000-2001 school year. An RA at Blanche, Boyle is the position of Attorney General. The position will be filled by Boyle. The position of Secretary of State goes to freshman Holly Smith. The students who attended were excited about the trip, and about receiving the award. The next year, they would welcome back the delegation, and the next year, the trip will be successful.

The WMC delegation took many awards for the year, including a number of positions for next year’s Council of State. The most prestigious award won by the delegation is the Most Outstanding Delegation Award. WMC also took individual awards.

Senior Brian Griffiths was recognized with the Best Organizer Award.
Sometimes it is easy to overlook or take for granted the remarkable effort a Resident Assistant exerts on a normal day. Just take the case of Rouzer RA Hussein Samater. Hussein, a sophomore political science major and graduate of Newport Prep in Kensington, MD can usually be seen sitting behind his desk working on paperwork, strolling the halls, mingling with residents or improving the dorm in any way possible.

While balancing his Resident Assistant job, which he calls “sometimes tedious” Hussein is also active in the Student Government Association, Black Student Union, International Club, Multicultural Students Association, CAPBoard, and is a tour guide for prospective students.

Hussein does all of these activities in a second floor room. Hussein’s job is very prompt in returning phone calls, keeping the floor updated, and filling work orders and incident reports. He also has the task of remembering the 56 names on a floor. “People really get mad if you forget their name. For the first few weeks of the semester, it was really difficult to remember all the names,” Hussein said.

Michael Wiles, a freshman resident of second floor Rouzer, feels that Hussein is able to do his job well because he is “accessible and approachable.”

Both Rosko, director of housing adds, “Hussein has a great rapport with his residents without sacrificing his credibility as a Resident Assistant.”

In addition, Rosko feels that Hussein fulfills the main duties of a Resident Assistant, which is to “deal with acclimation issues, develop appropriate interpersonal and social skills, and to ‘expect the residents to respect the rights of others.”

Evidence of this can be seen through the manner in which he handled an April 3 incident on his floor. Apparently, a Rouzer resident lit a paper bag on fire and left it in front of a second floor room. Hussein was quick on the scene, extinguishing the fire while at the same time looking for the culprit.

While he was all business during such a serious time, Hussein soon returned to his normal, calm demeanor. This can be attributed to what Wiles calls his “ability to be both a friend and an authoritarian.”

Hussein decided to be a Resident Assistant for several reasons: First, he needed a job. This job was ideal because it made him “a part of the college staff and it is also helpful in teaching leadership and organizational skills,” he explained.

In addition, Hussein wants to “help students and be a role model.”

Before attending WMC, Hussein, a Spaniard in nationality and Islamic in belief, lived in Saudi Arabia and received his education through the British education system. Hussein first visited the US in 1981 and then again in 1990. When he was born in 1990, “it wasn’t a huge culture shock. I already knew English and was exposed to American music and television. However, my father was not as prepared when he came to college.”

While visiting the United Kingdom, Hussein traversed the eastern seaboard, from Massachusetts to Florida. Eventually, he would attend his senior year in high school at Newport Prep.

From there, he decided to attend college in the Washington DC/Maryland area, WMC fit this requirement.

In retrospect, he feels that he made a good choice. He is only disappointed that it is difficult to visit his favorite places such as Washington DC and the Baltimore Inner Harbor because it is only possible to visit them off campus if you have a car or money.

While at WMC and Newport Prep, he has found that while most Americans are very friendly, there is a hint of American nationalism and “an inability to understand other cultures at times.” That is why Hussein values the WMC campus, for he can offer another perspective.

He occasionally feels homesick, missing his family, his religion and culture; there are not many mosques in Carroll County. Despite this, Hussein remains steadfast to his culture and faith, and tries to pray five times a day. Additionally, he does not drink, smoke or eat pork in order to remain dedicated.

If you ask any of his residents, supervisors or friends, they will tell you that Hussein is one of the most dedicated individuals at WMC.

**Marat/Sade Wows Audience**

**Shauna Dominguez**
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If you’ve taken Art History you are probably familiar with the 1793 painting Death of Marat by Jacques Louis David. Do you know the story behind Marat’s death?

Well if you were fortunate enough to see the Western Maryland College production of The Assassination and Assassication of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Impious of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade (referred to as Marat/Sade), then you have seen it performed.

The audience was thrown into the psycho- chthonic atmosphere of the show the moment the doors to the lobby opened and some of the inmates appeared to collect the tickets and hand out programs.

Right away the audience met several of the characters face to face and got a taste of what was to come.

Once the play started there wasn’t a still moment. Marat/Sade contains everything a person could want in a play from the goofy Duperot (Don Todt), to the serious Marat and Sade (Jon Reynolds and Kelly Dunnavant respectively), to the two scary Attendants (Jus- tin Adkins and Dave Kemp), to the wonderful singing and dancing from the rest of the members of the cast.

The play was very well performed and it was obvious how much hard work went into each actor/actress’s role.

