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(From l to r) A first year student, Caroline Rogers, Randy Pytzer, and Michael Baker make a shoe sculpture created from donations which will be sent to Kenya. The sneaker drive was sponsored by Alumni Affairs.

## Freshman class faces orientation changes

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
News Editor

Initiated by a Peer Mentor Advisory Board, changes in this year's Freshman Orientation program were intended to make the first days at college more enjoyable for freshmen, said Board member Meghan Humbert, a junior English major.

Changes included an extra hour at the Four Seasons Resort and a candlelight vigil to welcome new students.

Also, the downtown scavenger hunt of last year's orientation was eliminated because of high temperatures, but students could explore downtown Westminster Saturday morning if they wanted to.

Specific to this year's program was a collection drive sponsored by the Alumni Affairs office. Over the summer, incoming freshmen were asked to bring in a pair of tennis shoes or sneakers to benefit runners in Kenya, where running is a national pastime. After the students made a shoe sculpture, the dona-

tions were cleaned and sent to Kenya.

The annual picnic at Harvey Stone Park was moved to Red Square, but due to rain, the picnic was transferred inside to Englar Dining Hall. Food Services also presented a Carnival Picnic to freshmen.

But whether the changes made the program more enjoyable appears to be debatable.

Some students have complained because orientation is jam-packed with mandatory events.

"I liked most of orientation," said Patrick Dougherty, a freshman history major, "[but] maybe we [could have] had a little more time to hang out and collect our thoughts."

Others, such as Mohindra Ramphal, a freshman music and social work major, feel differently. "I enjoyed it. You kept busy, stayed with your group, and didn't feel left out. If it was [less busy], I'd have been bored," he said.

Humbert firmly believes in occupying the first four days of college with social and informational programs.

"It helps for freshmen not to concentrate on the fact that they're away from home," she said.

WMC's orientation program has gained national recognition.

The Peer Mentor Advisory Board is part of NODA, the National Orientation Directions Association, and a few of WMC's members went to a regional conference in Philadelphia last semester.

From there, WMC was chosen to continue on to the national conference in Tampa, Fla., because of its "unique" nature, said Humbert. "Our program works so well that other colleges are clamoring for it," Humbert added.

## Campus Safety advises students on crime prevention

BY ERIN S. HOWARD  
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A serene and secure atmosphere is one reason why many students are attracted to the Western Maryland College campus. In fact, unlike their counterparts at larger, urban universities, WMC students rarely concern themselves with serious crimes such as murder, robbery, aggravated assault, or motor vehicle theft. Those things just don't happen here.

Although these types of crimes may not be a regular occurrence, WMC students still have a number of campus crime and personal safety issues to be concerned about.

According to Director of Campus Safety, Mike Webster, the majority of crimes committed at WMC are what he refers to as "crimes of opportunity." These are

crimes which are actually made possible by the heightened sense of security on the WMC campus.

"[Students] walk around here differently than they would at College Park or Johns Hopkins," said Webster, indicating that WMC students are more likely to do things such as leaving doors unlocked or personal belongings unattended, which encourage certain types of crime, such as petty theft.

In fact, petty theft is the most commonly reported crime on campus and is often centered around "upperclassman dormitory style living," according to Webster. In the last four years, over 139 cases of petty theft have been reported to the Department of Campus Safety (DoCS), averaging about 40 cases per year, according to Webster and statistics provided by the DoCS.

Alcohol violations and cases of

excessive drinking (which tend to involve freshmen and sophomore students) and drug use are also a major concern for both students and campus safety.

According to WMC Health Education Coordinator, Bonnie Bosley, "This campus is no different than any other," in regards to attitudes and behaviors towards drinking and drug use.

"Since school has started, we have already put two students in the hospital with alcohol poisoning," said Webster.

Webster estimates that he sees over 150 students per year in the first-offense alcohol violation classes which he teaches in conjunction with Residence Life, and at least six to eight cases of marijuana use are reported each year.

Other campus crimes that are of  
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## Renowned journalist set to lecture

As a journalist, they don't come much more worldly than Jack Kelley of *USA Today*.

He has dodged bullets and bombs throughout war-torn Kosovo, interviewed 36 heads of state, including Cuba's Fidel Castro and the PLO's Yasser Arafat, covered the Soviet coup, the Somalia famine, the Rwandan massacre, the Arab-Israeli peace accord, and reported dozens of other international tragedies and triumphs from 86 countries.

The foreign correspondent will discuss his global beat at 8 pm, on Thursday, September 23, in McDaniel Lounge.

Earlier in the day he will discuss writing and some of his recent assignments with the College's journalism students and staffers of *The Phoenix*.

Kelley joined *USA Today* as a news assistant immediately after graduating from the University of Maryland and just before the daily paper's start-up in 1982.

His first story appeared in the inaugural edition on September 15, 1982, and he hasn't missed a byline in too many issues since then.

Although based in Washington, D.C., Kelley spends up to 10 months overseas, mostly in Moscow or the Middle East.

He has earned four Pulitzer Prize nominations and numerous other journalism awards and has co-authored two books with *USA Today* founder Allen H. Neuharth, including "World Power Up Close," an account of JetCapade,

the pair's 32-nation newsgathering tour in 1988.

His hard-hitting work also earned him jail time in South Korea and Russia, as well as death threats from the Russian mafia. Kelley has been tossed out of Kuwait and denied visas into Iraq.

He has established quite a following among readers, too, and receives a monthly average of 110 letters, more than any other reporter.

He also receives care packages

which he takes on his international assignments. However, Middle East customs officials have blown up two packages thinking they were bombs, only to have their walls splattered with homemade fudge.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information call the public information office at 410-857-2290.

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*USA Today* foreign correspondent Jack Kelley visits WMC on Thursday, September 23, at 8 pm in McDaniel Lounge.

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concern to students, including vandalism and assault, are also frequently associated with alcohol and drug abuse, according to Webster. Although only one to two assaults are reported per year, Webster says they are almost always linked to alcohol.

More pertinent is alcohol's relationship to sexual assault, which remains an issue on the WMC campus even though few sexual assaults are actually reported.

According to statistics provided by the American College for Drug Education, "70 percent of college students admit to having engaged in sexual activity primarily as a result of being under the influence of alcohol," and "90 percent of all campus rapes occur when alcohol has been used by either the assailant or the victim."

"If it's true nationally, I'm sure it's true here," said Bosley with regard to national statistics on sexual assault.

However, according to DoCS statistics, only one rape has been reported in the last

four years, but, at the student's request, it was not investigated or reported to criminal authorities.

Other crimes which are reported at minimal frequency, but remain noteworthy, are burglary and weapons possession.

Ultimately, even though WMC remains a reasonably safe campus, Webster believes a heightened sense of awareness and attention to suspicious activity on behalf of all students could even further increase the safety of the campus.

### Notice

*Due to time constraints, the Campus Safety blotter will appear in next issue of the Phoenix. The blotter will cover DoCS from the beginning of the semester to date.*

## 500,000 allergic reaction injection kits are recalled

### Emergency drug fails potency tests

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 epinephrine, 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 sold 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  
Any questions, please call the Health Center, ext. 700 or 701.*

## 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 given 40 hours of community service, a \$100 fine, required to submit a written apology, placed on restriction of contact with the victim, and placed on disciplinary probation for one year.

The Board adjudicated a second case on April 29 involving a student who damaged college computers, possessed ammunition and a gun on campus, hung racially harass-

ing posters, and intended to make a pipe bomb. The student was found responsible for all charges and expelled from the college.

A third case on May 5 involved two students accused of possessing and discharging fireworks. One student was found not responsible and cleared of all charges. The second student was found responsible for possession of fireworks and given a \$100 fine and six hours of community service.

Additionally, the Board heard a case on May 6 involving a student who assaulted another student. The accused was found responsible, suspended from the college for one

academic year, and required to pay restitution for medical bills.

Finally, the Board met in July to consider a charge that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting plagiarized material in a homework assignment for DE569 (American Deaf Culture). The Board found that the student had violated the Code and established the following sanction for the offense: The student will receive a "WF" (Withdraw-Failing) grade for the course.

*Courtesy of Student Affairs*

### Asian Community Coalition

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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 McDaniel 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

Sculptor 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 will elaborate on the seven deadly sins of old.

Maddox and Roberts, both students in Towson University, hope that the exhibit gives an artistic "heads up" in today's society.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Peterson Hall is open weekdays from noon - 4 pm.

For more information call Arts Management at 410-857-2599.

### "A Few Good Men"

The National Players will present "A Few Good Men" at 8 pm on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Alumni Hall.

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 chant, 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 opens this semester with a tribute to Polish composer Frederic Chopin on Monday, Sept. 27, in McDaniel Lounge.

The concert/lecture series features topics that are not usually covered in a classroom setting.

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## Summer vacation at WMC

While most WMC students said a fond farewell to the campus last May, I said, "It's me again!" I spent my summer vacation working on campus, working for the College Activities Office as a secretary and in the Gameroom.

I worked every day, 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 my job. I made good money and spent time with my friends who were also on campus.

Oh yes, this campus is VERY alive during the summer. Probably, at least one person you know worked on campus this summer. Between all the undergraduate and graduate students that flock to take summer courses, the Hill was jumping.

There were several summer camps that operated here from June to August. I dealt with these children in the Gameroom.

I yelled at football players, argued with soccer players, and watched as preteen cheerleaders attempted to seduce those in band camp and the lacrosse players.

I watched these children run by as I belloved behind them, "No

### *Sara Hoover explains summer working life on the Hill.*

drinks in the Gameroom!" I tried to remember when I was their age and then decided that I was never "like that."

My salvation came when I worked in the office. I answered the phone, filed, and did some projects on the computer. That was the best part of my job.

With no kids, no yelling, no illegal drinks, no bare feet, or the occasional pool ball that accidentally falls off the table, the office was my speed - calm, quiet, and fun. Not to mention that the College Activities Office staff is a great group.

The only real problem occurred to me about a month after the summer began. With only two people doing the jobs, there was not much time to go home for a long weekend.

When I could get home, I worked extra hours for the missed time.

Missing home was not my only problem. I began to feel a certain amount of disgust for the campus. Having been here since August of 1998, with only a few

weeks away for the entire year, I began to realize working here ALL summer may have been a bad idea.

So, as the end of summer approached faster and faster, I began counting the days. The July and August heat was borderline unbearable in DMC, where some of the summer student-workers lived.

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 Chicago: lounging by the pool, going shopping and Liliith 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 major. I spent time with my boyfriend, who was also here. Then, there is the money I made and the experience 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.

the point.

The entire attitude and essence of the advertisement is to classify and glorify the work of these actors as that of MTV viewers. So, let me get this straight.

You are not a cool youth unless you engage in these behaviors. Or, you are not a normal youth unless you simulate these behaviors. Or, if you are a delinquent, MTV will accept and embrace you. Whatever the message, I do not agree.

I do not need to take a poll to tell you that this image is not true of America's future. I would like to think that as a whole, we are

### *Kristen G. Fraser discredits MTV's connection to youth.*

from her purse, and her face lights up in a huge smile.

A teenage girl and boy fight furiously over a video game. The two leap all over one another, spending endless hours physically assaulting one another to master the game.

An excited young man attempts to stuff his mouth full with some form of cafeteria concoction, either fish sticks or frightening mozzarella sticks. People

are cheering him on, praising his obvious talent.

A group of fraternity boys, or other such group, band together to encourage a hapless youth to chug a drink that is most obviously beer.

A girl stands alone and hurriedly chugs a frozen drink with the sole purpose of inducing "brain freeze." As she achieves her goal, a one-syllable expletive can be easily read from her lips.

These teenagers fly past at a whirlwind pace, set to the pulsating beat of rock music. At the end of the commercial, a pithy slogan flies by: "MTV: the rhythm of youth." I can never match the intensity of the visual medium in a newspaper, but that is not really

more prosperous. To simplify it, I do not believe that MTV viewers are as lawless as that.

In an age where the media is being blamed for youth violence and excessive gun use, MTV seems to be trying to reinforce this notion. Whether the media is at fault or not, I do not appreciate MTV using someone my age as a reinforcement for societal problems.

I am an MTV viewer, but I am not a delinquent. My age does not connote destructiveness. I resent the implication.

MTV has always been known for edgy marketing, offending most of baby-boom crowd. Their normal intention is not to offend their own viewing audience, and I feel that they stepped beyond the line.

## Orientation disappoints

### *Kevin Lockett critiques the new student program.*

On Thursday, August 26, at approximately 7:30 am, I arrived at my new home. Soon thereafter, my parents and I were arranging the pile of furniture placed haphazardly in the center of my dorm room.

I was anxious to begin my new life as a college man... a man on his own schedule, freedoms, and conveniences. As the day went on, I found that my orientation calendar held little time for any freedom.

I had little time to get to know my new roommate and even less time to arrange my new living quarters. After the first day, my hopes for an independent, unrestrained environment were far out of sight.

A meeting with my "Peer Mentor" was first. I met the other members of my freshman seminar class and spoke with some of them briefly.

After this meeting, we slept through a number of boring, pointless speeches and rang a bell in our school's courtyard to "officially" induct us into WMC.

After this convocation, we returned to the classroom and met our professor. She went over some information she thought was important. We were told the rules, purpose, and goals of the class. At least this time it was told by someone new.

Later that night, we were herded into our dorm's basement to discuss a few rules with our Resident Assistant. We were informed of some

policies that were probably new to most people: "Don't destroy property that isn't yours. Don't drink alcohol if you're under 21. Don't do drugs."

We may or may not have heard this in kindergarten. These few simple rules took only about one hour. I was forced to ask myself, "Why not just give us a handout?"

This was just the tip of the iceberg. For three days, I was thrown into a restrictive, inhibited world where I participated in activities meant to help me gain new friends and contacts for my college career.

It is almost impossible to be "forced" to make friends. I certainly saw no sign of the freedom that is arguably the most appealing college characteristic for young adults.

If these four days were meant to acquaint me with the inner workings and routines of college life, then freshman orientation is in need of vast improvement.

Now, days after I arrived, I am still unequipped with the knowledge needed to function in my new home.

My computer is still not connected to the Internet, my phone messages are answered only because of hours of toiling, and my trash was piled high until just a few hours ago when I discovered the trash room.

WMC needs to stop wearing us thin with tiring schedules dedicated to common sense issues and give us the information needed for our personal lives in college.

## New era in politics?

### *Ryan Seavolt addresses presidential coverage.*

George W. Bush, Jr., governor of Texas and front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, is being bombarded with questions of drug use by the media. By saying that he hasn't used illegal drugs in the past 25 years, he implies that he had done so earlier.

Bush also claims that he has been faithful to his wife for more than 20 years, again, implying that before that time, he was not always faithful. Nevertheless, Bush emphatically states that such rumors of his past are not relevant today.

Media attention focusing on the personal life of a candidate is very similar to what Clinton faced during his candidacy, and in particular, when Monica Lewinsky's story surfaced.

However, there are some differences between the Bush and Clinton cases. Bush, while perhaps not openly acknowledging his past drug use, did not lie about it by saying something so ridiculous as "I didn't inhale."

Furthermore, Bush has not lied about alleged past affairs as did Clinton, and insists that his drug problems, if there were any, and his unfaithfulness to his wife are in the distant past.

Unlike President Clinton, in this

instance, Bush appears to be telling the truth. The Republican front-runner even claims that he quit drinking alcohol 13 years ago, with family and friends corroborating this statement.

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll found Elizabeth Dole was behind Bush with only 13 percent of respondents favoring her with all other Republican presidential hopefuls in the single digits.

Another CNN poll found that if the presidential election were today, with George W. Bush and Al Gore as the candidates, Bush would win with 55 percent to Gore's percent.

The drug issues constantly brought up by the press do not seem to be hampering the Bush campaign in the least. It would appear that we have entered a new era in American politics, an age where we know that our politicians are not saints or even morally adept human beings, but where we overlook this fact and focus on the issues.

Perhaps it is good not to hold our elected officials up to such high standards. If we've learned nothing else from the Clinton presidency and the Bush candidacy, we should keep in mind that in the eyes of much of the public, a politician's personal life is not relevant subject matter.

## "I want my MTV" to respect generation X

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 distasteful ad?

Did some old men who were completely out of touch with age group produce it? No, it was produced by MTV, the youth bastion that is supposed to be connecting to my lifestyle.

The ad showed a variety of different scenes showing what was assumed to be normal American youth. By normal American youth, I assume that includes WMC students.

### *In an age where the media is being blamed for youth violence and excessive gun use, MTV seems to be trying to reinforce this notion.*

To illustrate my point, I will describe the various scenes of this distasteful ad. In one scene, a high school girl works diligently on her surfboard, while about six students surround her in an attempt to copy her work.

A group of teenagers gathers in a back alley and proceeds to sneak into a building. The place that they are sneaking into is not clear nor is it important.

A teenage boy sits at his computer, eyes completely glazed over. Some pornographic material that fills the screen fascinates him. As his father walks in, he shows no sign of shame or even vitality.

A girl sneaks into the bedroom of her mother. She sneaks over to the table by the bed, steals a wad of cash

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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 Teenie Beanie Happy Meal promotion (small versions of Beanie Babies, including a squirrel). We offered two 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 Bear/Teenies 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 murmuring that his wife was going to be very mad. Little did I know just how mad!

The husband's prediction came true, and the TPTT called my manager and was told she could only have six toys. She called the Branch Office to protest and was told that there was nothing they could do, that was a rule 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 swagedered down the grill to the front counter.

Now, this particular manager was named Wendy. She is a very big and tough woman, but the TPTT was more than willing to take her on. Wendy stopped at the front counter and took in her opponent. The TPTT just stared at Wendy. A time-lapse passed between them. Then the TPTT opened her mouth, and the fight began!

The match lasted about twenty minutes both yelling at the top of their lungs. It included such memorable lines as, "I pay your salary, servant!" and, "You all are nothing but a bunch of no good idiotic bastards!" It ended with the TPTT pulling out a cellular phone, calling the Branch Office and being told the same thing. She tried calling the owner and found he wasn't in.

A five-minute reprisal of the earlier match ensued over why the owner wasn't available. Then Wendy decided she had had enough and tossed the TPTT in our dumpster shouting, "This is where trash like you belongs!" and slammed the lid down. Well, that's what I would have liked to have happened. In reality, there was a shouting match, but it ended with the woman proclaiming she would never come to our McDonald's again, not a big loss really. Her husband still comes in though. He's fond of chocolate shakes.

So what did I learn from this experience? Well, I learned that to some Beanie Babies are their favorite thing in life. For me, my favorite thing in life is seeing loudmouth idiots like the TPTT get what's coming to them.

## Change is afoot at Phoenix

*Megan Martin reintroduces the Phoenix editors.*

Sitting outside at Welcome Back Weekend got me thinking about change. I looked for people who graduated last May, forgetting they were gone. People I had not seen all summer made the inevitable comments about my newly (at least for them) cropped hair. I couldn't begin to count how many times people have asked me, "Where did all your hair go?" or "When did your hair disappear?" Some things never change, I guess.