It had to have been a difficult task to learn, recite, and perfect the character of a mentally ill person. The acting was very realistic and each character was uniquely portrayed.

The stage was impressive, giving the whole theater the atmosphere of an insane asylum, right down to the jail cell-like bars and chains and drab colors.

The costuming was also very well done from the awful stained canvas outfits of the patients to the exquisite suits of the Marquis de Sade and Coulmier (Andrew McCord) to the beautiful gowns of Coulmier’s wife and daughter (Faye Ingram and Roxann Ingram respectively).

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Students were all smiles during the Saturday festivities.
Clockwise from top left: Mary Muro and Dave Trader show off their balloon hats, Tricia Chin Quee gets a henna tattoo, Betsy Hanway (l) and Jen Bruce take a photo break, Rich Suchoski "hangs out" on the Spider Web, Missy O'Brien (l) and Julie Keough relax on the quad, Danielle Kehm laughs in between flips on the Trampoline Thing.

Photos by Erin Owen
Reflections on WMC: Seven seniors share their memories

Megan Mlckesy (Business/Econ., future entrepreneur)

"Since I've been here the food has changed for the better. There's a better selection of food and constant variety. I really enjoyed my experience here, and I feel like I've learned a lot. I have to say that, though I did meet a few people who were small-minded and spoke ignorantly which I cannot tolerate and yes, I am looking forward to graduation. I am really looking forward to the next stage of my life. I feel like my time here is up."

Jon Reynolds (Communication, theater performer)

"The student body has grown a lot over the past few years; when I came here the school definitely felt smaller. I really enjoy the accessibility of the teachers, because I feel like I can be friends with them. I don't like feeling trapped on campus though, sometimes it feels so isolating. I've been here five years and almost all my friends have or are graduating, so it is definitely time to go."

Nicole Sinclair (Sociology/Criminal Justice, CAPBoard/College Activities)

"Over the last four years, the diversity on campus has increased, and there is a lot of new construction and renovation. I really like the closeness between people here and the peaceful atmosphere. I dislike the limited range of majors offered here and the cost of tuition - it's really expensive! In regards to leaving, I have mixed feelings. I am glad to be leaving the world, but I will miss the friends that will still be here."

Katrina Threat (Communication, screen writing & directing)

"Clar's changed - there's more variety of food. I disliked the lack of communication from students to faculty, students to students, and faculty to students. I am grateful that I learned a lot from my teachers and the college experience. However, I am ready to leave. It's becoming claustrophobic!"

Earth Day in DC: a call to consciousness

Kate Esposito

This year April 22 was more than just the day before Easter. It was Earth Day, more than just a day for hippies, it was a day of concern, reflection, and hope. Clean energy was the focus of this year’s celebration on the mall in Washington DC. Old and young, liberal and conservative, came together to honor their “mother.”

Although the main draw was said to be event sponsor Leonardo DiCaprio, those over the age of 15 also remember dynamic speakers ranging from US Congressmen, to organization leaders (such as the presidents of The National Organization for Women and The Children’s Defense Fund), to TV and film celebrities. Usuallyoteric stars such as Tom Arnold proved to be more than just talking heads. Arnold, after cracking jokes about predecessor Bill Nye the Science Guy, made a passionate argument against factory farming in his native Iowa.

Other well-known stars included: The Indigo Girls, blues singer Keb Mo, and singer, Maya, who seemed less inspired; she sang her hit “Angel of Mine” then quickly left. The main event for the parent generation was a collaboration between David Crosby, James Taylor, and Carole King. Taylor also gave an excellent rendition of Janis Joplin’s “You can’t know what you’ve got ’til it’s gone.”

Westministerites may have enjoyed the performance by country singer Clint Black who wrote a song for the event with such insightful lyrics as “Earth Day, a rebirth day” which seemed a bit more appropriate for Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood than communicating a serious message. Third Eye Blind performed the two hit songs from their new album while admitting that they were “completely off topic.”

As equal as it was the performers were the five tea tents located south of the capitol building. These were dedicated to environmental, animal rights, and human rights organizations.

Visitors left these areas with a barrage of fliers and bumper stickers, along with exposure to new ideas (such as golf tees made out of corn, carpet and pencils made from recycled cardboard, and new and efficient forms of energy); and a chance to make their voice heard through petitions and postcards.

Even the weather seemed to respect the event; the gray sky refused to rain. In the end, the only drawback seemed to be time. The event was cut off by the park service due to time constraints, with several speakers and musical acts left to go.

Overall the day was at most inspiring and most entertaining to all present. It also increased awareness to the fact that anyone can have a voice. It let anyone working for social change realize that they are not alone.

Contest winning poet Henry Taylor speaks

Shauna Dominguez

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The 14th annual B. Christopher Bothe Memorial Poetry Reading was held on Monday April 10, 2000 in McDaniell Lounge. Both the family and friends established a fund for an annual event where one writer visits Western Maryland College and gives a lecture or reading. The writer also spends the day of the lecture at the college meeting students.

This year the reading was by esteemed poet Henry Taylor. Taylor is Co-Director of the MFA Program in Creative Writing as well as a Literature Professor at American Uni-
FEATURES

Super savory summer horoscopes

CATHY PENNINGTON AND LISA VAN AUSEN
Short Wavers

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
Happy birthday to the mighty bulls! This is your day to sit back, relax, contemplate the meaning of your existence, and not do a damn thing, and tomorrow when the shit hits the fan, blame it on the Phoenix.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Promise of sultry summer days inspires you to dress up as Judy Garland and sing "Swing City" in the middle of Red Square. Be sure to throw a big smile at my window because I'll be taking pictures.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
This summer you will get in touch with your lost childhood; splash around, blow bubbles, play in the sand, and don't think you're too old to watch all the Muppet Movies!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)
Grrrr Lions! Usually ambitious, Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 21) is looking for hard liquor in the dorms. Usually hard, Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22) is looking for hard liquor in the dorms.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 23)
Ever want to pick up the phone and call someone you don't know? Why don't you? Say something nice or funny to brighten their day.

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 21)
"Summer lovin' had me a blast, Summer lovin' had me a blast..." AAAHHH!!!

Sagittarius (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Are you really going to study all weekend? Nah! Take some time out and go dance in the fields!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Here's your assignment, today incorporate as many Freudian slips into your conversations as possible, then tell your friends they have dirty minds for reading something sexual into everything you say.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Studying for finals leaves you restless; take a break, jump in a lake, and take up water polo.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
The last weekend of school, what to do? Hey those weirdos in the field look like they're having fun!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)
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Interview with maintenance worker S. Glenn Martin

Tyson: How did you get into this line of work?

Martin: I needed a job so I applied and been here ever since.

Tyson: What do you see yourself doing five years from now?

Martin: In the next five years I expect to be here doing floors. I have been here for 13 years; so, I just figure I might as well stay. The benefits are good and I figure that the pay will get better. I also like the people-students and a lot of the staff.

Tyson: What are some of your hobbies and how do you spend your leisure time?

Martin: In my spare time I like to charter fish on the weekends in the months of April through December. It is a six-man charter where we troll around looking for Blue Marlin, Dolphin, Wahoo, and Striped Bass. I have been charter fishing since 1985.

In my leisure I like to watch professional wrestling and listen to heavy metal, classic rock and the blues. Some of my favorite blues artists include Tracey Chapman and local bands such as Kelly Bell and Chris James Band.

Tyson: What are the pros/cons of your job?

Martin: The pros of being a custodial worker is when we do our job and it looks good; it feels good. The con of the job is when you are doing a job and more work is thrown on you while you are doing something else. An example of this is when someone is out sick; you have to pick up his or her job. The solution to this problem is to hire more help.

Tyson: Do you consider WMC to be a good employer? How could they be better?

Martin: The benefits are great, but the housekeeping department is well under paid. WMC could be a better employer by improving the pay and the residential dorms such as Rouzer and Whiteford. They have been working on modernizing buildings; however, the walls still need painting.

The rooms have been somewhat improved, but they could still be a little better than they are presently. WMC did a great job of implementing drop ceilings, but the walls could have been painted over with a brighter color; the color they use now makes Rouzer look drab.

Tyson: Do you have any concerns with your job?

Martin: I have never had any problems with my job except for the roof on the lower level of Decker. For 10 years it seems like every time it rains the roof just leaks a lot. I constantly report it and they (physical plant) always try to fix it, but the roof leaks even more. Things like this make my job harder because the other maintenance workers and I have to get buckets and put them on the stairwells and in the game room, which are the places it always leaks.

Tyson: How do you relax in your free time?

Martin: Relax, Relax, is what most WMC students are doing top of the summer. Tests, papers, and oral presentations are the demands of most WMC students before exams. Most are looking forward to packing up bags and shipping out as far away from the summer. But when you exit the premises of campus you may begin to wonder what others are doing during the summer.

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Freshman Kate Facinopone said, “I am going to really pay attention to the first act with the whole setting up of the plot. I can see the actors’ lips move, but I could not focus on the words they were saying. Luckily, it is Shakespeare, so I know the story anyway. During the intermission I took a short catnap that rejuvenated me and let me adequately critique the second act. Macbeth (Ritchie Coster) and his wife (Pippa Pearthree) have aspirations of ruling Scotland, so they plan and accomplish an assassination to ensure their rise to the throne. They have trouble dealing with the murder and so begin a rapid descent into psychosis. The strange behavior of the king makes the underlying power structure question the king and rebel against him. In one of Shakespeare’s darkest works, humor and tragedy alternately take control of the stage. The spectrum ranges from a porter’s (Craig Mathers) lighthearted monologue as he drinks up a brew he mistakenly regimented to the violent lynching of Macduff’s family who was left behind during his exile.