Yes, change is in the air: the days are getting shorter, the leaves will be turning colors soon, the birds are preparing to fly south for the winter.

The campus is changing also. Amidst the returning students, the freshmen and transfers are being welcomed. We have a slightly adjusted class schedule. There are new professors and staff to meet.

*The Phoenix* hasn't been immune to change either. Our office is relatively clean and organized. The annual recruitment party yielded a large number of new staff members. Look for their articles starting next issue.

The most important changes, however, are within the editorial staff. While Emily and I remain co-editors, Laura 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-VanAuken 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. Then, multiply by ten the fear 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 comes... the dreaded FLEX!

I'm talking about that one hour-long class every week, which in addition to three hours of class time, and perhaps a four hour lab, which seems to be necessary for some un-

known 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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## Hey You! Writers!

If you are at all interested in getting in on some of the *Features Phoenix* fun, come to a meeting Mondays at 6:00 pm, or call Sarah (that's me, the editor) at x8600.

## A Terror's Guide to Local Movie Theaters

By JENNIFER ROSS  
Features Writer

### Hoyt's Cranberry Mall,

#### Westminster:

Phone: (410) 857-1410

Prices: Adults are \$6.00 before 6:00 pm & \$7.75 after 6:00 pm

This is a nice local theater that usually plays some of the hottest new releases.

The popcorn is usually fresh, and the theater is clean. If you are going to see an "R" rated film make sure to bring your ID, because they are strict about carding.

You can find out show times either by phone, or by going to <http://www.hollywood.com>.

### General Cinema,

#### Owings Mills:

Phone: (443) 384-0081

Prices: Adults are \$5.00 before

6:00 pm & \$8.00 after 6:00 pm

This new theater located behind Owings Mills Mall is impressive. Most of the theaters have stadium seating, and the chairs in the front recline! They have a wide variety of refreshments, including a coffee bar. A great place for a movie date!

### Lowes Valley Center 9,

#### Owings Mills:

Phone: (410) 363-4194

Prices: Adults are \$5.00 before 6:00 pm & \$7.25 after 6:00 pm

This theater may be hard to get to if you do not have a car. It is located on Rt. 140 in Owings Mills.

This theater is a great place to go for a matinee because they are located in a shopping plaza where you can get some great deals. Get there early on a weekend because it is usually crowded.



The impala is a swift, graceful antelope that can leap up to 30 feet in a single bound.

## Movies with Jenn and Erin: *Chill Factor*

By JENNIFER ROSS AND ERIN JERNIGAN  
Features Writers

*Chill Factor*, starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., and Skeet Ulrich, is one of few action films playing in movie theaters this summer.

Viewers wanting action will be satisfied by the film's standard car chases, explosions, and literally nail-biting cliff hangers.

*Chill Factor* is the story of two would-be good guys trying to keep the most deadly chemical weapon ever from a GI Joe gone awry.

While the opening scene of the movie is explosive, the twists and turns of the rest of the plot are as exciting as wet dynamite.

The few really violent moments of the film are hard hitting and remorseless, and aimed against the bad guys — ignoring the fact that bad guys are people, too.

There are two positive points in the *Chill Factor*: Gooding and Ulrich.

What the film lacks in plot, the pair almost makes up for in likeability and comic relief. However, the movie is not one either actor would put on the top of his resume.

This may be one to save for a blockbuster night. All in all we would give this film a C+ for effort.

Grade: C+

Have Fun!

## The Big Three

The *Phoenix* staff would like to welcome you to Western Maryland College. As a token of our love, we, the upperclassmen have gathered a list of campus and local community "top threes":

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Domino's  
Ledo's  
Papa John's

Best Chinese Food  
North China  
First Wok  
Forbidden City

Favorite On-Campus Hangouts  
Red Square  
Pub  
Weight Room

Favorite Off-Campus Hangouts  
Wal-Mart (open 'til 11 pm!)  
Target  
Friend's House

Friday Night Activity  
Parties  
Movies  
Gettin' a couple of 40's and... whoops, you're underage, no drinking allowed!

Nicer Eat-in Restaurants  
Applebee's  
Maria's  
Chameleon

## U.S. Mint reinvents the quarter with state quarters program

(NAPS) - What do washing machines, pay phones, parking meters, and toll booths have in common? Here's a hint: chances are, there's one jingling around in your pocket or stuck between the seat cushions of your couch. That's right - a quarter! Perhaps the hottest commodity in the hierarchy of change has just gotten hotter thanks to the U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program.

While you may use quarters all the time, when's the last time you took a good look at one? Brace yourself for a surprise the next time you do - you may not see the American Bald Eagle, the long-standing symbol of courage and freedom that has graced the reverse (tails) side of quarters for more than 200 years. The eagle stepped aside as of January 1999 and through the year 2000 to make room for the U.S. Mint's new designs commemorating each of the 50 United States.

George Washington's portrait will remain firmly rooted on the front of the new quarters as the backs change to feature scenes representative of each state - including landmarks, geography, flora and fauna, and significant historical events. The new coins will be issued in the sequence that each of the 50 states joined the

Union, starting with Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, and Connecticut in 1999.

The 50 State Quarters Program, already underway, was created to promote knowledge about American history, national heritage, geography, and diversity. Some of the new quarters are now in circulation (check your pockets and couch cushions!) and more will appear soon. And, don't worry, although

quarters featuring the traditional American Eagle will not be produced for the ten-year run of the 50 States Program, there will still be plenty in circulation.

The new 50 State Quarters offer Americans a chance to collect a piece of history - that is, unless they need to do laundry! For more information, please visit the U.S. Mint's web site at <http://www.usmint.gov>.



ABOVE: The 50 State Quarters program will honor Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, and Connecticut in 1999 with state-designed quarters. LEFT: The familiar George Washington image remains on the "heads" side of all new 50 State Quarters.

The Maryland state quarter will be out during 2000.

## Ghosts haunt theater

By LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
News Editor

What do you do you get when you mix the chorus of a Greek tragedy, the movement stylings of *Cirque du Soleil*, and the driven techno beat of Front Line Assembly with an expressionist play?

Chances are it's Professor Ira Domser's creation: a "techno-drama." Adapted and directed by Domser, *Ghost Sonata*, by August Strindberg, is WMC's newest theatrical endeavor.

Domser, who stepped out of his usual roles as producer or lighting and sound director, has worked on many productions since he started here in '82, but *Ghost Sonata* is the first of its kind, he said.

Because the play incorporates many different kinds of theater, Domser has decided to call the play a "techno-drama."

Using a chorus of about 13 members, who function much like the choruses of ancient Greek tragedy, Domser's vision of the play is very different from the original.

Domser's adaptation of the play "clarifies the author's intention and allows the chorus to behave as a modern segment of society, particularly goth," he said.

But despite the changes made in the adaptation, the play is still very challenging and metaphoric.

"Ron Miller taught the play last semester," said Domser, "and [it] was the only play that he said no one understood. He didn't tell me that until after I decided to do it."

Although the text is challenging and often "ambiguous," Domser chose *Ghost Sonata* because of its "possibilities," he said.

Set in the modern world, the play is an exploration redemption. An Old Man (Jon Reynolds) desires that he must do something to redeem his many sins before he dies.

After meeting a clairvoyant young student (Don Todt) on the street, he decides to marry the student to his beautiful daughter (Jeanette Webster) and make him wealthy in order to do one final act of good.

"Between the powerful script," said actor Jon Reynolds, "the surreal choral scenes, and the atmospheric techno music, I think the end result will be a play that has a very unusual mood and color to it."

Cathy Pandorf, a chorus member, also agrees that the play will be out of the ordinary. "[It's] like a warped dream," she said.

Domser suggests ordering tickets in advance for the play, which runs from September 28 to October 2 in Alumni Hall. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. For more information call the Box Office at 410-857-2448. No children will be admitted due to adult content.



# Local Artist Profiles

First in a series of articles highlighting local artists and musicians

## Renowned Virginia Jazzman comes to area



COURTESY OF JOHN D'EARTH

Jazzman John D'earth relaxes with his trumpet during a rare moment of downtime.

JENNIFER ROSS AND ERIN JERNIGAN  
Feature Writer

"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 his wife Dawn Thompson, whom *L.A. Jazz Scene* critic Elizabeth Molo says, "brings a smoldering texture to the band's music." D'earth describes his music as "traditional jazz with a cutting edge, improvisational style."

D'earth says, "Jazz is my passion but not the buttoned-down, 'neoclassical,' Armani variety." His octet will be headlining at Blues Alley in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., on September 22. Founded in 1965, Blues Alley is the oldest continuously operating jazz supper club in the United States. It has been home to such stars as Dizzie Gillespie and Sarah Vaughan.

John D'earth began his musical career at

the age of 14, studying jazz improvisation and the saxophone. Following college at Harvard University, he spent twelve years in New York City, doing free lance work with many jazz, latin, and rock musicians; After life in the Big Apple, D'earth moved to Charlottesville, Virginia, where he currently resides.

*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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To learn more about D'earth and the "Thursday Night Live at Miller's" album, or to purchase a CD, go to <http://www.johndearth.com>.

If you are a local artist and would like to be seen in the Local Artist Profile, contact Jennifer Ross and Erin Jernigan through campus mail.

# The Rat's Web: Buying Textbooks Online

BY ANNE BUTLER  
Features Writer

The price of textbooks is outrageous, isn't it? You've probably seen those ads that urge you to buy textbooks online.

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).

I went to four sites, Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>), Barnes and Noble

(<http://www.barnesandnoble.com>), Textbooks.com (which is affiliated with Barnes and Noble), and Ecampus (<http://www.ecampus.com>).

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  
WMC = our bookstore)

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

I bought the Schmidt, Pierson, and Burroway from Amazon and paid six dollars for two day shipping. Overall, I saved 10 to 12 dollars. So is it worth ordering online? If you're willing to put in the work, and can wait a few extra days, yes it is.

### Price Comparison (all new books)

	Amazon	B&N	WMC	Ecampus
Schmidt	\$10.36	\$10.36	\$12.95	Not listed
Pierson	\$12.76	\$14.00	\$15.95	Not listed
Burroway	\$30.40	\$37.75	\$39.05	\$33.68
LA Plante	\$63.55	\$59.75	\$61.30	\$52.81

### Shipping Time comparison

	Amazon	B&N	WMC	Ecampus
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Pierson	1 day	1 day	-----	N/A
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# The GREEN TERROR

## Scoreboard

Statistics as of Sep. 12, 1999

### Football

#### Offense

#### Name-TD-FG-XP-PTS

Ron Sermarini-2-0-0-12

Teron Powell-2-0-0-12

Brent Sandroock-0-1-7-10

Kevin Parker-1-0-0-6

A. Delle Donne-1-0-0-6

Matt Jackson-1-0-0-6

#### Defense

#### Name-Tackles-Solo-Int

Aaron Bartolain-10-0-0

Tommy Selecky-9-3-0

Haroun Hebron-9-1-0

Jason Winegart-7-5-0

Josh Galemore-7-1-0

Derrick Gwynn-6-4-0

Marvin Deal-6-4-2

Matt Meiklejohn-6-2-1

Nick Alevrogiannis-6-1-0

Anthony Burgos-5-2-2

Kirk Simpson-5-0-0

#### Kicking

#### FG-LG-XP

Brent Sandroock-(1-3)-22-(7-7)

### M's Soccer

#### Name-G-A-TP

Vinny Pedalino-4-3-11

Ryan Tetteris-4-1-9

Pat Danaher-1-0-2

Ryan Bowles-0-2-2

### W's Soccer

#### Name-G-A-TP

Tracey Castor-2-0-4

Beth Blasi-1-1-3

Thea Bayly-1-0-2

Tara Calton-1-0-2

Jessie Stickle-0-2-2

Kara Moran-0-1-1

### Field Hockey

#### Name-G-A-TP

Sarah Fogler-1-0-2

Shauna Oplinger-1-0-2

Stephanie Peery-1-0-2

Melissa Reynolds-1-0-2

Heather Arnold-0-1-1

Anna Woods-0-1-1

### 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.

### CONFIDENTIAL AIDS TESTING

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# Green Terror Direct

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Thursday, September 16, 1999

## Football tackling the competition at 2-0

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 down the field to score on their first possession. The second offensive play of the game by the Terror was a 40 yard strike from senior quarterback Ron Sermarini to junior flanker Ryan Smith. On the very next play, the two connected for an eight yard gain. The drive then turned slow 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 Haroun 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 "Jatty" 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 proved 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 were going to score. These were the crucial moments where 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. Senior linebacker and co-captain Tommy Selecky 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 Teron 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.

Then, the superstar in Powell came out. On a big third down play in the third quarter, Sermarini hit Powell near the sideline for what appeared to be a simple first down. However, Powell wasn't satisfied with that. He outmaneuvered the defensive back trying to cover him, broke a tackle, then hustled over fifty yards down field for the final score of the game.

The Yellow Jackets threatened a few times later on, but the game was effectively over at that point. There was no more scoring from that point on.

A week before the impressive 28-7 win over Randolph-Macon, the Terror started their season on

the road, in Bridgewater, Virginia. The Terror got off to a sluggish start and was actually tied at the end of the first quarter. A Kevin Parker touchdown run late in the second quarter put the Terror up 7-0 at the half.

In the second half, the Terror regrouped and began to dominate the game. Senior linebacker and co-captain Matt Meiklejohn blocked a punt, and the defense refused to give an inch. Selecky, sophomore Jason Winegar, and junior co-captain Aaron Bartolain were key in the Terror defense.

In the third quarter, Sermarini showed everyone why he is the two-time Centennial Conference offensive player of the year. On what seemed like a sack, Sermarini dodged just about every player on the Bridgewater defense to scamper 22 yards into the end zone. Later in the third, Powell caught a seven-yard touchdown.

With a large lead, Terror head coach Tim Keating did the smart thing. He put in plays that would effectively wear down the clock while making sure not to turn over the football. After a fourth quarter field goal by Sandrock, the Terror led 24-0, the final score. Still, those who were at the game realize that it could have been much worse.

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## Sports shorts

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

Field hockey defeated Bridgewater 4-0

Men's Soccer defeated Villa Julie 3-1, Marymount 2-0, and Wesley 2-1 in O.T. Won the Wesley College Invitational Tournament  
Vinny Pedalino took tournament MVP

Volleyball defeated Gallaudet 3-2, Salisbury State 3-1, Delaware Valley 3-0, Susquehanna 3-0, and Elizabethtown 3-0

Women's Cross Country won the Shepherd College Invitational  
Sophomore's Jill Krebs, Jayne Karalow, and Diana Pool all finished first, second, and third respectively

Golf finished third out of 16 teams at the Wesley College Invitational

Women's Soccer fell to Messiah 5-0 and to Rutgers-Camden 1-0 in O.T. Defeated Marymount 5-0 to take third place at the Wesley Invitational

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

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

These are the days when you can practically taste football in the air. It seems that no matter where you turn, football is the thing everybody is talking about. September is the time when fans have an almost undying 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 only of what might have been.

That is why it is great to be a fan; happiness is always just another season away. Every new season brings the promise of greatness; whether that is embodied in the youthful swagger of a future star (the Brown's Number 1 pick, Tim Couch) or redemption, via the veteran acquisition (The Redskins' free agent pick-up, Brad Johnson).

No matter who you choose to root for this year, fans across the

country are all connected in their uniform belief that this year is the year they get to celebrate. Good luck to all.

With the football juggernaut rolling through our collective consciousness, it is hard to believe that there are some really great playoff races going on in major league baseball.

In the National League, The New York Mets are battling the Cincinnati Reds for the wild card playoff berth. This is the classic battle between the large-market city versus the small-market city that baseball has been known to produce.

The Mets are at this level thanks to a bevy of free agent acquisitions, namely third baseman Ron Ventura and pitcher Kenny Rogers.

The Reds, on the other hand, are a team of young prospects that have jelled into a winning team. It will be very interesting to see how this race will unfold, and how its

outcome will affect the baseball world in terms of team structure.

There is also a good race in the American League, where the Boston Red Sox are leading the Oakland A's by a mere three games. This race will most certainly be decided by pitching, which is the strong suit of both teams.

The Red Sox are led by Cy Young Candidate Pedro Martinez, who at this writing already has 21 wins. The A's rely on young starter Kevin Hudson to guide them to post-season glory. In the pitching-starved American League, if either of these teams can continue to perform at their current levels, this should shape up to be a very compelling post-season.

That's all for this abbreviated addition of "The Sports View." Next week, I will offer my opinions on NFL week one action and give my painfully accurate "State Of The Orioles" address. So until then, I will be seeing you in the cheap seats.

## Smith named new Athletic Director

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
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. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Smith, former associate athletic director at Loyola College, played three years for the Baltimore 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 USILA.

He also helped select the players to represent the USA in the 1998 quadrennial World Games.

Smith, a New York native, was an all-American lacrosse player in 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.

According to NODAC Programming Committee Chairperson Beth Anne Pretty, 89 presentations will be given at the national conference, which is titled "Reflect, Rejuvenate, and Recommit," and between six to eight thousand people are expected to attend.

Horneff and the team of students originally gave their 60 minute presentation, titled "Orientation Rejuvenated through the First-Year Program: Mentoring through the Months," at the Regional NODA Conference in Valley Forge, PA, last April. Following the April Conference, WMC was invited to submit a proposal to present at the national conference and was then selected by Pretty and the NODAC Selection Committee.

Horneff, who has been giving presentations on the First-Year Ori-

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

"This is the first time I have ever taken students to present at either a Regional or National Conference," said Horneff. "I am extremely proud of the professionalism they displayed."

Horneff also noted that the majority of presentations at both regional and national conferences are given by administrators and that student presenters are rare.

"I think it is more effective for my colleagues to hear [the presentation] from the voices of students," said Horneff of the decision to take students to the NODA conferences.

The members of the Peer Mentor Advisory Board traveling to



COURTESY OF DEAN HORNEFF

Megan Humbert, a junior, jests while presenting WMC's First-Year Student Orientation Program to an audience at a Regional Conference. Because of the success of the presentation, the program will be taken to a National Conference in Tampa Fla. in November.

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## 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 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 an 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, few go to them for help, sources said. "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

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

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## Rosenberg to speak about parents' executions

BY STACY GEORGE  
Staff Writer

Take a moment and revisit a special memory you have with your parents when you were six-years-old.

Do you think of the magical specter of Disney World, the first day of school, blowing out your birthday candles, or playing on the swings at the park?

These are the treasured memories of childhood, life with no fears of the government, no worries about hiding from the enemy, and no concern about where your next dollar and meal will come from.

Now take another moment to envision a childhood taken out of the pages of a history book, from the chapter of Communism, and the paragraph about the Rosenberg Trial.

Although Robert Meeropol, son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, was young, he was still old enough to realize that his childhood was not normal.

His parents became the first American civilians put to death for espionage.

He will be speaking at WMC for the first time on Thursday, October 14, at 6 pm in Alumni Hall.