The solid cast of twelve performs quite admirably. A buff Ritchie Coster (The Tuscan Crown, Affair, New York Undercover) assumes the role of Macbeth, showing off his incredible skill in swordplay, Pippa Pearthree (The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd, Village of the Damned) plays Lady Macbeth and entreats us to an over-ambitious character that is crushed by her heavy guilt. Roland Bull, who has performed with Sir Alec Guinness, Sir Laurence Olivier, and William Shatner, credibly shoulders the roles of Duncan and Siward. His vast experiences shows through in his eloquent acting style.

Last year he appeared in the critically acclaimed run of Travels with my Aunt. You may recognize him as Drew Ricks in Spin City or Fenwick on As the World Turns. Soelista, a one-time Tony Award nominee, powerfully assumes the roles of a witch, Macduff’s young son, and a simple gentlewoman. It is quite remarkable to see an actor perform such a wide variety of characters so admirably. She was a pleasure to watch.

The show is quite good because the play is quite good. This performance is a good general rendition of the play. It is an incredible step forward in comparison to The House of the Rising Sun. If you have never seen Macbeth, I advise you to take the Center Stage performance in, but if you have already seen it, you are not missing anything revolutionary. If you do decide to see it, hurry. The show closes the second week of May. Ticket prices vary show to show. Call (410) 332-0033 for tickets.
**Microsoft poised to take a major fall**

In May, the Microssoft Corporation faces division by the US government due to the 1993 merger between America Online and Time Warner. This division was proposed by US District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who issued his rulings on the unfair business practices of the software corporation. The 43-page report could dismantle the software giant in the same way that Bell was divided into such groups as Bell Atlantic, Bell South, and Pacific Bell.

A result of events earlier in May, Microsoft's stock value has been sliced from around $115 dollars per share at the beginning of the month, to 66 5/8 Wednesday.

This initiative was made because Microsoft has inhibited other corporations from entering the same market by including Internet Explorer in its Windows operating platform.

As a result, 19 states, including Maryland are following suit and suing Microsoft. These states are in favor of dividing Microsoft into two companies, one of which would sell Internet software, while the other would sell Windows. Should Microsoft be divided because of this? They should not be divided so hastily. When I bought my computer, it came with a Windows. Should Microsoft be divided be- cause they expect the Republicans to take over the White House. A new administration, especially if it is Republican, might decide the antitrust battle against the company.
Inconsistent honors requirements are unfair

Francesca Saylor comments on the varying ways to receive departmental honors by major.

Some departments seem to be more fair than others when it comes to making their [honors] expectations known.

Do you know what the requirements are to receive honors in your major upon graduation? If not, you’re not alone. Many of the people I asked had no idea what the answer to this question is. And several of them were seniors, even graduates with excellent grades that probably would have been eligible.

Yet, they didn’t even know, or care to know, if they were eligible. Perhaps this is because it might be too much trouble even finding where the requirements are listed. When I asked for them at the registrar’s office no one could help me. A secretary quickly flipped through a guidance bulletin and told me that would be of no help. I looked on the school’s web page, but weren’t all compiled together. So, I called the chairs of several departments (since even many secretaries weren’t sure of them) in order to find out, and some of them referred to the guidance bulletin.

The variation between departments is amazing! Now, don’t get me wrong, I obviously understand that art is not the same as biology and so forth, but one wonders if such vast differences are necessary. Yes, it is true that each department is responsible for creating its own criteria; however, is it that someone in one major may have to write a 50 page paper (political science) and deliver a lecture about it while others merely have to turn in their notes some projects they have already completed, along with a short summary (theatre)?

For the most part, each department has a requirement of at least 3.2 GPA (3.5 in some) in the major. Although this seems to be rather uniform across campus, the requirement of an GPA of 3.0 is the lowest. The irony is, since Rouzer is a freshman dorm, why is it not one of the cleanest building? You would think that the Housekeeping Department would have a clean building, right? What about the bathrooms? They are cleaned in much the same way, which is to say that they are left in an entirely unsanitary condition.

With practically days standing between us and the end of the Spring 2000 semester, I must now look back, one last time, upon my favorite topic of criticism: Rouzer Hall. Over the past two semesters, I have regarded all of you with stories “from the inside” things that have made you both repel in shock and laugh out loud, or, more accurately, both on this sunny Wednesday afternoon.

Looking back, I have begun to wonder if anything has changed over the past two semesters, for better or for worse. Have my observations changed, and how? Unfortunately, the property of The Phoenix and cannot be retold.

I must say I have no regrets, without any doubt. Rouzer Hall has given me many good stories; events and occurrences that I can shock all of my University of Maryland friends with over the upcoming summer.

Now on to the narcissism. Have my periodic editorials about Rouzer Hall made any difference in the way people think about it, or inspired anyone to action? Probably not.

However, one of my neighbors did post a section of my first article on his door during the first semester, which made me feel like I was making a difference. However, after numerous other recent inspections, I noticed that my article has long since disappeared, and has been replaced by a bikini-clad woman holding a turf board.