On June 19, 1953, Meeropol's parents were electrocuted when they were tried and convicted for stealing the "secret of the atom bomb."

Forty-six years later, Meeropol is a political activist, author, and speaker, as well as the

Executive Director/Founder of the Rosenberg Fund for Children, which provides children of America's targeted activists and political prisoners with opportunities for education.

The organization gives students awards for such things as college books, photography classes, and personal tutors, among others.

As Dr. Lauren Dundes, who schedule the lecture, explained during the interview: "His lecture is a good reminder that in any given time, we are always looking for an enemy to fight against. At that time, it was the Communists."

Meeropol outlines the controversial case against his parents, as he prepares to critique its weaknesses.

Because of the witch-hunt atmosphere of McCarthyism, the trail and the execution of the Rosenbergs has been surrounded by much controversy.

His discussion hopes to show that the criminal justice system was fraudulent at that time and that Due Process was a victim of the political context.

According to reports, students from California State University agreed that "Meeropol had a great speaking style. He was objective, thorough, and delivered a powerful message."

This lecture will be of particular interest to students majoring in Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and History.

Due to the fact that there are not that many criminal cases of this historical significance, students of other majors are also encouraged to attend the lecture.

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## Books enters 13th year

MIKE STOKES  
Staff Writer

Books Sandwiched In, a book discussion group coordinated by Jane Sharpe, Associate Librarian, and Joyce Muller, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing, will be held from 12-1 pm in McDaniel Lounge on a designated Thursday of the first three months of each semester.

Books are chosen and reviewed by volunteers, who will also lead the discussion group.

Alice Chambers, former wife of President Robert Chambers, initiated the program in 1987 under the direction of the president.

"The program provides the opportunity for book lovers, who don't have the time for book clubs, to participate in group discussions about the chosen books," said Joyce Muller, who took over the program in 1989.

"Here at Western Maryland College, we are all a community of learners, and because reading is a great way to continue to grow and expand the mind, Books Sandwiched In benefits the entire WMC community."

The "small gathering" that comprises the meetings includes faculty members, administrators (including the president, Provost Coley, and Dean Sayre), trustees, alumni, newspaper columnists, editors, students, and people from the Westminster community.

Muller said that the participants really appreciate the program and that it "is a great way for the college community to become more involved with the outside community."

According to Muller, the works are selected from many genres of literature, from

notable best-sellers to academic trailblazers, including authors of ethnic and cultural diversity.

Books Sandwiched In is jointly sponsored by Hoover Library, by the Public Information Office, and by Tim Bryson, owner of Locust Books of Westminster.

Locust Books not only provides complimentary book copies to reviewers, but also gives a 10 percent discount to all students.

Information of the monthly meetings is published in the biweekly "WMC In Brief" newsletter, which is given to all on campus.

It can also be found in the local newspapers, and information is also posted on the WMC website.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 28, and will include a review of the book *Nervous Conditions*, by Tsitsi Dangaremba.

Set in post-colonial Rhodesia, the book is a coming of age novel which follows the life of an intelligent young woman who attempts to overcome social, cultural, and financial obstacles in order to become a successful adult. Cultures clash and complicate lives as English customs meet African cultures.

English professor Rebecca Carpenter and her students will conduct the review. On Thursday, November 18, Jane Sharpe will review books for holiday gifts.

"Everyone is invited to attend, and it doesn't matter whether they have read the book or not," said Muller. "It's a great way to learn about new works, authors, etc. And best of all there are no pop quizzes," said Muller.

## WMC calender in brief

WMC presents "Ghost Sonata"

Rosenberg's son to speak

*Ghost Sonata*: Presented by Western Maryland College students at 8 pm nightly, September 30 - October 3, and at 2 pm, Sunday, October 3, in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, seniors and WMC community members. No children. (410) 857-2448. Western Maryland College, Westminster.

Music and dance

The Evelyn MacKenzie Performance Series presents singer/dancer/drummer Alessandra Belloni in an evening of Italian music and dance, October 4, 7 pm, (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel. Free.

Art exhibit

Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall, Western Maryland College. (410) 857-2599.

October 9 through November 5, Hours: Monday-Friday from noon - 4 pm.

"MAMBERAMO" by Christopher Griffin explores the last untouched, uncontacted people on Earth who now live directly in the path of a \$50 billion megadance project on the Mamberamo River in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.

Opening reception: Saturday, October 9, 2-5 pm

Robert Meeropol is the son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs, 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.

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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 Dangaremba.

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

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Courtesy Public Information

## Orientation program

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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. Horneff discusses the Peer Mentor Advisory Board; Corbett discusses the history of peer mentoring, the mission statement, and the letter of agreement; Hornbecker 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 are 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 Horneff 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 Horneff, later adding, "We are the envy of many of our competitive schools."

The students, along with Horneff, 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.



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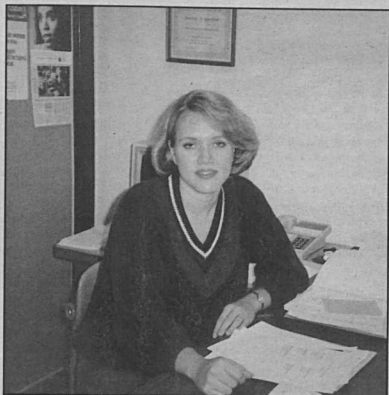
The Carroll County Branch of the American Association of University Women will convene a meeting on International Monetary Policies to be held in McDaniel Lounge on Monday, October 4, at 7:30 pm. Speakers will be Ms. Virginia Smith, President and CEO of Union National Bank, and Dr. Margaret Murphy, Baltimore,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



## Rosko promoted to Housing Director

*Former Assistant Director has "Faithfully Served" WMC, says Kane*



FILE PHOTO

LISA DALE VAN AUKER

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 at 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 alco-

hol awareness programs in Blanche and Albert Norman Ward residence halls.

Rosko, who has been an employee at 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.

Rosko has a bachelor'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.*

hol 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 Bacchus.

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 was also 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.

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 mediation, 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 1:10 am DoCS documented a residence hall policies violation in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 9/1 at 11:22 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Englar 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 12:39 am DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Rouzer Hall.

•On 9/2 at 11:00 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in Whiteford Hall.

•On 9/2 at 11:30 pm DoCS documented under-

derage possession/con-

sumption of alcohol in Decker Student Center.

•On 9/3 12:15 am DoCS documented underage possession/con-

sumption 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 am DoCS documented a property crime at the golf course.

•On 9/5 at 1:50 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 a Garden Apartments Building.

•On 9/6 at 2:08 pm DoCS documented a property crime in Rou-

zer 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 docu-

mented a fire alarm report in a Garden Apartments Building.

•On 9/12 at 8:50 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, Elderdice, 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 McDaniel Hall.

•On 9/18 at 3:04 am DoCS documented a fire alarm report in Blanche Ward Hall.

•On 9/18 at 6:40 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation for the possession of "kegs" in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

•On 9/18 at 10:30 am DoCS documented a property crime in Harrison Parking Lot.

•On 9/19 at 11:38 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in DoCS Office.

•On 9/22 at 11:18 am DoCS documented a hit and run vehicle accident in Whiteford Parking Lot.

•On 9/22 at 3:42 pm DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only, at CCGH.

•On 9/23 at 12:57 am DoCS documented a property crime in Whiteford Hall.

•On 9/23 at 6:05 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report in a Garden Apartments Building.

•On 9/24 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.

•On 9/24 at 8:13 pm DoCS docu-



an off campus 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 12:40 am DoCS 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 am DoCS documented underage possession/con-

sumption of alcohol in Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot.

•On 9/12 at 2:03 am DoCS documented unauthorized access to building's roof at Bair Stadium.

•On 9/12 at 8:13 pm DoCS docu-

## 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.

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Staci George elected senator.

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## Date Rape

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

There, the victim can have a gynecological exam, a pregnancy test, and get counseling from Susan Gloré.

Or, if the victim desires to press charges, Smith House can call a counselor at RCIS and have the victim met 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 for 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 victims 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."

She also pointed out that police investigators are usually not trained to deal with rape victims. They can be very intimidating, she said, especially when the victim is "not exactly at the peak of self-esteem."

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 choose to deal with the crime on a school level, Campus Safety will conduct an investigation. Then, the police will be informed 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 Kane sits as judge over a panel of faculty and students.

If found guilty, the assailant's minimum sanction, according to the *Student Guide* and

*Date 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 acquitted if there is reasonable doubt. Because the testimonies of the defendant and the witness 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 is 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, like 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 difficulties 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 unwelcome advances, until her roommate came home.

Yet despite the obvious risk the student said, "I don't think he would have done anything, 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 commonly 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."

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## Quirks: Just like one of us

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

Jack Kelley came and spoke at our campus this week in McDaniel 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.

He brought with him two diaries, 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 soldier had a beautiful color drawing of the man's girlfriend in it.

*She looks like us!*

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 bloody 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 months.

He just wished to see his girlfriend one last time.

*But... They look just like us...*

The girl fled her home, lost all her possessions, but she still has her life.

*She can write a new diary.*

The soldier is dead, buried by Jack's own hands.

He won't see his girlfriend, and will never again write of her.

*Underneath who truly is like us?*

## Pro and Con: Should we retain the Social Security System?

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*supports the continuation of Social Security.*

more than the social security percentage of income for their retirement, that is their right.

There is no need to adjust the tax simply so a citizen can make investments with the core funding they will need in later years. If the citizen produces enough money to generate tax, the citizen produces

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 re-

the retired, there is a large and unnecessary stress on the family.

In short, we would have to generate a separate organization for handling the affairs of citizens who did not save. Creating such an organization would be expensive and would use more tax money, thus defeating the purpose.

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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.

Regardless, this system cannot be completely abolished because people feel that the system does protect 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

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 war force?

We must maintain Social Security to avoid the social repercussions.

Americans are not willing to see themselves or their family members without proper clothing or housing because they didn't invest when they were younger.

Although most citizens are financially responsible, the government must still preserve its role as an example and guiding hand.

**Con:**

Our nation is now faced with quite a dilemma.

Forecasts predict Social Security will run out of money in 2029. 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.

I say abolish the system. It has already proven itself to be a failed idea and no amount of

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

fixing will cure it.

Unfortunately, Social Security has become so ingrained in our culture that abolition is very unlikely.

That is why I propose it be made voluntary.

Or, as an alternative, allow individuals to divert the money they pay to the Social Security fund into tax-free investments.

This will allow those who still want Social Security to keep their false sense of financial stability, while those who want to can try their own hand at saving for their own retire-

ment.

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.

I doubt this alternative would exist if the stock market wasn't as high.

Wait until our government starts losing money in stocks and then see how happy people

companies.

Other nations are not going to be pleased with this.

If we implement this plan, we may have to worry about whether it may get us into some serious military skirmishes.

Of course, some may regard anyone who attempts to abolish Social Security as heartless and mean-spirited against the poor because they have no other means of providing for retirement.

My answer is this: If they were not being taxed 15% for

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 the most.

We need to wake up and de-

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This plan is bad for other reasons, too.

The government will begin to control more of the economy as it attempts to build up its stocks.

Graft and political mistrust will be much higher as companies intend to influence which stocks the government will own. We will also face a foreign policy crisis.

As government-owned companies compete with foreign companies, our government may adopt policies to build its interests and undercut foreign

Social Security, then the poor would have the money to save for retirement.

The only people who can afford to save for a comfortable retirement are the rich, since they are only taxed on a certain amount of their income.

In other words, Social Security hides the poor by robbing them of the money they could use for retirement savings, while not affecting the rich at all since the majority of their income is not taxed.

Some would still ask what I would do about those who don't save.

mand we be allowed to control our own retirement funds instead of allowing the government to squander them.

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## Internet services in vast need of improvement

Philip Vogt describes the laughable internet services at WMC.

Western Maryland College is the Yugoslavia of online services. While it can potentially get you where you need to go, a four-year-old on a two-wheeled tricycle will probably get there faster.

When compared to the dazzling advances made in Internet connection speeds, and more importantly to the technology available on many other college campuses, our connection speeds are beyond pitiful.

They would be downright laughable if not for the spirit-breaking frustration of waiting hours to complete a download (that's assuming it actually works right) that could be done in minutes with a more advanced system.

The connection here, however, is far from advanced.

With 56k modems quickly becoming the standard, and with such gaudy advances as Ethernet connections and cable modems, the technology here can be called old-fashioned at best.

My little brother, who just began his freshman year at the University of Missouri, has the luxury of the Ethernet in his dorm, which makes it possible for him to download small European villages, in their entirety, in a matter of seconds.

Here, however, downloading a file of even moderate size would be a momentous

undertaking that could potentially tie up your computer for weeks if it weren't for the life saving fact that you can rarely maintain a connection for more than an hour without being abruptly disconnected.

In all fairness, though, this is a Liberal Arts school. This means we have the wonderful (not to mention mandatory) privilege of taking a wide variety of classes dealing with all sorts of intellectual and cultural studies.

Let's see my brother try to take a class on the philosophy of friendship and love at his tech school; boy is he missing out.

This also means that we really don't need to have the latest (or even remotely close to the latest) Internet technology in our dorms.

Additionally, the cost of trying to rewire the campus for increased speed seems incredibly daunting. In fact, it would probably require that tuition be raised to the range of \$23,000 or so, which is obviously ridiculously high.

Still, the school will probably eventually be forced to make the necessary changes when the current system is rendered completely obsolete (or when the powers-that-be finally admit to themselves that it is hopelessly obsolete). One can only hope that they make the change before it's far too late (by that, of course, I mean before I graduate).

## 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 "newsworthy" 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 Thursday 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 English class, 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.

This fact was even more evident when

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 States 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 instantaneously.

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 our lives 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 for a while now.

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.

## How wordly are we?

Jessica Fitzgerald tackles the problem of youth apathy for world events.

OK, how many of you are aware that there has been a series of terrorist bombings in Moscow recently?

Did you know that Janet Reno's in big trouble for using tear gas at the Branch Davidian compound?

Does anyone know about the latest peace negotiations in the Middle East? Hey, we fought a war over there, and still nobody knows what is going on.

I'm willing to bet that 98% of Americans know which sexual acts Monica Lewinsky performed for President Clinton, but only 50% could say whether he was impeached or convicted or could say what those two terms mean.

I'm not trying to sound like a goody-goody. I'm no current events saint; the only reason I read the paper is because of a class requirement.

If you had to read the paper, too, you'd be so surprised at how much you are missing.

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Do you have any idea how much goes on in the world everyday that you don't even know about?

I write this out of frustration, a petty frustration. You see, I wanted to write an article about East Timor. The situation there really angers me, as does the fact that the U.N. is just now taking steps to put an end to the blatant disregard for human rights.

The only problem is, no one knows where East Timor is, let alone why people there are being slaughtered and run out of their homes.

So, no common knowledge equals no interesting article by yours truly.

This may seem like a stupid reason for taking 45 minutes out of your busy schedule to catch up on world events, but consider the larger implications.

At any time, you or someone you love could be drafted to a place like East Timor. Only then would you bother to learn what is going on in that little corner of the world.

Democracy is based on the idea that informed people make informed choices. As a nation, though, we are not informed enough to make any choices at all.

So, do your part for your country; pick up a paper, turn on CNN, find out what is going on. You may be surprised by what you learn.



# 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 36 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 positron emission tomography scans (a technique em-

ployed to create an image of a desired organ).

There are observable changes in the brain after a night without any sleep. In the study, positron 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 sleep?" These 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

## Ryan Seavolt discusses the consequences of an all-nighter in college.

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 several 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 Lushby, 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 tasks, 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 one would imagine. So, maybe there is something to this mumbumbo after all.

Granted, if you stay up all night, your eyes will probably burn, and your 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.

## Glar Penitentiary

*Devon Reeser takes a look at the dismal atmosphere of WMC dining.*

I proceeded through the line. I followed the others with my cold, black tray. They sloshed food on my plate, and I moved on.

I sat at a table, which only succeeded in recalling my memories of my high school cafeteria and its disregard for student comfort. Harsh lights, barren walls, and murmurs of chatter belied my senses.

Where was I? Prison? A Russian work camp? War barracks? Hell?

What had I done to deserve this?

I suddenly remembered. This place was not a punishment; this place was not the afterlife. This place was Glar.

Most students pay hundreds of dollars a semester to eat in this place called Glar. Most students rarely realize the true state of its ambiance. The few who do deal with it as a necessary evil to sustaining their health, for they know that they must eat.

Western Maryland was intelli-

gent enough in forming what is now the most massive conspiracy on campus: Glar.

Where else can we go? The Pub? Ah, yes, we can eat at The Pub, but only if we want to spend our nonexistent money. Students are coerced into buying a meal plan that works only in Glar.

They have no other choice of dining facilities; so, they must choose with the aforementioned dining hall. Since they have no true comparison, most do not even notice the starkness of its condition.

What would improve Glar?

Glar would benefit from eliminating its prison-like qualities.

For instance, it could get rid of some of its bleak, impersonal tables in favor of some booths. It could hold more pictures or paintings on its nude walls. It could even opt for softer lights in place of its present eye-tearing fluorescent bulbs. Some soft jazz would even be nice to calm the ever-present chatter.

Do I ask too much? I do not believe so; asking for a bit of homely humanity in a place where we abide could never be too much.

## Gun buyback program draws the wrong weapons

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

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 will help reduce 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 one tenth of 1% 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. First, it doesn't matter if the guns are fully operational or not; they are still eli-

tibles and want to get rid of their older, less powerful guns.

In other words, the guns they turn in aren't going to be used anyway because the people turning them in have better guns.

And finally, there will be the person who has one, maybe two guns, and wants to get rid of them because he is afraid his children might hurt themselves if he keeps them in his house.

This type of person is probably cautious about guns in the first place and has them adequately locked up.

So, the guns that are going to be turned in will be either inoper-

trade.

Those who deal drugs want to keep others out of their territory. If we could solve the drug problem, our gang problem would vastly diminish.

Those who shoot up their classrooms are upset for two reasons: Parental neglect and peer rejection.

If people want these shootings to stop, they need to show children how to love and how to stop making fun of their classmates.

Gun control isn't going to help. Kids can just as easily blow up the 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

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gible to be bought back.

Secondly, a gun buyback program might encourage people to steal guns for the money.

To counter this, the police will run the guns' serial numbers through a national database to see if they've been stolen. This is entirely useless because guns are bought back with a "no questions asked" policy.

So even if the police found a stolen gun, the person who turned it in was handed \$50 and walked away. There is no possible way to track that person down.

Also, someone could steal a gun that day and turn it in, and because it was stolen just that day, there is going to be no record of it in the national database.

There are also going to be guns turned in by people who have mul-

able, stolen for cash, outdated, or locked up.

Therefore, the people who are selling back guns are not the people using guns harmfully.

Our government is spending \$15 million pointlessly.

This is just a ploy in order to make political opponents look soft on crime.

Anyone opposed to this is automatically labeled as someone who is not concerned with our children's welfare.