As I near the end of my stay in this building among buildings, I must say I have no regrets.
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Saying farewell to a great leader

You may have seen the recent reports or overheard the reactions to the Dr. Robert Chambers' resignation as President of Western Maryland College.

Chambers, who has been on sabatical leave since late December 1999, felt that now was his time to resign.

This dedicated and hard working man has brought much inspiration and change to WMC and its community and he will be sorely missed by all those he touched.

A call for change of teen apathy

Eric Barry says farewell with a tribute to actor Corey Haim.

I guess we will all get to see for ourselves.

Actually we will probably have to wait until it goes to video or the USA channel. Corey Haim isn't exactly good box office fodder in the millennium.

To make some cash he does signautings at conventions and what not. He also steals clear of the other Corey (Feldman) to avoid the stigma of the 80s.

To the Corey Haim like Paul Reubens (Pee Wee Herman). They don't have any hip credibility in the year 2000, but seeing them in a film is as good as it gets.

A Hero of the '80s: Corey Haim

Being that this is my final article for the Phoenix, I want to make it special. I am dedicating it to the one and only, Corey Haim. No he is not dead. He just deserves some credit.

He solely exemplifies the essence of the 80s. He was the star of many cheesy 80s movies. Charlie Sheen, Jim Varney, Winona Ryder, Nigge Eggert, Gary Busey, and many others all have worked with him.

Being from Toronto didn't help his career at all. He had the California look and the Nebraska charm. However, instant success with teen flicks soon had him type cast, and eventually out of work.

In the late 80s, Haim got fed up with the lack of role offers so he started producing his own films, which eventually led to his declaring bankruptcy in the state of California.

My sources close to the star, say he is a little on the chubby side. However, with the expected release of "Groove Society" approaching, he is set to make some cash.

This is for all these reasons and more that WMC students, faculty, administration, and the WMC community regret to see Chambers go, although his great leadership, vision, contributions, and accomplishments will remain with them forever and for this they are forever grateful.

A year has come and gone and so the suckers return on my first year in college.

So much has happened, and I have witnessed so much during this period.

Of course, the most obvious news is that the long-time Western Maryland College president, Robert Chambers, resigned.

Although I never personally knew him, I still feel a sense of loss of having never got the chance to meet him and to know him as some of the older students did.

There have been several national and international events during the past year which have also caused controversy and sparked political revolutions.

The most obvious example of this is the Elian Gonzalez case, where a 6-year-old boy’s future hinge on the balance thanks to the politics of today.

The other most unexpected turn of events was John McCain, who was a Vietnam War Veteran, was never really expected to make an impact on front-runner George W. Bush.

However, McCain’s upset in Bush in the New Hampshire primaries, he was finally taken seriously – both by critics and by Bush.

Edward K. Schulteins examines the trend of teen apathy in today’s society.

I cannot help but wonder about it. I have been here only a year now, and I have still witnessed many events, both on and off campus.

I have tried to write positive commentaries, but have at the same time written negative editorials whenever I felt they were needed.

If I can do it, and so can other writers from the Phoenix, why can’t the rest of the student body?

This is the age of apathy it seems, and judging by how many young people voted in the primaries this year, it seems that they can care less.

Then they wonder why no one listens to them when they complain about the system.

It’s this kind of apathetic attitude that makes me wonder about my generation.

I constantly hear how there should be more writers for the pages, and how there are many other stories that aren’t covered.

But, when you ask those people to write about it, they don’t. They have enough time to complain, but try to make a difference, that’s a bit too much.

This was McCaín’s message.

He consciously made an effort to draw in the younger generation, he tried to change the apathy that had been building up for years.

Even though they backed off to him, and voted more for him than any other candidate, it wasn’t enough to haul his defeat.

This generation, the generation that is just coming into power, is capable of so much.

Until we get out of our rut of constant complaining with no support, things will never change.

Our generation will always be apathetic, and people will always be complaining about the Pub or SGA or supposedly racist months, but it takes action to bring about change.

Our generation needs someone to step up to the plate and make change happen.

Are you that person?

We pay around $30 dollars per year to park on campus, a rather modest amount compared to other colleges, nevertheless, we should be guaranteed a parking spot when we pay this money.

A call for change of teen apathy

Brad Widner calls for changes in the WMC parking system.

In recent months, the WMC campus has made itself open for major weekend events such as the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament, several admitted student days, and most recently, Western Maryland College Reunion weekend.

This has caused a major problem for current WMC students; there is not any parking left.

During the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament, I had to maneuver my way through a maze of buses, cars and people.

In the end, I had to park off campus.

This disturbs the lives of current WMC students immensely. Many students said that they would not move their cars in fear that they would not be able to park on campus for the remainder of the weekend. Is that fair?

I agree that admitted students day and Reunion Weekend are necessary events, but there must be something we can do about the parking.