If you want to solve a problem you need to treat the cause and not the effect.

The three most publicized causes of death by gunfire are gun warfare, school shooting rampages, and accidental shootings.

Gang warfare is mainly a result of the high rewards of the drug

in 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 held by the people and not the government.

If people are going to use 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 not fighting for 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.

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## 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 there.

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 their 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 reservations that I had.

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

Many of us 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 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 a test just to make sure that I could pass it. Or, I set up study groups until the late hours to make sure my friends could pass too.

Maybe it was the fact that we still have to ask where everything is on campus. Or, simply, it might have just been the fact that we have something to prove here in our first year.

We know already that we can't take anything lightly here in our first semester.

Most of the new students here took a course load that would be easy for them to manage, but still enable them to get into the swing of college.

When I came out of high school, I really didn't know what to expect when I came to college. I had heard horror stories from friends at other colleges of classes with 200 students in them.

How can you learn anything in there?

I was nervous about the fact of coming here, and I was sure I could see it on the faces of other students as I walked in.

I was pleasantly surprised however, that all my classes, had no more than 25 people in them.

I was also surprised simply that some food and drinks were allowed in class, a real change from the atmosphere that I had gotten so accustomed to.

As we all look around, and still even get lost occasionally, we know that we have so much to learn still. This is of course why we are here.

The Class of 2003 has come from all over the world, and just like our classes before us, we have a chemistry and a bond unique to our own class.

When I stare into the future, I am reminded that this is just the beginning for us. We still have 4 years of contemplation and discovery ahead of us.

We can let it slip by, or live it up. I prefer the latter.

We already have a bond to one another, now all we have to do, is exercise it.

Even some of the bonds I have formed here in my first month will help me reach that light at the end of the tunnel.

## Parties, date rape, and tips you should know

*The Phoenix Staff takes on the issue of date rape addressed on page 1.*

**Situation One:** Girl and boy are at a riotous college party. The bass is thumping, people are cramped and laughing, and beer flows from the keg like honey. Sloshed, boy asks girl up to his room. Girl agrees.

There, he thinks she is "all about" him, and the two have sex.

In the morning, he discovers she wasn't as agreeable as he thought. Now, she says he took advantage of her; more harshly, she says she was date raped.

**Situation Two:** Girl and boy are at typical party. Girl asks boy upstairs to her room. Off they go. He knows what she wants, and they have sex.

Hung over the next morning, he discovers that she didn't want to sleep with him. She calls it date rape.

**Situation Three:** Boy and girl are at typical college party. Both are trying to drink as much as they can before the are totally trashed; they want to keep some of their abilities to reason.

It doesn't matter if he asks her, or if she asks him, but one way or another, they end up in someone's room, alone, together, seemingly in the same state of mind.

Before things go too far, she says she won't have sex with him.

In the morning they both wake up to something that may or may not have been more than a one-night stand, but now neither person feels ashamed of their actions, and they aren't worried about pregnancy or STDs.

So... which of these things is not like the other?

If you're not drunk while you're reading this, (and we would hope you'd have better things to do when you're drunk) you could probably figure it out.

But what you should really notice in this

little comparison we have set up is that the characters in the third situation are considerably more responsible, and consequently, more content with their decisions.

Now, we all know, that in the heat of the moment things can get sort of confusing, but there is a way to be sure that minor miscommunications 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 posing 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 look out for yourself. And, 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 your hyperbole seriously. But realistically, you may want to consider our advice. Set your own limits, then you won't be caught off guard.

## Do the math: Too many students equals not enough parking spaces

I noticed a problem beginning last semester, and I see that it has carried over into the start of the new academic year. Since it is still relatively early, it seems proper to address this issue while there is still time.

The parking situation on campus has deteriorated from bad to worse. There are many reasons for this problem, and no solution in sight. But, it is certainly cumbersome for students with cars.

And although the problem seems endemic to the entire campus, I will address the particular difficulties of the Whiteford lot.

First of all, the continued construction continues to inhibit the flow of traffic over near Levine. This is ridiculous! The construction near Blanche has caused great eyesore, but that is a subject for another day. The fact that they are obviously running way behind schedule has affected other aspects of campus life.

The ugly fences placed at the end of the construction serve two purposes. First, they serve to block traffic from proceeding to Main Street. Second, it restricts the amount of parking allotted to students. Also important to note, the fences make it very difficult

*Kristen G. Fraser questions the parking allotment at the Whiteford parking lot*

for cars to turn around and join the traffic circle. There are occasional backups of cars attempting to get by, and perfecting the three point turn as they leave the lot in frustration at not finding a space.

Now, that would be fine in it of itself. I can recognize the need for patience while the fine constructions workers toil to improve our school. But, it has been continuing for many 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 to change where they normally allowed 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 freshmen 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.

Not to mention the fact that in the past few years, the number of students at WMC has 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 to do 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 expect headaches galore for the rest of the year.

Third, get down on your knees and pray that the building construction will be finished soon. At least we will have a livable traffic pattern by Whiteford when it is finally completed.

Fourth, let's find some way to explain that more students means more cars. We need more parking. Seems simple enough to me.

# 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 every day.

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 Jon Bear, 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 Westminister 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 Bentz, 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 Bentz. "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 repainted recently, so



TRANG DAM

The state of the front steps of these PA row houses are indicative of the need for increased maintenance and repairs to the PA houses in general.

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 housemates 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 house 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 row houses, there are a lot of problems

that have been fixed. For example, the exteriors of PA 185 and 187 have been repainted and the upstairs bathroom of 187 was completely renovated.

Wilson believes that since there have been a lot of renovations on campus 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."

Bentz 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 so 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] repainted 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 not otherwise.

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 Bentz. "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

(CPWIRE) 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 frustration 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 to 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 regular admission tickets to the concert(s) of your choice.

Third prize, 15 vouchers good for Domino's pizzas, won't help you escape from school, but will at least be an escape from the cafeteria throughout the semester.

Twenty entrants will receive LifeTIMES.com Consolation Care Packages filled with goodies that your parents might send you.

College students are encouraged to create online communities, called Circles, to keep in touch with family and old high school friends.

Also, instead of writing the traditional letter 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, meetings 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 professor or the never-ending battles with 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."

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



TELETUBBY REPAIRMAN



# Political science department Freaky 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.

The department has hired two new faculty members for this academic year. Dr. Volker Franke serves as the last member of the gang of four full-time professors in the department. Also, Ms. Jody Zepp joins the team as an adjunct professor.

Franke joins WMC after teaching at other colleges such as the Maxwell School at Syracuse and the University of North Carolina. Previously, Franke obtained degrees from Syracuse, UNC, and in Germany, where he resided until 1990.

His specialty is international relations. His past academic work has focused on such topics as military sociology, political psychology, and peace and security issues.

Though WMC is the smallest school in which he has taught, Franke is adjusting. "I like the fact that it's more intimate. I don't have classes with 250 students."

Franke is supplemented in the department by full time faculty Dr. Herb Smith, Dr. Charles Neal, and Dr. Christianna Nichols-Leahy. Leahy returns to full time status this semester after a three semester sabbatical.

Ms. Jody Zepp hold the distinction of being the third adjunct political science faculty member to have been an undergraduate from WMC. Trevor Wyssong and Jim Kauffman were the previous faculty members.

Zepp, since graduating from WMC in 1994, has been involved with attendance at a summer institute on 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 cur-



Prof. Volker Franke brings international experience to WMC's political science dept.

rent 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 Approaches 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 that major in political science and those who express a general interest.

## Poetry Corner

"Thou and I"

by

Jelaluddin Rumi

*Joyful the moment when we sat in the bower, Thou and I;  
In two forms and with two faces--with one soul, Thou and I.*

*The colour of the garden and the song of the birds give the elixir of  
immortality*

*The instant we come into the orchard, Thou and I.*

*The stars of Heaven come out to look upon us--  
We shall show the moon herself to them, Thou and I.*

*Thou and I, with no "Thou" or "I," shall become one through our tasting;  
Happy, safe from idle talking, Thou and I.*

*The spirited parrots of heaven will envy us--  
When we shall laugh in such a way, Thou and I.*

*This is stranger, that Thou and I, in this corner here...  
Are both in one breath here and there--Thou and I.*

*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 vitamin D and calcium or vitamin C and iron. Balance is important. Too much of one vitamin can affect how another is absorbed or used in the body.

Unless told differently by your doctor, a multivitamin and mineral supplement that

provides close to 100 percent of the Daily Value for several nutrients should do the trick.

There is probably not a benefit in taking supercharged supplements that give you well over 100 percent of the Daily Value for listed nutrients. Excessive amounts of some vitamins can also seriously harm your health.

### 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-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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## Discover Baltimore's accessible charms

BY JENN ROSS  
Senior Writer

Got time 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 metro destinations 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, Mondomon, Penn North, Upton, 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 9.

For more information, log onto [vampiricalice.8m.com](http://vampiricalice.8m.com) or call the Goucher College box office at (410) 337-6512.

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 features top 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) 522-6600  
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**Club Midnight**— 506 S. Marlyn Ave. (410) 391-3325  
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**Club Rumblefish**— 7954 Baldwin Ave. (410) 768-4477  
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**Fells Point Cafe**— 723 S. Broadway. (410) 327-8800  
Wednesday's college night offers free pool, as well as food and drink specials.

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

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

BY JENN ROSS  
Senior Writer

Two new additions to the box office line up attempt to wow viewers 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 otherworldly 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 poorly carried out. 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.

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

MTV music video. *Smashing Pumpkins* frontman Billy Corgan was a major player in the soundtrack of the film, which may have been the best part of the movie.

I was not entirely displeased with the film; I was just disappointed. I thought that I was going to see spectacular, but I instead got something a little better than mediocre. The premise of the film is intriguing, but it gets lost in Hollywood cheese.

**Stigmata's grade: C**  
This is just your average religious horror flick.

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*Stir of Echoes* is another thriller that attempts to have audiences on the edge of their seats.

Players of the "Kevin Bacon Game" will have new links to the star in his latest film, co-starring Ileana Douglas. Bacon plays a young, average Chicago blue-collar worker whose life view changes after undergoing hypnosis.

One unfortunate thing about this film is the timing. It happens to be featured just after *The Sixth*

*Sense* and audiences may wrongfully confuse the two.

What makes the two films similar is the presence of a small, but wise, child. However, in *Stir of Echoes* the young player is peripheral, not at the core of the film.

He knows the answer to the movie's central riddle, but he lets his parents figure it out for themselves.

*Stir of Echoes* is more of a mind game than a playground for the grotesque and gory. We are challenged to open our minds and discover what evil can lurk behind the mask of the familiar.

This film will keep audiences guessing until the bitter end— although it is that bitter end that disrupts the flow of the film. What was once a clever suspenseful guessing game ends as yet another shoot out at the O.K. Corral.

This film was well written and carefully thought out. It managed to be scary without hacking up lots of stupid people who should know better anyway.

**Stir of Echoes' grade: B+**  
Finally, a film that has done its homework on what really shake audiences up.

## Rat's Web: Beware of wares and other fun

BY ANNE BUTLER  
Features Writer

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:**  
Freeware Connection - <http://www.freewareconnection.com/> - Mac and IBM freeware.

NoNags (Freeware Section) - <http://blueion.net/nonags/main.html> - a great site that has shareware, too.

Only Freeware - <http://freeware.intrastar.net/> - this guy has an attitude, but good freeware.

Freeware Publishing Site - <http://www.katho.be/freeware/> - Freeware.htm - freeware is listed here by the creators.

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.

Some 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://blueion.net/nonags/main.html>

ZDNet Software Library - <http://www.zdnet.com/swlib/> - contains freeware too.

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, they very often contain viruses and other programs that will allow someone to screw up your computer.

It's best just to stay away from them all together.

Some miscellaneous software sites:

## WMC's shuttle is operating !!!

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

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Exactly what it sounds like...

# Mark Honeycutt takes over WMC's Writing Center

BY ERIN S. HOWARD  
Senior Writer

Mark Honeycutt is a busy guy. Not only is 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. Writing or discourse is a way to bring oneself closer to truth or knowledge, he says. "I don't believe you can learn by just listening; you have to be an active participant."

A published writer himself, Honeycutt has written papers on Ancient Greek philosophy as it pertains to discourse and has been published in *The History of Rhetoric*, *The Gettysburg Times*, and *Tar River*, an East Carolina University literary journal. He recently returned from a conference at Ferrum College in Virginia where he read one of his papers. Also before coming to WMC, he worked as a consultant for the Social Security Administration where he helped design a Kindergarten curriculum that would meet state guidelines.

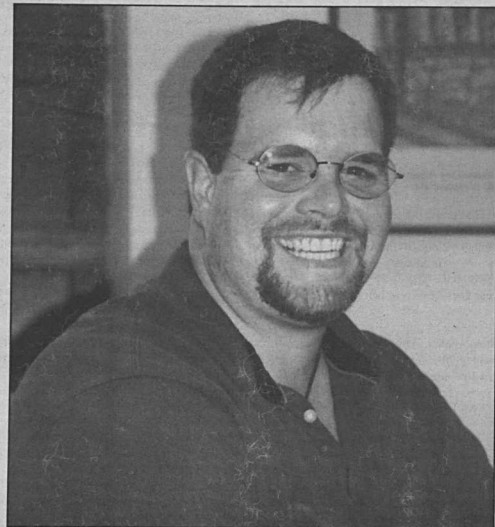
"[Mark] has a lot of different kinds of experiences," says English Department Chair Dr. LeRoy Panek. "That helps anyone in an educational surrounding."

Panek was referring not only to Honeycutt's vast background in teaching, which ranges from high school to community college, and writing, but also to his personal interests. 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 weight lifting 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."



Mark Honeycutt, in a rare moment of relaxation, pauses to explain his views on writing.

ERIN HOWARD

"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 tans, 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 sabre, and the Reserve Officers Association gave him a medal. In addition, he received an ROTC coin and two savings bonds totaling \$150.

The senior earned 983 points out of a total of 1000 possible during the five week training (July 2-August 6). This was a tough accomplishment since camp required the completion of several difficult events, including a physical training test, a land navigation test, and evaluations for leadership skills in three garrison environments and four field environments.

Gillam scored 300/300 points on the physical training test, which consisted of push-ups, sit-ups, and a two mile run. His run time of 10:57 was the fastest time in his regiment and was not even his personal best. For this, he received the Army physical training patch.

Being able to maintain such excellent physical stamina over the summer took some hard work.

"Going to a later regiment, I had to be self-motivated," says Gillam. He worked for twelve hours a day on his farms doing things like loading straw and riding horses. He also did some marching with a rucksack on his back and boots on his feet in order to get his body acclimated to the physical strain he would have to endure at camp.

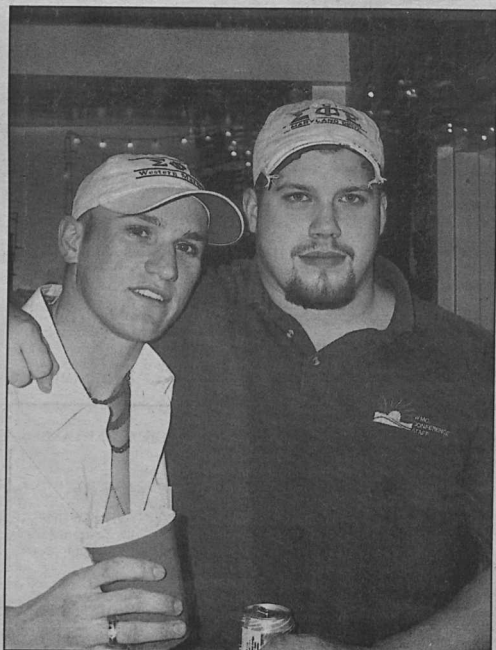
"What scared me was [that] I threw my back out three weeks before camp, and I couldn't do a push-up or sit-up for two weeks," comments Gillam. However, he still managed a high PT score which, combined with his completion of several obstacles and a high score on basic rifle marksmanship, earned Gillam the Recondo patch as well.

He scored 99/100 on land navigation and received four excellent ratings and one satisfactory rating on his leadership positions. An excellent is 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.



COURTESY OF JERROD GILLAM

Jarrod Gillam, left, unwinds with Big Brother Paul Charbonnier at a social gathering.

# 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 the last few years has not been fan attendance. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa brought fans back to the ballpark 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 make \$10 or \$15 million a year does seem very petty.

Likewise, the problem has not been 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, so none 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, Pitts-

burgh 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 without 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 LEIDERER  
Staff Writer

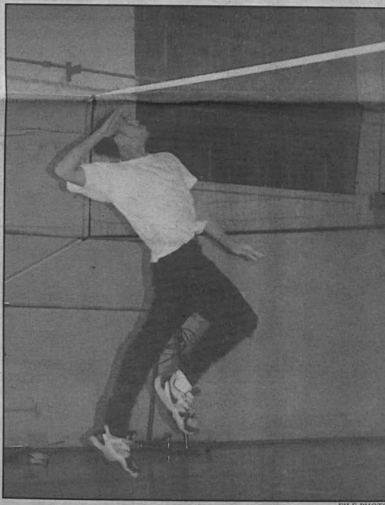
It's the fall season on campus, where you can see many varsity sports teams competing on the fields and many leaves collecting on the ground. It is also time for intramurals at Western Maryland College, which has been a part of life on the hill since the college opened. Over the next few months, many people will be competing in a variety of sports 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. The games don't receive as many fans as the varsity sports, but some true friends always attend and cheer on the participants. If you have time, come out and see a game.

Also if someone is interested in adding a new program or changing something about the present situation, they can go see Mr. Keith Reitenbach at the Gill Center; there is also a yearly meeting where students can discuss their opinions for new ideas for other programs.



A Green Terror intramural sportsman spikes the ball in a popular WMC pastime.

## Did you know?

WMC quarterbacks hold the conference records for most offensive plays in a game, most pass attempts in a game, most pass completions in a game, most passes without an interception, best completion percentage in a game, and most consecutive games with a TD pass.

Seth Aldridge holds the record for the lowest two-round score of golf in the conference.

The men's soccer team holds the record for most team goals in one game, as well as most goals allowed in one game.

It's very likely that senior Ron Serranini will become the first-ever three time offensive all-conference player of the year.

## Phoenix sports trivia challenge

1. Almost everyone knows that football great Jim Brown played for the NFL's Cleveland Browns, but on which college team did Brown star?
2. When the ABA dissolved, four teams were absorbed into the larger NBA. These franchises are still active in the NBA. Name the 4 teams.
3. Which of these four former All-Star pitchers never won the Cy Young Award?  
a) John Denny  
b) Bob Welch  
c) Jimmy Key  
d) Mike Scott

4. Leroy "Satchel" Page was a legendary pitcher in both the negro leagues and the major leagues. Who was the last person to get a hit off of Leroy "Satchel" Page?

To win: Simply call Sports Editor Mike Yestramski at x8017, or Assistant Sports Editor Chris Anastasia at x8019, with all four of the answers to this issues trivia.