As for the Maryland State Wrestling Tournament, I do not think it is possible to accommodate such an event here at WMC.

WMC is a small college, possibly half the size of many high parking spaces would certainly help their situation when battling for a spot just so they can make it to class on time.

We pay around $30 dollars per year to park on campus, a rather modest amount compared to other colleges. Nevertheless, we should be guaranteed a parking spot when we pay this money.

Furthermore, in the winter, the snow removal crew should do a better job so that we do not have to back our cars out of a giant snowbank the plow so thoughtfully placed behind our cars. I feel like I'm in Antarctica, not Maryland. Thankfully winter is behind us.

Will any of this happen? Probably not, but it’s always nice to dream.
COMMENTARY

New Maryland gun bill: a shot in the foot

Brian Griffiths examines the effects of the newly instituted Maryland gun law.

The people on this side of the issue have used all the political tools at their disposal to try to revoke our Second Amendment rights and take guns out of the hands of honest, hard working Americans.

It's a 162-game schedule. It's not three weeks. Anything can happen. Guys can get hot. Parris Glendening is an ex-football player. He divides them into two types of states; non-discretionary carry states, which allow virtually anyone to carry a concealed weapon, and other states which usually have various restrictions on carrying or outright outlaw carrying. Maryland is one of the latter states.

What did Dr. Lott's studies reveal? The statement that the lowest rate of murders were those that allowed anybody to carry a concealed weapon.

Violent crime is 81% higher in states that restrict the citizens' right to carry; it's 96% higher in states that allow almost no gun use. When criminals have no way of telling who is armed and who is not, the crime rates generally are lower. So if the abolition of all handgun use is going to correlate to society's good, then somebody can explain why the murder rate in states that forbid concealed weapons is 127% higher than those that allow anybody to carry a concealed weapon.

Gun control advocates generally don't like statistics like that to be broadcast in the media. Whenever groups like the National Rifle Association or Gun Owners of America publicize these numbers, the media generally identifies them as fanatics.

Politicians who advocate gun control generally don't like the reporting of these kinds of things either. Thus, they might be stuck in the position that Maryland State Senate Judicial Proceedings Chairman Walter M. Baker finds himself in presently.

Baker's耕地y friendship from Carroll County had introduced Senate Bill 234 this legislative year, a bill that would loosen the restrictions on concealed carry laws in Maryland. Thisproblem was, Baker called the vote while Senator Ferguson was in the bathroom and unable to vote for his own bill.

The politicians cannot overtly bring gun control to our state and our nation. They try to sneak it in through the back door by promoting the so-called public safety of their constituencies. "This is the reason why SB 234 was passed. It is one more step towards the abolition of firearms, the abolition of the 2nd Amendment, and the abolition of the right of the American citizen to defend themselves.

The numbers speak for themselves. The less gun control bills enacted, the safer it is for law-abiding citizens. We've already got 20,000 gun laws on the books that aren't being enforced. The rights of the citizens have held up in the courts by cases such as 1833's Supreme Court case, 1850's State of Louisiana v. Chandler, and 1894's Miller v. State of Texas.

Unfortunately, gun control advocates in Maryland have sentenced Maryland to an unsafe, unserious, dangerous future. A shame really.

One of the nicknames for our state is "The Free State." When one is living in fear for their lives and can't readily use a handgun for self-defense, how free can that person truly be?

America's bloodiest home videos

Matthew Hurff examines the recent video release of the Columbine shooting spree.

If you haven't seen enough carnage from the Columbine shooting, you can now view it on videocassette for your whole family to relive over and over again.

This video, released Tuesday, containsgraphic footage of bloodstained carpets, bullet shattered windows, and worst of all, wounded children being dragged from the besieged high school. This tape is being distributed to victim's families and sold to others by the Littleton Fire Department for $25 dollars. This is one of the most ridiculous ideas I have ever heard of.

Hey, why don't we tape US. soldiers dying in battle and send it to victim's families? Maybe instead we should videotape the grotesque, mangled remains of an airplane crash to display to all the media. This video was apparently released first to fire departments at a convention in Albuquerque, NM for training purposes only.

How is this at this convention, snippits of footage taped by firefighters surrounding the school were accidentally released to the media.

What kind of value do law enforcement agencies to view this video, so that the mistakes of this tragedy can be avoided and the tactics that were effective can be shared.

However, what I find particularly puzzling is that this "training video" has Sarrah McLachlin's "I Remember You" along with other songs, playing in the background. Call me crazy, but I do not think that policemen and firefighters are huge Sarah McLachlin fans, therefore, someone must have been planning on releasing this blood-drenched piece of film to the public from the start.

But wait, I agree with Beth Nimm, the mother of slain student Rachel Scott when she says, "For the first time today, I saw my daughter being dragged over to the fire engine. I don't need to see that and nobody else needs to see that."

This is just a case of thoughtlessness on the part of the Littleton Fire Department and the authorities that are selling this video for $25 dollars.