## Alcohol Awareness Week

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### Monday, October 18th

Smash out the Stress-Memorial Square-sponsored by BACCHUS

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 vaudevilian techniques to shed light on alcohol abuse issues-Forum-sponsored by BACCHUS 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

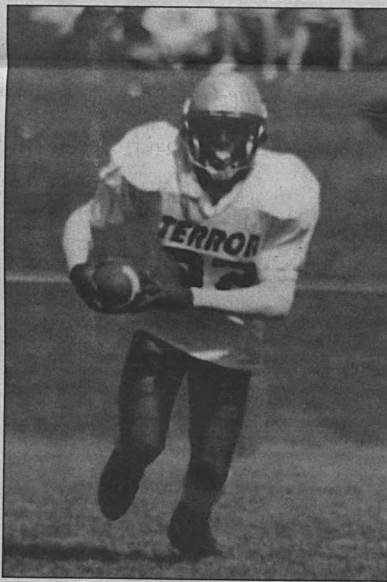
For Marvin Deal, playing cornerback, or football for that matter, has not always been his primary athletic concern. The first love for this New Carrollton, Md., product was soccer. He did not begin playing football until his senior year when he was urged by his father to take to the gridiron. Even then, Marvin Deal was a quarterback 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 All-American honors that Marvin has accumulated over his four years here at Western Maryland.

The Centennial Conference record was attained when the 3-0 Green Terror Football Team defeated Randolph-Macon 28-7. During this game, Marvin tied, then broke the record, and in the process propelled the dominant Terror defense against a skilled Randolph-Macon offense.

Marvin enjoys playing cornerback because of the man-on-man competition, which "tells you if you are in the game."

Coming into each season, Marvin plans on "having a good season, playing the game, and playing it well," and accumulating eight to 10 interceptions a season. These are quite lofty personal goals which he hopes to top off with a first team All-American nomination this season. These goals are somewhat insured because of the lucky socks that Mar-



BRAD WIDNER

Deal looks for an opening during a punt return against Ursinus

Marvin has worn in every game going back to high school soccer.

Of course, Marvin, a multifaceted athlete who has played and thrived at baseball, soccer, and football throughout his life, is most concerned with team goals. As the Terror attempts to go for another undefeated season, Marvin is willing to aid the team in any possible way, even punt returns, which he

*The Cure for the Orioles May Be A Bitter Pill For Fans To Swallow.*

Sometimes the times change, and you do not even notice it. I recently went to see an O's game and was surprised to see a number of young prospects in the starting lineup.

It was strange, to say the least, to see the entire starting infield different from its opening day incarnation. The sight of Calvin Pickering, Jerry Hairston Jr., Jesse Garcia, and Ryan Minor all in the starting lineup brought out a mixed bag of responses from the rather thin crowd. "Aw, c'mon, Hairston sucks!" seemed to be a recurring theme during the game. My friend Matt's defense of Calvin Pickering's tremendous hitting prowess was somewhat negated by his current .167 batting average.

Needless to say, these green youngsters will only get better by facing big league opposition. In my opinion, this is what the Orioles have to do. Let's face it, the old, oft-injured lineup that has

## The Sports View

BY CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

played the majority of the season was definitely not successful. It is my opinion (that is the basis of this column, after all) that the only way you become, and stay a good team in the future, is to play the talent you have.

The truth is, no matter how inexperienced and green these rookies are, they are the future of the Orioles, and the future is now.

A big thumbs down to the Baltimore Ravens for waiting until week two to bench QB Scott Mitchell. What coach Brian Billick and the Ravens front office should have done was never trade two draft picks for, in my opinion, the greatest human impression of a walking ham sandwich in history. This is a guy nobody else even wanted, and the Ravens trade two draft picks to get him from the Lions.

Maybe Lions coach Bobby Ross is not as stupid as so-called "Football Insiders" once thought.

Speaking of the Lions and their often under-fire head coach, Bobby

Ross and his team get The Sports View thumbs up this week. Nobody could have guessed that the Lions without Barry Sanders would not only be 2 and 0 going into play September 26 but are also running the ball very well in the post-Sanders era.

Reggie Rivers leads a running back committee that has played over opponents in the opening weeks of the season.

You can't dislike a team that has "underdog" written all over them and still finds a way to win

Well, that about does it for this addition of the Sports View. Next issue, I will be back with my opinions about the then-settled playoff picture in baseball. If you get the chance, check out the Phoenix Sports Trivia section that we added this week. If we get a good response, we may be able to give out prizes to the winners, so check it out. Until next week, I will see you in the cheap seats.

## Women's soccer mutilates Muhlenburg

BY AMY BITTINGER  
Staff Writer

After a rough start of 1 win and 2 losses, the Green Terror women's soccer team is undefeated in conference play with a most recent 2-1 defeat of regionally Ninth-ranked Muhlenburg College. Two perfectly placed shots and phenomenal goal-keeping secured the victory.

On one of the first Terror scoring drives, two-time All-Region pick, Beth Blasi, nailed the ball in the lower right hand corner of the goal from 18 yards out off of a pass from freshman Melissa Merson.

The duration of the half, ending 1-0, which was mostly played in the middle half of the field with some Muhlenburg threats, was scoreless.

The Terror defense lead by sweeper Meaghan Giorno, successfully stripped the Mules of any chance to get a good shot off once in the scoring zone. The shots that were fired were saved by junior goalie Becca Lyter who finished the half with five.

Muhlenburg, psyched to start the second half, suffered a blow when Terror sophomore, Thea Baily scored off on a high shot, over the goalie's shoulder, just a minute into the half.

Shortly after the Terror put the score up 2-0 they started to relax. That was when the Terror "got confused and discombobulated," explained Giorno. This led to the Mules lone goal eleven minutes into the half.

The Mules Jen Sands battled for a loose ball close to the goal that she kicked past Lyter. That goal put the Mules back to within one, but the Mule's threat wasn't over.

In a miscommunication, Giorno passed the ball back to Lyter, but it was intercepted by Muhlenburg's Nancy Grove. Lyter dove to the ground and took the ball off of Grove's foot to save the Terror from the Mule's attack. That play got the Terror back in sync and recomposed to finish the tough win.

The game ended 2-1. Lyter finished the day with 13 saves. The Terror had 8 shots overall compared to Muhlenburg's 13, but perfect placement on the Terror's part got them the win.

This game meant a lot to the Terror, who were embarrassed at Muhlenburg last year by a 6-1 loss in the season closer. This also puts the Terror back on track after their rough start, losing to Messiah (5-0), a perennial power, and losing the first game of the Wesley tournament 1-0 in overtime.

The Terror hope to carry this momentum into their next few games against Notre Dame and Goucher to be a final tune up for conference foes Washington and Ursinus.

"This win sets the tone for [playing] the rest of the conference," summed up Giorno about the win.

*Editor's note: The soccer team also defeated Dickinson 2-1 and Goucher 2-0*

# The **GREEN TERROR** Scoreboard

Statistics as of Sep. 12, 1999 (note: due to a miscommunication, the previous scoreboard is being rerun.)

## Football

### Offense

#### Name-TD-FG-XP-PTS

Ron Sermarini-2-0-0-12

Teron Powell-2-0-0-12

Brent Sandrock-0-1-7-10

Kevin Parker-1-0-0-6

A. Delle Donne-1-0-0-6

Matt Jackson-1-0-0-6

### Defense

#### Name-Tackles-Solo-Int

Aaron Bartolain-10-0-0

Tommy Selecky-9-3-0

Haroun Hebron-9-1-0

Jason Winegart-7-5-0

Josh Galemor-7-1-0

Derrick Gwynn-6-4-0

Marvin Deal-6-4-2

Matt Meiklejohn-6-2-1

Nick Alevrogiannis-6-1-0

Anthony Burgos-5-2-2

Kirk Simpson-5-0-0

### Kicking

#### FG-LG-XP

Brent Sandrock-(1-3)-22-(7-7)

## M's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Vinny Pedalino-4-3-11

Ryan Tetteris-4-1-9

Pat Danaher-1-0-2

Ryan Bowles-0-2-2

## W's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Tracey Castor-2-0-4

Beth Blasi-1-1-3

Thea Bayly-1-0-2

Tara Calton-1-0-2

Jessie Stickles-0-2-2

Kara Moran-0-1-1

## Field Hockey

### Name-G-A-TP

Sarah Fogler-1-0-2

Shauna Oplinger-1-0-2

Stephanie Peery-1-0-2

Melissa Reynolds-1-0-2

Heather Arnold-0-1-1

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## Green terror football unravels Ursinus

BY MICHAEL JENKINSON  
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.

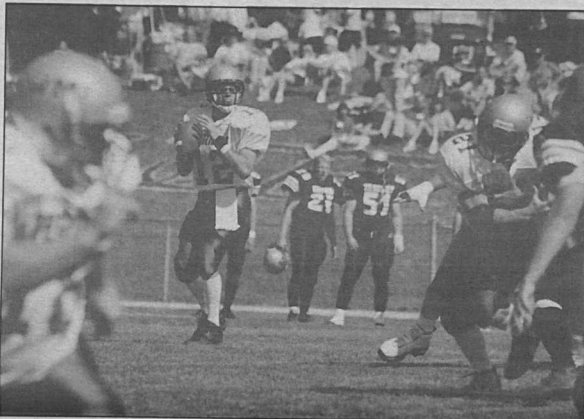
The offense then drove down the field and scored on their opening drive, highlighted by several tough runs up the middle by sophomore running back Kevin Parker.

Senior offensive lineman Terry Otto 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 Sermarini.

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

The next Terror offensive drive wasn't effective, and the punt was fumbled in Green Terror territory, giving the Bears great field position.



Quarterback Ron Sermarini drops back for one his many successful passes this past Saturday.

BRAD WIDNER

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 faked the kick. 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 Teron 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 half time.

The Green Terror came out and dominated the second half. The defense had big plays throughout, including a safety by Aaron Bartolain, an interception by Rob McCracken, 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. Barchetto and Dan Harmon was the starting point for many of the big-plays for the Terror.

A week before, The Terror went down the road to take on conference rival Gettysburg.

The Terror destroyed the Bulldogs 44-0. The biggest story of the game was Smith's 9 catches for 198 yards and a touchdown. Surprisingly enough, the game could have been even better for Smith. A 67 yard TD reception was called back on a questionable clipping call.

The Terror defense posted their second shutout of the season against Gettysburg. The linebacking crew of junior Derek Gwynn, Selecky, and Meiklejohn swarmed the ball and made bone crushing tackles throughout the contest.

The only negative note of the route was an injury. Workhorse running back Greg Dubell broke his foot. He will not return this season.

However, even an injury can have a bright spot. Dubell will red shirt this season and play again next year for The Terror.

## Volleyball garners national ranking

BY MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

No one knows the highs of victory and the lows of defeat better than the Terror women's volleyball team.

After a promising start and excellent play throughout last season, the Terror ended their season with a loss, and subsequently, an ejection from the Centennial Conference Tournament.

Well, they plan on doing everything in their power to prevent that from happening again this season.

According to captain Heather Talkach, 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

*"We're hunting for [those who are coming for us] and everyone else ranked above us. We're working hard, and we're going to be ready."*

--Heather Talkach

about other teams hunting for them now that they are ranked, Talkach said, "We're hunting for them, and everyone else ranked above us.

We're working hard, and we're going to be ready."

Recently, the Terror dominated both Bryn Mawr and Muhlenburg by sweeping all three sets in both games.

The team has yet to drop a set to a Centennial Conference opponent.

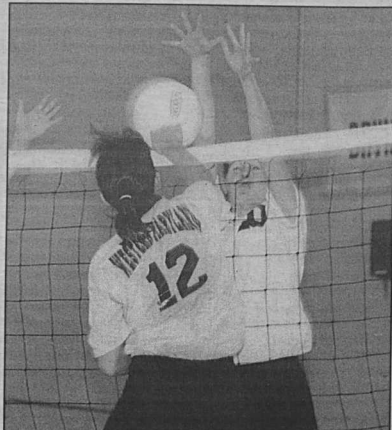
In a recent tri-meet, the team easily defeated Dickinson (15-6, 15-5, 15-4) as well as dominating host school Haverford (15-7, 15-9, 15-12).

Brianne Bray led the team with 10 kills, 18 digs, and four service aces.

The Terror also dismantled Washington College (15-1, 15-8, 15-4) to open this reporting week.

Rouse had a career high six service aces in the meeting.

The only setback for the Terror was a recent non-conference home loss to visiting York College 3-1 (15-5, 12-15, 14-16, 8-15).



FILE PHOTO

Terror volleyball action heats up as the team receives a national ranking.





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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 pm 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 Melhorn, chair of WMC's Board of Trustees and President/CEO of Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Inc.

Janssen is credited with founding Janssen Pharmaceutica, 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 Baron was conferred on him.

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

The dedication also included remarks from John Willis, secretary of state for Maryland.

State legislature appropriated a \$3.5 million challenge grant for the project.

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.

Opened in 1914, Lewis Recreation Hall is possibly one of the oldest full-time science education facilities in the nation. WMC's modern computers and lab equipment were rumored to have looked strangely out of place in the historic building.

In fact, in Provost Joan Devlin-Coley's speech at the dedication, she noted that the WMC's 1915 catalogue boasted that Old Lewis had "toilets and an electrically connected vacuum cleaner," unlike the whopping 164 vacuum outlets of the new building.

Although the building is a major step up from the old structure, most speakers admitted that the building needs more than brick and mortar to make WMC students benefit.

Although Coley called the building "a downright state-of-the-art technological marvel," she said that the building needs the "magic" of students and teachers to live up to its potential.

Louise Paquin, professor of biology, agreed in her speech. "The structure alone can't do it all... the institution must commit itself to a very integral role for the sciences."

Dr. Richard H. Smith, professor of chemistry, said in his speech that the building is a symbol to the WMC community.

"It symbolizes WMC's foundation in liberal arts. The art is in the appearance of the building," he said.

The WMC Honors Program is taking on a new project for its yearly community service project, and not only is it more ambitious than past ventures, but the driving force behind the seventh month undertaking is a First-year student. 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.

Knight, who successfully planned two similar races for the American Diabetes Association at Glen Burnie High School and



WMC faculty, students, and honored guests cut the ribbon on the new science building at last Saturday's dedication.

## Students question administration's devotion to tradition

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
News Editor

Miscommunications between the Student Government Assembly and the Alumni Affairs Office concerning this semester's homecoming parade caused some anxiety among students and faculty.

This year, some members of the SGA were doubtful of the Alumni Affairs Office's devotion to the time-honored tradition of a homecoming parade, but Alumni Affairs has denied any "apathy" on their part in staging the parade, according to Randall Rytter, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs.

At the first SGA meeting of the year, SGA board members were told by Rytter that there were many obstacles which would prevent a

homecoming parade this year, said interviewed SGA members.

Every year, WMC has received five tractors from Finch Services, a local farm equipment dealer, and five flatbeds from Baugher's, a produce vender and restaurant on W. Main St. Ext.

This year, Rytter informed the SGA that they would not be able to get the equipment, which is usually used by WMC in building floats for the parade, said interviewed SGA members.

Also, Rytter said that road construction would have kept the college from having a parade.

In order to appease the SGA, Rytter suggested that they consider having a banner competition

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## Credit cap raised

CATHY PENDORF, LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
Staff Writer, News Editor

Starting their efforts last semester, students who were trying to convince WMC to raise the number of credits they can take without being charged may finally be satisfied.

Earlier this month, requests taken to the budget committee were gratified when administrators agreed to up the credit limit from 20 to 22 next semester.

Dean Joan Devlin-Coley, provost, explained that the new credit system will be helpful to students who wish to take four academic classes as well as a gym class and a music class.

Previous to the new system, students were required to pay \$365 per credit to take over 20 credits.

Students originally requested the credit limit be raised to 24, but the committee decided that 22 would be a good compromise, said Coley.

Coley said the decision was made in an attempt to be responsive to the students next semester.

Rumors WMC would go back to the three credit system to accommodate the new limit are untrue, notes Coley, saying that the college only relatively recently switched to the four credit system.

Students, like Steve Sharkey, sophomore Chair of the Student Government Assembly Academic Committee, seem excited about the change.

"I feel it's great for students who want to double major and have extra minors without charge," he said.

## Freshman directing major community service project for Honors Program

ERIN S. HOWARD  
Senior writer

served as race director her senior year, brought the idea of a charity race to the Honors Program at the beginning of the school year. According to Knight, the Honors Program's past community service programs have included projects such as sponsoring needy families and recycling drives but never "a large project like this."

The charity, RAINN, which is widely known for its cofounder, influential music artist Tori Amos, was also chosen by Knight.

"I think society largely ignores the population of people that have been abused, raped, or victimized because it's not a nice topic to deal with," said Knight of her reasons for choosing RAINN. "By giving

the proceeds of this race to RAINN, we are supporting all of the Rape Crisis Centers around the nation."

The previous two charity races which Knight planned raised \$5,000 each year for the American Diabetes Association. She hopes the Race for RAINN will raise \$10,000.

The response Knight has already received from the Honors Program and the WMC community leads her to believe that this ambitious goal is possible to achieve.

Currently, the Race for RAINN has 25 volunteers. Having only had three volunteers for the races she planned in high

school, Knight is overwhelmed by the reaction.

"The people who are helping are great," said Knight. "Everything is moving along quickly."

Still there is much to be done, according to Knight. The planning of the race will take a full seven months, and she and the members of the various committees, which include the Race Day Committee, Sponsorship Committee, and Advertising/Runners Committee, are still in the beginning stages.

"If we plan it right, the earliest we can have things wrapped up is the week before," said Knight. "But usually it comes down to the day of the race."

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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, Alpha Nu Omega sorority'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 fraternities on campus.

The sororities are Alpha Nu Omega, Phi Alpha Mu, Phi Mu, and Phi 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 fraternity or sorority.

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

"On this campus, some organizations

have the mentality that the smaller their organization, 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 chapters because of their national headquarters.

This fall, the two organizations that recruited 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 chapters 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 Alcohol Awareness Week scheduled for October 17-23.

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

"The more [the organization's] name is

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At the end of September Knight mailed 45 letters to all major campus organizations notifying them of the race and requesting volunteers. So far, Phi Sigma Sigma, Phi Kappa Sigma, and the Women's Issues Group have volunteered their services.

Presently, Knight and volunteers are in the process of designing the race day t-shirts and pamphlets and finalizing the letters which will be sent to major corporations requesting donations.

Over the next seven months, they will work to secure both monetary donations and the donation of food and other products for use the day of the race, register runners, ad-

vertise the race across Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and continue to seek volunteers.

Knight, who hopes the race will continue to grow each year she is at WMC, has a positive outlook on her first endeavor.

"Even if we only raise \$500," she said, "that's still \$500 that they didn't have before."

Registration for the Race for RAINN is \$10 until April 1, \$15 after. To volunteer contact Stephanie Knight.

Weekly meetings are held Tuesdays at 9:30 pm in Daniel MacLean.