I do believe that their intentions were good, as they wanted a way to help law enforcement agencies deal with such situations in the future, and maybe even create some way of remembering the victims of this tragedy.

However, it was not the way to approach the issue. Even when the shooting was happening, many news agencies released flankers from Columbine, such as student Patrick Ireland plummeting from a 2nd story window among chards of glass as a last ditch effort for the media.

What makes the authorities think that in a year the public would now want to watch three hours of such gore?
Men’s lacrosse team has successful season despite recent loss

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Gettysburg’s April 15 win over Washington College ended Western Maryland’s hopes for a Centennial Conference championship, but it has not prevented them from having one of the most successful seasons in team history.

The Green Terror’s upset victory of St. Mary’s (9-5) Saturday gave them a three game win streak, and their record to 11-3 (4-1). The team had only won 11 or more games twice previously, in 1974 (12) and 1997 (11).

Midfielder Dave Riley ('01) and Joe Ellis ('03) capped the victory, providing a 3-0 run in the final five minutes of the game to give the Terror the 9-5 win.

Riley scored the first of those two goals, and Ellis added the game’s final goal with just over two minutes to play.

Goalie Brian Nottingham ('02) held the St. Mary’s attack in check, with 23 saves in the game en route to holding the Terror’s opposition to single digits in scoring for the third time this season.

The game also marked the first time this season that WMC won despite scoring in the single digits.

Tom Brown announced his goal to the effort, his 50th of the season. He is only three goals shy of tying Western Maryland’s all-time single season record. His last effort to break this record will be Saturday at Washington College.

Dave Riley had three goals in the game to lead the Terror, and Ellis added two more.

Exactly three days earlier, Ellis put on a show against Dickinson, scoring eight goals, as the Terror cruised past the Red Devils (11-2, 6-0) 17-4. The win marked the 26th consecutive time that the Terror have defeated Dickinson.

Ellis contributed three goals to a 3-0 Terror run to end the first quarter, putting the Terror on top 5-2. Ellis also scored back to back third quarter goals in just 13 seconds to put Western Maryland ahead 12-4.

The eight goals gave Ellis 45 on the season, placing him just four behind conference leader, and teammate, Tom Brown.

It was Brett Sweeney ('01) who led the charge in an April 22 matchup at home against Franklin and Marshall (4-0, 2-2). Sweeney poured in five goals and dished out another two assists, as the Terror just did hold on to beat the Dips 13-12.

Western Maryland trailed F&M 7-5 at the half, but fought back to take a 10-8 lead early in the fourth quarter when Sweeney added the lead with back to back goals, just seven seconds apart to push WMC’s lead to four.

F&M would not fade away, however, as they mounted a comeback and pulled to within one with just 46 seconds to play.

The Terror defense held, however, and got the victory.

Riley and Ellis each added three goals to the attack, and Brown added the other two.

The Terror, however, could not pull out the close one at home in an April 19 showdown with a tough Widener (8-4) team. The Pioneers used two late first quarter goals just 27 seconds apart to go ahead 4-2, and never looked back.

Joey Ellis once again led the attack for WMC with three goals. Western Maryland, however, could not keep pace with Widener’s senior Tom Robson, who either scored or assisted in seven of Widener’s first nine goals. Robson, in fact, was the main reason a 6-3 Terror halftime deficit turned into a 9-3 margin in the third quarter.

He scored the first two himself, and assisted the third.

Sweeney and Riley each added two goals for the Terror.

These most recent games have actually been a cool down for Ellis, who exploded at Haverford (3-7, 0-6) 17-8. The win marked the 26th time Ellis has scored 26 goals in a game, and was just one goal shy of the team record.

WMC’s record for goals in a game is 31. Ellis also added four assists. Both his goals and total points against Haverford are Terror freshman records.

For his effort against Haverford, Ellis was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week on April 15.

This game started a trend for Ellis. In the nine games prior to April 15, Ellis had scored a total of 21 goals. In the five games since then, he has scored 26.

The Terror wrap up their season Saturday at Washington College (10-3, 4-1).

A win would give Western Maryland a 12 win season for the first time since 1974, and tie their team record for victories in a season.
Terror Baseball sets their sights on the Conference Title

GREG LEEBERG

Last year when the Western Maryland College Men’s baseball lost the final regular season to Ursinus for the Centennial Conference title, the team set a goal to regain the championship this spring. All of their practices and games came down to a few more games with the conference title on the line.

With the playoffs around the corner, the team is still in contention for the Centennial Conference title. Presently in third place in the division and winners in 7 out of their last 8 league games, the team still trails conference leader Ursinus by only two and a half games with one more pivotal weekend to go in the season.

The season will end with a huge Saturday doubleheader against the conference leader away and a Sunday home game against runner-up Johns Hopkins. The team controls their own destiny and has a chance at another championship season.