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.

**GET THE FLU SHOT**

**WHEN: October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

**WHERE: Ensor Lounge**

**TIME: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**WHO: All students and Faculty**

**COST: \$ 4.50**

**NOT THE FLU**

## Students question.....

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around the stadium since the prospects of having a homecoming parade were slim.

"At first they understood," said Rytter, "but the next thing I knew there's a parade happening."

Apparently, members of the SGA were not satisfied and refused to abandon the idea of a traditional homecoming parade.

SGA executives began looking into ways to get around the obstacles presented to them, said the SGA members.

"Somehow we were going to have a parade," said Matt Berger, junior class representative, saying that the school has lost a lot of its traditions in years past.

Problems arose when SGA members began looking into Rytter's reasons for offering parade substitutes to the SGA. When Mike Blundin, vice-president of the SGA, called Baugher's, he found that there were no problems in getting the flatbeds, and Baugher's would donate them as usual.

It also appeared to the SGA members that Finch's would have no problems in loaning WMC the tractors, said the SGA members.

More questions arose when Berger applied to city hall for a road permit to have the parade.

Katrina Tucker, an employee at city hall, told him that minor utility work would be happening around the time of homecoming, but it was not serious enough to stop the parade from happening, said Berger.

Because of these inconsistencies, the SGA began to doubt Alumni Affairs' devotion to the project.

"Somebody doesn't want to have a pa-

rade," said Jeremiah Kelly, the junior class president. "Not having parade would disappoint the Alumni a lot," said Kelly.

Although the SGA members understood Rytter to have vetoed the homecoming parade, Rytter believes there may have been a misunderstanding. "I never said 'you're not having a parade this year,'" he said.

Rytter also felt that it was unfair of the SGA to "go behind [his] back" without keeping 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 Rytter had given the SGA concerning the college's inability to acquire flatbeds, he claimed to have spoken to the owner of Baugher's, Margorie Baugher.

He called her "apprehensive" about giving the flatbeds to WMC because of some damage done to one flatbed last year and because the pumpkin harvest would complicate 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 acquir-

ing the flatbeds would be an inconvenience. "It was a judgment call on my part," he said.

Concerning the tractors, Rytter referred to a problem at last year's parade.

Citing an accident which involved a tractor, a flatbed, and an antique car, Rytter explained that Finch's, as of December, was hesitant to lend the \$50,000 tractors to WMC again.

He also noted that no one seems to know who was involved in the accident and that Alumni Affairs was not even aware of the accident until Finch's called two months after the parade asking what the college was going to do about the damaged tractor.

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 Sayre, paid for the tractor, said Rytter.

Keith Gosuch, Finch's Agriculture Services Manager, confirmed the company's hesitance in giving the tractors to WMC as of December, but the company was not discouraged enough to stop donating the tractors.

As for the road permit situation, misinformation among county and state road departments seems to have complicated planning the parade.

Supposedly, road workers, who will be working on Saturday because they are behind schedule, will try to keep traffic and other utility related problems that might interfere with the parade under control, but there are bound to be complications, said Rytter.

Rytter claims to have called the on-site supervisor two weeks ago to check up on the

progress of the road work. He said that the work was to continue despite the parade route, but he holds that as of July, the parade would have been inhibited, according to information he received from the town.

Ethan Seidel, vice-president of Administration and Finance, also looked into the road permit affair via the State Highway Administration and found that plans to reconstruct main street were to start in August, and that originally, the road work would have "torn up" the road around the time of homecoming.

"[We're] concerned about having a good homecoming," said Rytter, who explained Alumni Affairs' plans for centralizing the homecoming activities.

Changing the parade to a banner competition around the field was another way to bring the homecoming events into one main area, said Rytter.

And although Rytter 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 Rytter, Alumni Affairs has been as active as possible in planning the parade.

He also noted that time constraints hindered the office's involvement in the parade.

"I feel like we did all we could to put this thing together," said Rytter.

Currently, a student-run homecoming parade is planned for the Saturday, October 23, at noon. The parade will include floats from campus organizations, including the homecoming court.

# Alcohol at WMC

MAISSA MORIN  
Staff Writer

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

"Two or three students have already been hospitalized this year for alcohol poisoning," 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.

So why aren't more students changing their behavior?

"Students don't change their opinions [about drinking] because, if 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 "still 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 residence 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, of the 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 an increase and clubroom parties are on a decrease, he noted that there is "no hard and fast evidence that there is more drinking going on on-campus in the past few years."

Although Kane said 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.

During the 1996-97 school year, there were 290 discipline cases involving alcohol, 247 during the 1997-98 school year, and 240 during the 1998-99 school year.

Friday believes that because of "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 at 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.

Freshmen students are required to complete a program called On Campus Talking About Alcohol (OCTAA).

After that, students are added to programs such as Alcohol 101 and Alcohol Awareness Week.

"Those programs tend to be dry and long, but there is hope," said Bosley. "We are always concerned with trends in binge drinking."

Kane traces the binge drinking problem to the availability of alcohol among students. "Parties are spread around campus," he said. "Most of them are Greek-related."

Despite the Greek reputation for throwing parties, WMC houses some dry organizations. Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Sigma sororities have been dry since they were founded 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.

"None of the four [organizations] are really promoting being dry," said Betsy Chimock, assistant director of College Activities. "If the groups were really alcohol free, there would be a positive change on campus, specifically in the drinking culture on campus."

Rana Razaque, social chair of Phi Sigma Sigma, disagrees with Chimock because she believes that "it's not our responsibility to make the whole campus dry, it's not fair to put that burden solely on Greeks."

Razaque thinks that independents drink as much as Greeks, "but the reason why we get a bad reputation is because our events are organized and attract a lot of publicity."

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."

However, Razaque also said that Greeks do hold events that are not centered around alcohol.

For example, Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Delta Theta had a movie and pizza night recently, and Phi Sigma Sigma had a series of alcohol education classes specifically for their sorority.

"College students do drink, and they will continue to drink," said Kane.

Friday believes "drinking is pretty evenly distributed [between Greeks and non-Greeks], but, of course, some groups are going to be worse than others."

## Campus Safety Blotter

• On 9/25 at 2:43 am DoCS documented threatening or dangerous physical abuse at Blanche Ward Hall.

• On 9/25 at 2:37 pm DoCS responded to a call from McDaniel Lounge for reasons unknown.

• On 9/25 at 4:03 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm/panel trouble in McDaniel Hall.

• On 9/25 at 6:45 am DoCS documented an alcohol violation, possession of "kegs," in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

• On 9/26 at 12:30 am DoCS documented a damage report in the Garden Apartments.

• On 9/26 at 4:05 pm DoCS documented a medical report but did not render treatment in a Pennsylvania Avenue House.

• On 9/26 at 6:00 pm DoCS documented a vehicle towed from McDaniel Lane.

• On 9/26 at 9:50 pm DoCS documented a medical report, for transport only, in Whiteford Hall.

• On 9/27 at 3:10 pm DoCS documented motor vehicle theft at the Whiteford Parking Lot.

• On 9/28 at 5:41 pm DoCS documented an emergency exit in Hoover Library.

• On 9/28 at 10:40 pm DoCS documented a medical report in Rouzer Hall and needed higher ranked EMS procedures.

• On 9/29 at 6:50 pm DoCS documented dishonesty/furnishing false information at Englar Dining Hall.

• On 9/30 at 6:45 pm DoCS documented a failure to comply with a college official at Englar Dining Hall.

• On 9/30 at 11:00 pm DoCS documented the use of a controlled dangerous substance at Rouzer Hall, forwarded to WCPD.

• On 10/1 at 12:00 am DoCS documented intimidation of an individual via the campus phone system.

• On 10/1 at 4:00 pm DoCS documented motor vehicle theft at Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot.

• On 10/1 at 9:01 pm DoCS documented excessive speed at Gill Lane.

• On 10/1 at 11:17 pm DoCS documented disorderly conduct at Rouzer Hall.

• On 10/2 at 2:00 am DoCS documented defacing property in Rouzer Hall.

• On 10/2 at 9:01 pm DoCS docu-

mented a pull station incident in McDaniel Hall.

• On 10/5 at 2:00 am DoCS documented a fire alarm/panel trouble in Daniel MacLea.

• On 10/5 at 7:20 am DoCS documented a fire alarm/panel trouble in Lewis Hall.

• On 10/5 at 5:38 pm DoCS documented stealing at Rouzer Hall.

• On 10/5 at 9:18 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm/panel trouble in Daniel MacLea, which was forwarded to OCM.

• On 10/7 at 5:15 pm DoCS documented theft from the Decker Student Center.

• On 10/7 at 5:20 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in DoCS Office.

• On 10/8 7:25 am DoCS documented a vehicle accident at Blanche Ward Hall.

• On 10/8 at 9:38 am DoCS documented a vehicle towed from Whiteford Parking Lot.

• On 10/8 at 6:22 pm DoCS documented theft from the DoCS office.

• On 10/10 at 2:00 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector alarm in Daniel MacLea.

• On 10/12 at 1:20 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in the DoCS Office.

• On 10/12 at 4:30 pm DoCS documented a parking violation at Peterson Hall Parking Lot.

• On 10/13 at 5:33 pm DoCS documented a response to a call from Hoover Library for reasons unknown.

• On 10/13 at 11:36 pm DoCS documented a damage report at the Power Plant.



mented a vehicle towed from Whiteford Parking Lot.

• On 10/3 at 9:00 am DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Englar Dining Hall.

• On 10/3 at 2:15 pm DoCS documented theft from Alumni Hall.

• On 10/3 at 3:45 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector in a Pennsylvania Avenue House.

• On 10/3 at 3:55 pm DoCS documented a medical report and rendered treatment in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

• On 10/3 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented stealing at Blanche Ward Hall.

## WMC plans for more renovations

MIKE STOKES  
Staff Writer

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 completed 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 renovate all of the classrooms, offices, and labs. 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 ap-

proval, 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 recently 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 numbers of students requiring Internet access in the dorms. And, according to Seidel, the work will be done this year.

Seidel remarked that "renovations will never end, because we're always trying to improve residence life on campus. However, the major renovations are coming to an end."



# Carroll County offers meningitis vaccine

STACI GREGG  
Staff Writer

Do you know what meningitis is? You should. College students are most likely to get the bacterial form known as meningococcal meningitis.

Symptoms that anyone should look for include: high fever, nausea and vomiting, severe headache, signs of cerebral dysfunction, rigors, profuse sweats, altered mental status, stiffness and pains in the neck, shoulders, and back, and a skin rash of small, bright red spots.

Anyone with such symptoms should seek a doctor for immediate treatment.

If this bacterial disease remains undetected, the ailing person has the potential risk of long term brain damage including paralysis, hearing loss, speech difficulty, and intellectual impairment.

Like any other serious illness, a possible death is always a harsh reality for one suffering from meningococcal meningitis.

The American College Health Association has studied this illness profusely and has concluded that all students should have a vaccination that will prevent this illness.

The Carroll County Health Department will be offering the meningococcal vaccine to students the second Monday of each month

from 2:30 pm through 4:30 pm, as well as every Tuesday from 12:00 pm through 4:00 pm. The hours will be extended to 7:00 pm the last Tuesday of each month.

The vaccine costs \$60.00, and any student under 18 must have parents' permission to receive the vaccine.

Questions concerning meningococcal meningitis or the vaccine can be directed to Eleanor Destine at (410) 876-4936 or Debbie Middleton at (410) 876-4936.

The vaccine prevents only a few types of meningococcal disease, which include groups A, C, Y, and W-135. It does not protect against group B.

A pamphlet written by The American Academy of Pediatrics states that "although less than 15% of the population carry the germ, less than 1% of the total population are susceptible to the bacteria 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, coughing, 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.

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.

Realizing the risks of this bacterial illness, as well as other illnesses that spread from one person to the next, Lusby stated, "It reminds us that we need to take good care of ourselves in general. The best protection is your own protection - good common sense health measures such as washing hands, refraining from sharing cups, adequate rest, and a healthy diet."

Any one who wants more information pertaining to meningococcal meningitis may contact Smith House.

After the vaccine, a sore arm might result, with a minimal swelling for one to two days.

People with Anaphylaxis or someone with a moderate illness, with or without a fever, should not get the vaccine.

Although children ages one and two and the elderly are most susceptible to this bacterial illness, college students who live in close quarters are also at risk.

As with any illness, one should contact a physician for an accurate diagnosis.

## Flu shots

MATT FREAS  
Special to the Phoenix

The flu shot will be offered to students by Smith House this fall. Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is caused by viral infections in the respiratory tract.

On October 27 and 28, from 11 am to 1 pm, students and faculty can receive the shot for \$4.50 in Ensor 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 the antibodies to prevent the flu. The influenza vaccine must be taken each year.

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

The flu shot is relatively painless, and you will not experience flu-like symptoms afterwards. It also lessens the effects of the annoying common cold. The flu shot also helps the body fight off any other respiratory infections.

Typical symptoms of the flu include high fever, usually 100-103 degrees, 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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out, the more positive the outlook on the group becomes," said Chimoek. "The minute you tie your name to something, it gets your name out there."

Kris Rider, Inter-Greek Council secretary, has another theory about the low numbers.

"I think the reason why numbers are low is because the different organizations don't work together in recruitment. All of the chapters work separately for their own benefit," she said.

Philip Sayre, Dean of Student Affairs, also believes that since Greeks open a lot of what they do to independents, such as parties and inviting them to live on their floor, people start to believe they do not need to join the organizations to reap the benefits.

"Some organizations may see allowing independents to participate in their events as a recruitment process, but I don't see it as very successful," said Sayre. "The numbers are there to prove it."

Rider is in agreement with Sayre. "They do not see the need to join the organizations when they are already getting what they want," said Rider. "They are already getting some of the best aspects of being a part of a fraternity or sorority."

Chimoek said that WMC Greeks as a whole "don't have a good or bad name, they have no name." One thing that has contributed to that, she believes, is the lack of motivation and participation sometimes shown by Greeks as a system.

According to Chimoek, the Inter-Greek Council plans to start a public relations campaign soon.

But in the past, the Panhellenic Council, which is the coordinating body for WMC sororities, has attempted to plan programs to promote Greek life.

"[The Panhellenic Council] doesn't have the know-how and training to plan them," said Chimoek.

Often, an organization's reputation may dissuade new members from joining. For example, some people may still associate Gamma Beta Chi and Alpha Nu Omega with the near-fatal drinking incident that occurred almost a year ago.

The incident occurred during a pledging activity, when a female took approximately 20 shots of bourbon and had to be hospitalized.

Because of the incident, the names of both of those organizations have been tarnished and heavy sanctions were handed out by the college.

Now some people fail to see the good things that those two organizations have done and continue to do.

That may be the case, but Robert Chambers, president of the college, has a hard time finding praise for the Greeks.

"Most problems on campus are Greek-related," said Chambers. "Sometimes students believe that just because this is college, there are no rules and the college will protect everything they do."

Dr. Charles Neal, Sigma Phi Epsilon advisor, does not agree with Chambers.

"I think [Chambers] is hard-pressed to make a generalized statement like that," said Neal. "There have not been many major problems in the past years. Greeks are going to get more attention though because they do have all the parties."

Chimoek said that so far this year nothing similar to last year's binge drinking incident has happened. Many believe that the emphasis on Greeks drinking and getting in trouble needs to end in order for them to get the recognition they deserve.

"There are drinking problems everywhere, but Greeks do tend to be worse," said Sayre. "The organizations need to work on the recognition of the positive things they do."

Grace McAleer, president of the Panhellenic Council, partly attributes lack of positive publicity to the Greek organizations themselves. "For some reason Greeks don't take the initiative to show the positive things they do," said McAleer.

"On a national level, the media is not going to do it for us because they usually focus on the negative things that kids do. People find it... juicier to listen to the bad things," said McAleer.

Sayre agrees that Greeks often get "beat

up in the press."

"Chapters need to realize that they have to help themselves," said Chimoek. "It would also help if the Inter-Greek Council, Inter-Fraternity Council, and Panhellenic Council were more functional. They could help publicize and get things going," she said.

Rider believes that the councils cannot do what they need to do by themselves. Often, they do not get the support they need from the chapters.

"The executive boards of all of the councils try to work towards positive goals, but there isn't much support from the organizations themselves," said Rider.

Chimoek also believes it is unrealistic for any organization to expect the college to be excited over every individual action taken.

Although the college does not publicize every positive activity Greeks take part in, Sayre does not believe that the college has a bad relationship with the Greek organizations.

"There will always be times when Greek organizations, or even other organizations, will be upset with the college when they enforce the rules," said Sayre. "We have to be serious with the consequences when they do something wrong."

Bryan Miller, an independent junior sociology major, believes that too often Greeks are blamed for things that are totally not their fault. "If people wander onto a Greek floor to hang out, the residents are not going to kick you off their floor, usually," said Miller. "If a lot of uninvited people show up, then a party starts, and the Greek floor usually gets written up and in trouble," Miller continued.

McAleer believes that the relationship between Greek organizations and faculty and administration varies within the departments.

"Residence Life does not look at Greeks positively because of incidents like parties," said McAleer. "But College Activities and our advisors realize the good things the organizations do because of their involvement with the groups. They see the good things and understand our dedication."

Gina Rende, public relations chair of Phi

Sigma Sigma, attributes the varied opinions of the Greek organizations to the amount of knowledge people have of Greek activities.

"People who know the Greeks support us, and those who don't know us, don't support us and don't see the good we do," Rende said.

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 totally support the system by 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 provides each organization with a clubroom for meetings and other social events. Third, Greeks are provided with housing on campus and are allowed to choose their organizations before any other students.

Luke 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 Chimoek and many Greeks feel hinders the recruitment process, one interviewed thought the Greek system at WMC would vanish completely in the future.

"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 low numbers."

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.

## WMC Internet headaches

I'm sure most of us have sat around in our dorms at 11 pm on a weeknight waiting to get online to do some work. I know I have. I know that my roommate, 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 ever crowded writing centers and

**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.

Lately, I come back from my classes in the afternoon, flip on

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 in the middle of the day, this can pose a problem to many students who are awaiting 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

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

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 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

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 to not 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

a professor to show up.

With all the disadvantages to the current system here at school, it's a wonder why we still even have it. Oh yes, it must be one of those oldies but goodies.

You see, it's not just a matter of fixing the dorms' "networking"; it's also a matter of making sure that the computers in the labs are open to students who need to get those important messages.

The Internet is a great resource. I have used it many times already to help me and to just goof off. It's just a teeny problem when no one can get on when they need to do so.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



**Have a ghoulish story about Halloween? What better place to tell it than the *Phoenix*? For Halloween story ideas, or any others, come out to a *Phoenix* meeting, held every Monday night at 6 pm in the basement of the fourth section of Daniel Maclela. If you can't make it, call extension 8600.**

## 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 prospective candidates have any clue?

I suppose this phenomenon can be traced back to the irrepressible Jesse Ventura. The illustrious 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 entitled 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.