On April 11, the team played an away game against league foe Washington College. The Green Terror had a tough game against opposing pitcher Dave Briggs who earlier in the week set a conference record with 16 strikeouts in one game, and only managed four hits on the night.

The opponent scored all three of their runs they would need in the second inning and cruised to a 3-1 home win.

The Green Terror scored their lone in the sixth inning when Catcher Jon Vandernat’s double hit by a pitch, was moved to third on a single by senior Ryan Legge, and driven in by Kevin Colbertton’s RBI of the season with a sacrifice fly ball.

Later in the week, the team looked to get payback when Washington College visited on April 14. The team got another great pitching performance from senior Brent Fuchs whose first career shutout and career-high 14 strikeouts carried them to a 2-0 victory.

The offense started up in the second inning when sophomore right fielder Kevin Colbertton hit his second home run of the season, a solo shot, and senior Tim Smith tripled and was then driven in with a catcher Jon Vandeunert sacrifice fly.

The team struck again in the eighth when junior shortstop Mike Wolfe (3 for 4) doubled and was followed by three RBI base hits from seniors Sean Giblin, Barrett Gugliotta, and junior Kacy Jenkins.

Washington College tried to make a late rally in the ninth when the loaded the bases with only one out, but Fuchs knuckled down and struck out the next batter and got a groundout to register a victory for the home team. Gugliotta went 5-4 on the night with an RBI and Jenkins raised his RBI total on the season to 25.

The team looked to continue their great play this season when they visited conference foe Haverford for a Saturday doubleheader. In a tight first game, the Green Terror got solid pitching from junior Dan Elbaz and early offense to pull out a 5-4 win.

Earlier in the week, senior outfielder/designated hitter Ryan Legge was honored as the Centennial Conference player of the week. After last year of batting only .204, he has raised his average this season to a sizzling .429 with a lofty eight doubles and is fourth in the conference in batting. His hard work and dedication in the off-season has paid off with his tremendous play this year as a senior.

Another honor was bestowed upon the Green Terror as senior right-hander Brent Fuchs was named pitcher of the week in the Centennial Conference for the second time in the month of April. He is 4-2 on the season with a 1.53 era and his 16 career wins puts him in fifth place in the history of the program. He has struck out 192 men which is just 20 strikeouts short of the team record and holds the team record for saves with 10. He will be badly missed next season for the program.

On April 20, the team played a key away game against conference rival, Johns Hopkins. With second place in the division on the line, the teams competed in a slugfest despite having both teams aces on the hill: Yan Rosenberg and Fuchs. Hopkins jumped ahead to a 7-2 lead in the fourth inning, but the Green Terror struck back quickly with a six run attack in the top of the fifth inning to take a 8-7 win. It was to be short lived as the home team struck back with five more in the bottom of the inning and fought for a 12-10 win.

The offense was paced by Wolfe (2 for 2), and home runs by Guy Sheetz (4 RBIs) and Kacy Jenkins. The loss put the Green Terror at 14-11 on the year.

On April 24, the team visited Franklin and Marshall College for a Saturday doubleheader. The first game was an old fashioned pitching duel between WMC’s senior Barrett Gugliotta and F&M’s Geoff Graydon, as both teams couldn’t muster any offense until late in the game.

F&M struck first with a run in the bottom of the sixth, but the Green Terror would in the seventh and final inning. With two men on, sophomore third baseman Guy Sheetz hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game at 1-1 and with two outs, junior catcher Rich Steigerwalt drove in the winning run with a double.

Steigerwalt, a two-year letterman, has missed many games this season with fracture on his hand and his winning hit was only his second RBI of the year. Gugliotta got his second win by only yielding one run over seven inning of work.

In the nightcap, the team received solid innings from junior pitcher Dan Elbaz and great hitting from the offense to get a 10-6 road win. From the start, the offense was hot and the pitching was enough for an 8-4 lead in the third inning with catcher Jon Vandeunert’s 3 for 3, 2 doubles, and four RBI leading the way.

Senior Tim Smith went 2-4 and junior Mike Wolfe was 2-4 with two RBIs to pace the offense. It was the second sweep of a doubleheader in a row for the team and puts them still in contention for the conference title.

The team was looking to continue their sizzling play when they visited conference foe, Dickinson for an April 25 game. The team got off to a hot start by putting four runs on the board in the first inning, which all they would need with ace pitcher Brent Fuchs on the mound. Fuchs pitched another complete game masterpiece by allowing only runs and 7 hits and fanning ten batters.

The Ridgely, MD product is now only six strikeouts away from breaking the school record of 212 in a career. In the scoring burst, Tim Smith and Kevin Colbertton drove in a run each, and senior Ryan Legge finished off the rally with a two-run double to cruise to a 4-2 away win.

The win was the team’s third consecutive road win, which gives them a chance at the league title when they visit conference leader Ursinus for a Saturday doubleheader that will most likely decide the fate of this year’s team.

If the team continues to their solid play of late, there is a good chance that this could be another championship season for the Western Maryland College Men’s Baseball.