Newswreck 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 soaks up the media attention

error of California. This has not been officially discussed yet, but it merits notice.

He completes the group of celebrities that are something more than a coincidence and are possibly a developing 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

It's a growing trend that Americans are tired with traditional politics and traditional politicians. Ventura's 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 senti-

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

Where to begin? There are so many alternative candidates who don't really belong in the sphere of political campaigning.

For some reason, these candidates feel compelled to run for office. Some of them just seem a little ludicrous.

It appears that Hollywood has become the breeding ground for politicians.

The next natural step would be that the New Hampshire Primary or the Iowa Straw Poll will move into the realm of the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

For example, Warren Beatty announced that he is considering a run for the White House. He obviously has the political benefit of charisma, thanks to his acting skills, but what

Another such example is Cybil Shepherd. Her career seems to be dropping off in recent years, so of course, a presidential run seems that natural transition for a middle-aged actress, right?

When was the last time that anyone heard her name in the press?

Is it too much to suggest that her reasons for discussing this option are not for the good of the country but more for the good of her personal causes.

Here is another person who has not particularly expressed any plans for America. Her political background is that of a typical Hollywood actress - strongly liberal and mad at all of

and the profits.

Trump has increased his wealth, as if he needed it, as a result of his proclamation. It seems that this serves as a very compelling reason to continue in his attempts.

Also, he would certainly benefit from his role if he were to become president. The impact on big business would be unbelievable. Naturally, this thought has never crossed the mind of Donald Trump.

Rest assured, his current model girlfriend, Miss Melanie Knauss, undoubtedly has begun work on a revised health care plan and other humanitarian efforts to help the American people.

Rumors are starting to circulate that Arnold Schwarzenegger is contemplating a campaign for gov-

Hollywood, he moved onto political offices in many different arenas, 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 have been possible without the proper American toleration for these statements from Hollywood.

ment 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 soaking up the limelight, using their fame to draw media attention.

The presidential candidate who can steal the limelight 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!

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

**Kristen G. Fraser decries the lackluster operation and appearance of the school Pub.**

The intention of the WMC Pub (or Grille, 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 unintelligibly shout 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 understaffed team of workers.

This is usually followed by the wait of as long as an hour for food. The average wait seems to be about 45 minutes if there is anyone in line ahead of your order.

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-fire" and some French 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 mounds of trash. Lovely, isn't it?

He looks around the Pub, noticing its sparse conditions and lowly decorations. Bob hearkens back to the memories of other colleges 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, collective 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. Underdressed, watery Coke fills his cup.

Bob sits down, contemplating which is better: his typical flat soda or his watery soda. Of course, Bob knows better than to try the

other side. That soda machines is perpetually unused and broken.

A second attempt to avoid depression is made as Bob hears 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 braves 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 he unites with other 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

**Anne Butler tackles the on-campus parking problem with solutions.**

"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 Whiteford lot!" I groaned and turned around into another row of cars. Maybe a spot had 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

at the squirrel, who refused to move. "You know," Maggie said idly, "It's unregistered cars and freshmen that clog up all the spaces in this lot."

"Freshmen aren't allowed to have cars, Maggie."

"I know that!" Maggie replied, "But they get around it by making some damn excuse like they have a job or something. I can see if it's for a medical condition or something,

could end up paying less, say, twenty dollars instead of the normal thirty."

"You know, I like this idea!" Maggie said.

"Yeah," I answered, "I just wish they'd implement it here. Then I might not be waiting for a damn squirrel to move so I can get a space."

I looked to my left and noticed a car pulling into the front row right near the basement entrance.

Maggie noticed it too. "Gun it before someone else gets it!" she yelled. I obliged and slid in, beating the blue Oldsmobile that was waiting for it. I noticed the Oldsmobile

*"... freshmen are allowed cars on campus, but they are required to park in a special lot about a mile away from campus itself."*

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. I zoomed over there only to find the space already occupied by a squirrel. I sighed in frustration.

"Just park there anyway," Maggie told me. "It'll probably move."

I shook my head. "I can't take the chance that it won't. I don't need more retaliation from the squirrel Mafia. They already killed me three times!"

Maggie looked from me to the squirrel and back again. "Well... Maybe it'll move if we wait here for a bit."

I nodded and put the car in park. "I hope it moves soon."

We waited in silence for awhile staring

but not for just a job. Freshmen shouldn't be allowed cars unless it's for a health reason."

I stretched and stared up at the sky through the sunroof. "I rather like the solution my friend's college has."

"What's that?" Maggie asked.

"Well, freshmen are allowed cars on campus, but they are required to park in a special lot about a mile away from the campus itself. If they park out of this lot, they get a huge fine."

Maggie considered this. "You know, that actually seems rather reasonable. Freshmen get to have cars, but we still get to keep our parking spaces."

"Yeah, both sides win then. The freshmen could have special colored stickers to show that they can only park in that lot. Since they do have to park so far away, maybe the

belonged to a freshman I knew.

"Yes! We did it!" Maggie cried, "We showed that stupid idiot!"

"Yeah!" I watched the freshman gesture to me and grinned at him. He was one of those who'd made up an excuse to have a car on campus. He saw the spot I'd been waiting to get and smoothly pulled into it, almost running over the squirrel. The squirrel jumped on top of his hood and relieved himself on the windshield and then ran off. I laughed.

"What?"

"That squirrel just marked him for a visit from his 'brothers' tonight," I explained.

Maggie laughed too. "Think we should warn him?"

"Nah. He'll find out about it soon enough."



# Gendered magazines send mixed signals to readers

As I was observing two magazines found in today's society, I noticed a pattern. I used both Glamour and Maxim to see if men and women are receiving the same type of information on similar topics.

It is my estimation that this industry conveys mixed messages to the sexes.

Women's magazines have been in publication since the 1950's. Men's magazines, however, are fairly new. Either way, the information one can gain from them is significantly larger and more open than in the past.

Now, it is not uncommon to find blurbs like "Tongue Twist Her" on the cover of his magazine or "Sex Pointers from Women Men Love" on the cover of her magazine.

I have realized through observation that women's magazines have undergone several major changes. These changes can be titled different Visions.

The historical background of magazines is quite interesting, but in this case, I was interested in studying the content of the magazines.

I seemed to deduce one thing from these magazines right away. I assumed that women and men share one thing, the confusion of

interpreting the significant other in a relationship. Hopefully, these magazines would help to bridge the gap and confront the difficulties of being in a relationship. Unfortunately, I was too optimistic.

While thumbing through my copy of Glamour, I found, after searching through underwear, shoe, and perfume ads, that article entitled "Why Guys Do What They Do."

This article tackles the issues that women face in relationships everyday.

Let me explain. I thought for a long time that it was just me and that my boyfriend simply didn't understand me.

As a matter of fact, the problems of "wonders," as the article termed it, were things that I had been turning over in my head for about two weeks. Perhaps the magazine would help after all.

The article goes on to define the seven wonders about men.

Those range from why men cannot talk about relationships; why they are attracted to "bimbos"; why men hate being romantic; why men share the same sexual fantasy; and which is more important, their work or their women.

It continues to include why they are so "easy" and why it is that men

## Sara Hoover questions the messages presented in gendered magazines.

are such "lousy listeners."

The article follows up with examples and then strategies to help us poor females understand what the guys are thinking and feeling.

The opposite is true for the men's magazine.

While flipping through Maxim, I found pages and pages devoted to women - naked women and actresses with large breasts in tiny shirts.

I found cigarette ads and, did I mention, naked women.

The point is clear. If she isn't flung over the hood of a car or stretched across a bed, then she has at least a five inch cleavage line. Let me stop here, momentarily.

Glamour also has naked women displaying lingerie, but well, isn't that for women? Glamour also has some handsome and muscular men in their ads but not nearly as many as the number found of women in Maxim.

I spent time deciding that the article entitled "Going Downtown" was not the best choice for my reading pleasure.

You can only guess what that ar-

ticle concerns. At least this article was written by a woman.

I moved onto a smaller article entitled "Read Her Palm." This article does not express concern for the repair and maintenance of relationship; instead, it tries to give men something else to use to "pick her up."

In fact, the subhead reads, "When you want to impress the girl with your sensitivity, but there's not a puppy in sight, nothing does the trick like palm reading."

Come on, seriously, a study should be done to see how many women fall for such antics.

Regardless of my personal feelings, the article explains a simple and effective way to read a woman's palm and hopefully strike up a conversation.

After comparing the two, it seems that while females are trying to understand men, men are trying to seduce women. There are, however, several things about the article in Maxim that bother me.

In the subhead, a woman is referred to as a "girl."

Now, my question is this: When exactly are we deemed worthy to be no longer a "girl"?

It would seem to me that if you are calling a woman a girl, then she

is too young to be having her palm read by any man in the first place.

Another problem with this article is that it lacked depth. I sincerely hope that the editors do not expect a man to attempt these tricks and have to maintain a sensible relationship.

I know that it is not fair to browbeat the guys. Unfortunately, I see no real harm in the Glamour article and not just because I am a woman. The article successfully and honestly explains men.

The article does not degrade them, simply stating facts that are known and allowing them to explain the reasoning behind their actions.

I can honestly say that the Glamour article is effective and promotes the correct type of story for a woman to read. It does not damage a relationship but allows it to become stronger.

The article in Maxim, whether taken seriously or not, is fickle.

Unfortunately, if studies are correct, we do pay close attention to what the media tells us.

If women continue to learn about men while the men receive useless attempts to make us smile, then what becomes of the two-way, equal relationship that so many of us strive for today?

# Homecoming parade debate: Don't shortchange tradition

Matt Berger's comment in Lisa Dale Van Auker's article, "Student's question administration's devotion to tradition," page 1, about WMC losing traditions really got me thinking.

I am not certain which traditions have actually been lost or forgotten in recent years; the Phoenix office tends to be that proverbial rock some people live under for most of their lives.

The idea of losing the Homecoming parade does bother me. Apparently a misunderstanding, the controversy over this year's parade is, at the very least, thought provoking.

What if we lost this tradition? Traditions are important to

communities. It gives people a sense of continuity. Long after I leave WMC, I hope that something I was a part of lives on here.

For instance, I wouldn't mind coming back, some future Homecoming weekend perhaps, to see some Phoenix editor running frantically back and forth between dorm and office instead of attending the football game. Not that there's anything wrong with attending the football game, but sometimes it is just impossible on a lay-out weekend.

Traditions like that give continuity because I know that former editors had to miss football games for lay-out weekends before I ever came to WMC, and I know that

## Megan K. Martin considers the importance of tradition.

future editors will have to do the same.

It's not unlike the Homecoming parade. When the alumni were students, they took part in the parade. Now, when they come back Homecoming weekend, they can watch current students participating.

It gives the alumni a bond with the future and the students a connection to the past.

From the students' collective perspective, a firm connection with the past helps pave the road to the future. Traditions help serve this

purpose, enabling students to look back but still have a sense of the future. All people need a sense of their roots, of the history that led to their time and place.

This can be evidenced by people's fascination with genealogy. I've helped my mother search for genealogical information on the Internet and was amazed at how many people have developed sites dedicated to their families and traditions.

Unfortunately, over time, traditions can lose their meaning. The turnover rate at college is extremely high. What is meaningful for one class may mean nothing in four years' time.

It is important for college clubs,

fraternities and sororities, and the community at large to develop and maintain traditions that are timeless, like the parade. Without them, we lose our sense of the past and cannot look to the future as clearly.

If it is true that WMC has lost some of its traditions over the years, maybe someone should look into which years have been lost and why they have been lost. Some of the more important ones, or the more interesting ones, could be dusted off and revamped for today's campus.

In any case, I hope we never let go of things like the Homecoming parade. Since Homecoming is not a lay-out weekend, I'll see you at the parade.

# Too much personal information available on the Internet

Do you feel safe where you are right now?

I 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.

Creepey, isn't it?

Not only can they find out about you, but they can find out about your family and neighbors and buy copies of your public records.

I don't feel very safe at all anymore. How about you?

I discovered this frightening little web site over fall break, when my younger brother was just fooling around on the Internet.

Being the nosy older sister I

## Jessica Fitzgerald exposes the tangible threat of Internet spying.

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 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.

For a brief time, I also considered buying my strange neighbor's public records, hoping they would tell me if he's the crazed madman 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.

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## Governor Ventura in the news again

*Ryan Seavolt explains how Governor Jesse Ventura's blatant honesty has once again landed him in hot water.*

Has the most popular governor in the country stuck his foot in his mouth? "Survey says: YES!" and man, is that foot ever stuck in there good.

In a recent interview with *Playboy* magazine, the governor of Minnesota, Jesse Ventura, spoke very critically of religion, sexual assault, obesity, drugs, prostitution, and other issues.

CNN reported that Ventura made the statement that organized religions are a "sham" and a "crutch for the weak-minded."

He also commented that the Tailhook scandal in 1991, when several female Naval officers were sexually harassed, was "much ado about nothing."

These comments have gotten Ventura, the highest elected official of the Reform Party, founded by Ross Perot, into deep trouble with his fellow party members.

Russ Verney, the national chairman of the Reform Party, asked Ventura to resign because of the outrageous statements. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott

*... I can at least respect the fact that he speaks his mind...*

also denounced Ventura's anti-religious statements in a recent speech.

While I do not agree with Ventura's dismissing religious individuals as weak-minded, or his incredible lack of sensitivity for victims of sexual harassment and assault, one must wonder if his criticisms have ulterior motives for denouncing the governor.

Verney, for example, is a good friend of Perot, whom Ventura says is no longer a serious presidential candidate. In addition, Ventura supported Jack Gargan's successful attempt to replace Verney as party chairman in January.

Similarly, Lott has his own reasons for denouncing Ventura - namely to become more accepted by the religious right.

Lott is not alone. Too often today, politicians condemn something or someone simply because they know it will lead to more public support for themselves.

While I vehemently disagree with Ventura's statements, I can at least respect the fact that he speaks his mind, even if it results in more trouble for him from both politicians and the public.

For his part, Ventura, famous for pro wrestling long before he became famous as a politician, boldly proclaims that unlike other public officials, he tells the truth about everything.

Governor Ventura says that although his opinion may differ from that of others, he will not necessarily give the politically correct answer when asked about his feeling on a particular issue. For that bit of honesty, at least, he should be commended.

## 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 bashing.

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

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

I mean, good old Bill and Hillary haven't even gotten out of the White House, and they must feel like everyone is just trying to speed up the process.

I guess it's kind of like talking about a person's funeral, and they aren't even dead yet.

My roommate is an avid Steve Forbes supporter and an especially staunch Republican.

This doesn't really pose a problem, except in the fact that I am not sure what I am,

*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. Maybe he's 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

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 spurge of presidential candidates only enhances my notion further. Can we just cut it out?

I mean if I wanted to see so much political stuff, I could just look at my roommate's wall and see George W. Bush stickers, and he even is 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.

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.

It's not too realistic, but 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 election time.

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

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 this 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 a full story.

Oh nevermind, it's politics, what was I thinking?

## Pat Buchanan can't catch a break

*Ryan Seavolt describes Pat Buchanan's affected the present political world.*

drawn-out Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union from taking place.

Although Pat Buchanan's statements are somewhat hard to believe at times, they nevertheless are legitimate arguments, whether right or wrong.

However, instead of trying to combat these arguments with historical facts, Buchanan's critics rely on accusations that he is an anti-Semite.

This accusation stems from his opinion that the United States need not have been involved in the second world war, Michael Kelly, a columnist for *The Washington Post*, wrote an op-ed column in which he stated that an anti-Semite supported Buchanan after Kelly had written critically of the politician in a previous article.

This statement implies that the only supporters of Pat Buchanan are anti-Semites.

So, does it matter that Buchanan may have one prejudiced supporter? I'm sure that there are many bad, unsavory individuals out there who support elected officials already in office.

Seriously, could anyone with any moral fortitude still support President Clinton after all of his immoral activity and bold-faced lies to the American public?

The predicament that Buchanan's statements have gotten him into may squash any chance he has for a solid independent run for the Presidency, and especially for the Republican nomination for President, even if he were to miraculously make it to the New Hampshire Primary and win.

Buchanan's fellow Republicans are jumping on the "bashing bandwagon" with the front runner for the Republican nomination, George W. Bush, and fellow GOP candidate Elizabeth Dole, criticizing many of Buchanan's writings.

Steve Forbes has also gotten in on the act, berating Buchanan for his controversial opinions.

However, Buchanan's fellow Republicans probably did this more out of an attempt to curry favor with the mainstream establishment than to express their own views.

At present, it seems that everyone wants to point their finger at Buchanan and boldly proclaim that what he said is outrageous. It doesn't seem as if anyone wants to try to explain why Buchanan's statements are so wrong.

It's hard to guess at the twists and turns that history might have taken if a different action were taken at a critical moment in the past. However, at least Buchanan dares to speculate on this, most of his political contemporaries seem content to cater only to the political issues that will garner them more votes.

Personally, I would not necessarily suggest that the Republicans of this country vote for Pat Buchanan. I, for one, intend to vote for George W. Bush as our next president.

However, the American people should be made aware that Pat Buchanan is a serious politician with some well thought-out ideas. Likewise, the press and rival politicians should not criticize Buchanan so harshly, at least not without attempting to make some solid argument concerning the validity of his statements.

After all, rampant accusation serves no one.

# WMC's choir director Eric Byrd releases debut album

JENN ROSS AND ERIN JERNIGAN  
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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."

He 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. In 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.



COURTESY OF ERIC BYRD

Byrd believes that music creates a bond between people and has the ability to change lives.

The music is so important to some of his students that they bring

friends and family to share the experience.

Mothers, boyfriends, and sorority sisters are all welcome to join the group. Byrd's objective is to "expose as many people to the music as possible."

Byrd receives cards, letters, and phone messages from students and former students who feel that the class is a life-changing experience.

He teaches his students to respect what they sing because "people fought, bled, and died writing this... we have a high moral sense of responsibility to uphold the standards of the music."

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.ericbyrd.com> to download music samples and order the CD.

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## Ondercin wins accounting honor

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Recently, one more name was added to the list of outstanding people at WMC. Student 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.

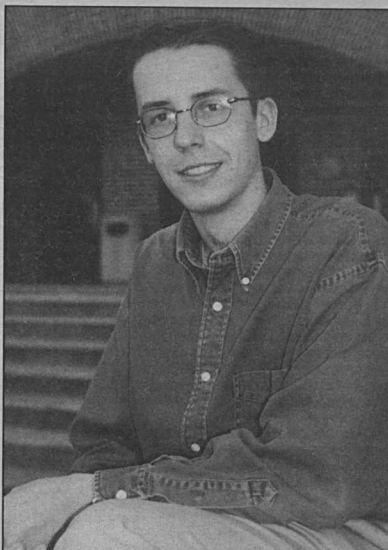
Ondercin was selected for this award by Ms. Susan Milstein and Ms. Sue Singer. Milstein chose Ondercin over all other candidates because "he is the best! He is an outstanding accounting student with a very high average in accounting as well as in total GPA."

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



TRANG DAM

The active Lubomir Ondercin caught in a rare moment of relaxation.

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.

## Glar-cipes!

Tips for making cool, fun foods at Glar

FRIEDA KAROS  
Contributing Writer

### 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 about 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

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 Sorcerer. 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 cheesiest 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.ga.net/~eterna/He-Man/he-man.html>

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

Erin's Thundercats Stuff! - sounds too!  
<http://members.xoom.com/aqxs0927/tcats/index.html>

ThunderCat's Obsession - nifty stuff!  
<http://www.seas.columbia.edu/~ecm19/tcats.html>

One of the preeminent girls' shows was the rocking hit, "Jem and the Holograms." Fighting the evil Misfits and a corrupt record executive, Jerrica became the glamorous Jem, using her special hologram earrings and an intelligent computer.

Hollywood Jem - nice page, lots of info  
<http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/9252/page3.html>

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

Ah, and those blue wonders the Smurfs. Who can forget their homogenous look and their specialized use of the term, smurfy?

Beth's Smurf Homepage - lots of pics of toys and others.  
<http://www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/Set/4151/>

SmurfDew - the Aftermath of the Show  
<http://internettrash.com/users/smurf/dew/insmurf.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/1577/>

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/cakkari/rbindex.html>

Weird-Ass Site of the Issue  
Tombstone Alley - supporting the weird-ass horror of Hollywood  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~vondreck/>

## Movie Reviews: Three Kings and American Beauty

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The thought of George Clooney, Mark Wahlburg, and Ice Cube in a film together alone was enough to drive us to the theater. When we got there, we were pleasantly surprised by the depth and strength of the film.

**Three Kings** is a story about soldiers who did not see enough action in Desert Storm, and who stumble across a way to get rich and see action at the same time, by stealing the gold Saddam Hussein stole from the Kuwaitis. Their plans are drastically altered by the atrocities they witness on their mission, and the main characters awaken to their humanity.

The humanity in the film is what is so striking. Every character is developed to the point that the audience cares what happens to him, and the motivation of the bad guys is tangible and clear. For an action film, the violence is minimal and necessary, and each killing is handled with grave remorse.

The director went to great lengths to find appropriate scenery to simulate the flatness of Iraq and the mountains of Iran. The terrain, coupled with the realistic portrayal of modern wartime army life, made the film hit home.

This movie proves that a story can be successful even without an obligatory romance. Viewers are instead awed by the potential for human greatness in the face of oppression.

It is hard to say more without giving away the plot, except that the audience should walk away with some new ideas about Iraq and the role of the press in the Gulf War.

**Grade: B+** *It could have been an A if Marky Mark had dropped his shorts.*

**American Beauty** is the full-length feature film debut of theater director Sam Mendes.

His use of interesting camera perspectives and effects work to build plot and characters.

Instead of the typical Hollywood movie structure, Mendes' novice eye creates a style that is artistic and fresh.

For a guy who hasn't spent much time behind a camera, he uses the camera to express emotion and give the viewer an inside look into the minds of his characters.

Annette Bening, Kevin Spacey, and Thora Birch are a family that make you wonder about the people next door.

The plot delves into the frightening world of white, upper-middle class suburbia by addressing some of the most important American issues today: sex, violence, drugs, and family relationships.

Spacey plays a bored and detached forty-something father who doesn't see his middle-life crisis as a crisis because he has nothing to lose by following his every whim.

Proof of his rebirth is depicted in his transition to a high-flying rock and roller. He is having fun for the first time in a long time, and it is exciting to watch. Spacey is by all means the star of the show.

He is complemented by his equally disturbed wife and daughter, who are defined by their flaws. Bening, as the wife, is clearly off her rocker. The daughter may not have a prayer, considering her parents.

As much fun as it is to watch other people's craziness, this movie will make you fear what evil lurks behind closed doors.

**Grade: A** *You'll never look at red roses the same way again.*

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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.

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# Jenn and Erin travel to Baltimore: Day trip ideas

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Senior Writers

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 Hours are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 11:00 am until 5:00 pm 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 St.

Most of our time was spent admiring the works of Monet, Renior, 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 Buddhist Priests 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 making us hungry, so we walked over to the Cheesecake Factory located in the Gallery shops of the Inner Harbor.

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 35 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 Fell's 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 Maxi'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 WMC shuttle, make sure to get back to the Owings Mills Metro station before 9:00 pm or else you will be "S.O.L."

## Baltimore's Center Stage presents a truly ideal Husband

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Features Writer

In the beginning of 1895, Oscar Wilde reached the crest of his brilliant career. Simultaneously, Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *An Ideal Husband* ran against each other, with both drawing large numbers at the box office.

As the year progressed, he lost everything. Scandal arose as Wilde was accused of, and later convicted for, homosexuality. He spent the next two years in a penitentiary doing hard labor.

*An Ideal Husband*, one of Wilde's most skillful and somewhat prophetic works, is currently being shown at Center Stage.

The play opens with a dinner party at the home of the nationally renowned politician, Sir Robert Chiltern (John C. Vannema), whose popularity resides with his spotless reputation.

Mrs. Cheveley (Mari Nelson) comes uninvited to the party and attempts to blackmail Sir Robert.

In her possession is a letter that shows that Sir Robert's fortune comes directly from a shady dealing in his youth.

Sir Robert's dear friend, Lord Goring (David Adkins), attempts to diffuse the situation.

Goring tries to talk Mrs. Cheveley out of blackmailing, to make Lady Chiltern's (Olivia Birkelund) accept a flaw in her ideal husband and fix his own love life as well.

*An Ideal Husband* shows that the limelight of the public arena has always been blinding, with few skeletons ever staying in the closet. Wilde's play, under the direction of Irene Lewis, is an amazing



COURTESY OF CENTER STAGE

Shown here are two characters from *An Ideal Husband*, which is highlighted by good acting.

success.

Maryland's own David Adkins, fresh off an appearance in this summer's Pierce Brosnan film *Thomas Crown Affair*, shows remarkable poise and pulls off the lovable Lord Goring in grand fashion. Olivia Birkelund's exquisite beauty, quick wit, and calm nature

prove to be a major boon to the production as well.

She saved the cast from two potentially hairy situations, including one in which she smoothly concealed the loss of a bundle of her hair during a show by nonchalantly putting it in her pocket.

The other occasion came when

her shawl became entangled with the buttons on Vannema's vest. Birkelund gracefully embraced Vannema while unsnarling her apparel from the vest.

Her credits include *Soul Man*, *Private Parts*, and Universal's upcoming *The Bone Collector*.

Key to the success of the show

were stunning supporting performances.

Laurence O'Dwyer (*Travels with my Aunt*, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, *As You Like It*) returns once again to nearly steal the show with his complementary role as Lord Goring's marriage-preaching father.

John C. Vannema tackles his role as the moral Sir Robert Chiltern with great mastery.

His credits include a number of Broadway roles as well as appearances on *New York Undercover*.

Other performances worth of mention were Mari Nelson's risqué Mrs. Cheveley, Oliver's stunning portrayal of Dog, and a wonderful instrumental duet of Bozena Jedrejczak on harpsichord and Bruno Nasta on violin.

Over a hundred years later, Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* not only is pertinent politically, but it also grips us with its emotional story of people coming to terms with their mistakes. I enthusiastically recommend seeing it.

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# Spotlight on WMC's creative talent: two campus writers

## Traffic/ Lisa Dale Van Auken

"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 pink suit stopped her in the library and handed her a hot pink business card. She was looking for models. Her father almost laughed at the woman, as he explained, "Karen is not the modeling type."

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, blocking the sunlight as it screamed at her hotly from the roofs of cars. "I'll stop traffic," she thought, bitterly.

Faintly, she heard a whistle blowing in the distance, from around the corner, where she could not see her counterpart leaning on his sign behind the trees. She had forgotten to check her watch, and the empty road was searing in the sunlight while impatient New Jersey drivers began beating on their horns.

She stood up straighter, put two hands on the pole, careful not to scratch the deep red acrylic on her nails, and turned the sign around, letting cars skim over the rough gravel roadway and around the corner.

She wondered how long she was standing there, lost in her own head, forgetting to

forth, as the faded blue woman hit her brake and her gas, Karen motioned for her to go through, smiling at the old lady's confusion.

The man in the white Neon was beginning to crawl out into the single lane behind the blue Buick, but Karen pulled her lips down in a large, almost theatrical frown, and motioned for him to stop.

He rolled down his window and gave her the finger. She tried to look at something else, tried to become very interested in something else very quickly, but the skin around her lips didn't do any new ones. The same old perverted finger signs that she always saw. Some other miscellaneous jock sat in the passenger seat, laughing and prodding his buddy with an elbow.

"Baby, Baby," she said out the window, his mirrored sunglasses settled on the bridge of his bulging 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. "Whataway dinn' Baby, not lettin me go?" She ignored him.

"I'm talkin to ya, Baby." She knew she shouldn'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 forfeiting her impulses...

change the red to green. She guessed it was somewhere around six months now.

People were always rude on the roadways. They were so impatient. She heard the sound of their horns come waiving up from the valley as they sat in their cars in the biting August sun.

Wiping grimy brown sweat off her forehead, she squinted as the different kinds of cars rolled slowly by. Teenagers paraded past, with their proud thumping bass boosters and their windows down because they could not afford air conditioning in their cars.

Others swatted at the air, trying to silence their clumpy haired children who tackled each other in the back seat. The suits drove single-handedly past her, their heads set askew of their shoulders as they tried to balance their cell phones.

"I should have been there. I should have a cell phone," she said out loud, not bothering to confine the thought to her mind. It didn't matter if she talked to herself. No one knew her. They were only passing. "I should have been there."

But she wasn't there, she reminded herself. She would have been four years out of school by now, but she had forgone college to follow the Dead. And it was great: it was long, long nights, the sweet smell of grass, the high moon hanging like a spotlight over the horrible black wall of speakers, and the incredible people who befriended her no matter what she said her name was that night.

It was great, but it wasn't really impressive on her resume.

She was daydreaming, again. The whistle had called, and the beeping on her watch had been going off for a while, but she didn't hear it. She has been late again. She flipped the sign around in her hand quickly, confusing an old woman who was already half way into the construction zone.

While the rusty blue car jerked back and

sick, and his house is on fire, and I have to walk my dog... at church, so I gotta go through. D'ya have a reason to be a bitch? It's just one more freakin car."

But it's not, she thought. It's every car. She could have stopped anywhere. Why him? She could have not let the old woman through. Why did she? She could have gone to college? Should she have listened to her father? She watched the minute hand with exasperating care, praying softly to someone that the seconds would speed by just a little quicker.

"Hey bitch, why don't you come and sit over here with me, there's plenty of room on my lap."

Now the other man, the one in the blue polo shirt and the baseball cap, was throwing a few punches at her. She wondered why she didn't defend herself. This was her job. Her job. It was what she had to do. Or did she?

Years ago she used to feel so high, and so low, but at least it was something. It was more than indifference. It was passion. That was where she went wrong, when she started forfeiting her impulses, trading her whims for small securities.

With a charismatic gesture, she threw the stop sign down. It fell like a tree, with a sharp cracking slap to the pavement. It was a satisfying insult, to her mindless job, the searing pavement, and the hecklers, who were still wagging their tongues out of the windows like dogs licking the wind.

"You wanna go?" she stared at the boys. "Go." Let them get in an accident. She didn't care that they were suddenly silenced.

She wasn't proud or happy. She didn't look back. She was still unsure, but at least, she was being herself, which was more than a machine that rotates a pole every four minutes. It was a start. And maybe this time, she would make it more than just a whim.

## Time/ Jay Levy

"Time... what does it all mean? How does it effect a single soul, or rather, all life? What lies beyond—a great and endless expanse? "Nothingness, a void? Questions, questions with no answers, just more questions. Each one racing through my head, more complex than the than before. How can I solve anything in this state, in this time?"

"I have no idea.  
The answers won't come."  
Time flew 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 Kozoxs: 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 underneath his grayish eyes. Snow colored hair trickled down the front of his chin, appearing to be neatly combed and trimmed. His bald head glinted with a dull green hue, partly from the ceiling above.

Longworth simply sat and sipped his tea. The herb-soaked liquid was hot. It burned his tongue and scorched the back of his mouth as he drank. Yet he hardly noticed. He held onto the cup like a squid grasping his pray, shrugging 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 written; he remembered 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 haunts him; he should have fixed it; why oh why did he let the battle rage on...

"What a horrid time, but at least now sits over, at least for them," he murmured. Suddenly, he stopped, smiled and continued. "You know you're 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. People gathered 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 to the crowd. He noticed that lack of spirit from the group, all was quiet and still. However, he continued aloud.

"What is there for me? I have done so much in my life, influenced more than my rightful share, and because of my meddling have caused events to which I cannot speak, or brought about times of great peace, happiness and prosperity."

"I've travelled the world over on many occasions, on the Viking ships that conquered the Celts, 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 planes of existence not yet known to man. I've walked on the dusty terrain of the white moon; on the scorching surface of our star; I froze in the polar caps of Mars, only to be thawed at the end of the universe. Cruel gods..."

His voice trailed off as he once again looked at his tea. "So, I ask again, what is there 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 form space.

"Are we alone?" he thought.  
"No." 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, grabbed his cane and left the half-full cup of tea. Longworth's table was the last in the store, and he would have to wade 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.

Violent corpses lay at the tables, each in their original chairs. Most lay hunched over, their blood thick 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 disgustingly over in his mind. No, his uneasiness 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.

"Can anyone help me? Does anyone 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 its fatal mission yet. Longworth turned again.

Eyes. Evil eyes stared through empty corpses. 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 enough.

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, Kozoxs continued his journey.

To where, or what time remains a question yet to be answered.



# The Sports View

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
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## 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 rumbles 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 1-79 outside of Flintstone, Maryland. Who would have guessed that the only team undefeated thus far would be the... St. Louis Rams?!!

In a twist 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 the beneficiary of many a lopsided score this year. Now I know what you're thinking, "This is just the outcome of some poor schlub selling his soul to the devil in order to see his or her team have one great season. (Very "Damn Yankees" style for all you Broadway fans out there.)"

I think it is just the outcome of a good coach like St. Louis's 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, I bring this up because apparently the Red Sox are using ghost 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 Midwest 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 gold medals and two silvers this season.

Krebs finished fifth in a field

of 238 at the Dickinson Invitational, leading the Lady Terrors to their second best overall finish ever and their best since 1991.

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

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

## 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 Pitonzo, 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.

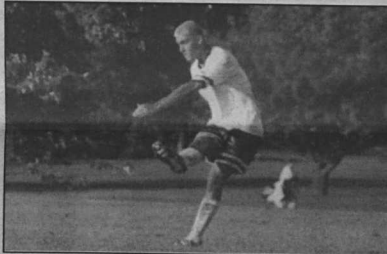
Captain Ryan Bowles added the second goal late in the game.

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

Goalie Ryan Defibaugh 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.

KASINIA LANTZKY

## 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 Brienne 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 (15-13, 15-12, 15-10) before falling to eventual champion Franklin and Marshall in the semifinals and Lycoming in the consolation round.

The Terror called on freshmen Kate Wall and Abby Barnett to replace Bray. Wall recorded 28 kills in the two victories, while Barnett had 17.

Franklin and Marshall swept the Terror 3-0 (15-13, 15-13, 15-6). Lycoming did the same by a score of 15-7, 15-12, 15-10.

Honesty Drumgoole, who recorded 15 kills in the win over Eastern, was the lone Terror to make the all-tournament team.

Earlier in the reporting period,

the Terror fell to Gettysburg 3-0 (15-10, 15-10, 15-5). Wall had 14 kills, and Drumgoole had 15 in the defeat.

The team had a decent showing at the Juniata invitational, splitting four matches. The Terror defeated Grove City 3-1 (15-4, 15-12, 7-15, 15-8). Earlier, the Terror had a come-from-behind win over SUNY-Brockport 3-2 (16-14, 13-15, 15-7, 15-10).

The Terror lost their first two match-ups to Baldwin-Wallace 3-2 (15-12, 7-15, 15-11, 13-15, 5-15) and to RIT 3-1 (12-15, 15-12, 9-15, 13-15).

Drumgoole had 24 kills and Jessica Rouse had 51 assists in the tournament.

The Terror continued its dominance of Notre Dame by running its series record to 29-0 with a lopsided defeat at Notre Dame. The Terror swept the match 3-0 (15-3, 15-1, 15-5).

Bray recorded 10 digs and Wall had 12 kills, while Drumgoole led the team with 13 kills in the contest.

## The Adventures of Captain Condom & Private Parts

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# The Phoenix Spotlight: Beth Blasi

GREG LEDERER  
Staff Writer

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 Swarth-

more.

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 records with its eighth consecutive win and fifth shut-out 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 win-

ning 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.

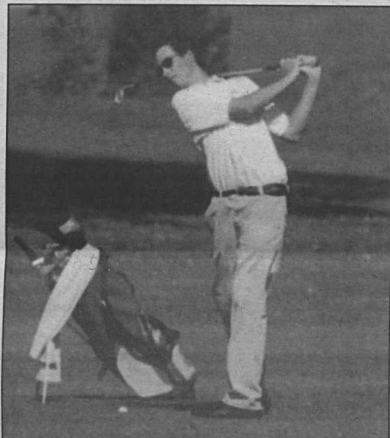
Off the field, Blasi is working toward a degree in physical therapy and exercise science, and she hopes to compete in some co-ed soccer and lacrosse leagues in the future.

She loves the game and is looking forward to future success for the team and herself.



KASENIA LANTZKY

This is the view most defenders have of Beth Blasi during games.



BRAD WIDNER

A WMC Golfer tees off at Blue Jay Classic.

## Golf team birdies at Blue Jay Classic

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
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Western Maryland College's men's golf team finished a strong second at The Blue Jay Classic hosted by rival Elizabethtown.

The Terror's outdistanced four Centennial Conference rivals as well as three Division II schools.

Western Maryland's strong play lead to just a nine stroke difference between them and first place Millersville, a Division II power. With an even par score of 71 on Tuesday, Senior Ryan Reid won the individual title.

Earlier in the week, the Terror finished 6th among 17 teams at the Tom O'Brian Memorial Invitational.

Defending Centennial Con-

ference champion Seth Aldridge finished in third place with a two-over par 74.

With a 77, team captain Ryan Reid finished tied for 20th place.

Ken Doyle tied for 27th with a 78, while Craig Zaboras scored a 79 to tie for 41st.

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Western Maryland College's women's golf team finished 4th at the Inaugural WMC Women's Invitational.

Bucknell shot a 407 to beat second-placed Gettysburg by 47 strokes.

Mount St. Mary's finished third with 510, edging The Lady Terror by three strokes.

Mount St. Mary's Julie Ronzani won the individual title with a final round 90.

## Field Hockey Upsets Johns Hopkins, 1-0

MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

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 Katie Facciponti to score the game winner 19 seconds into the overtime period.

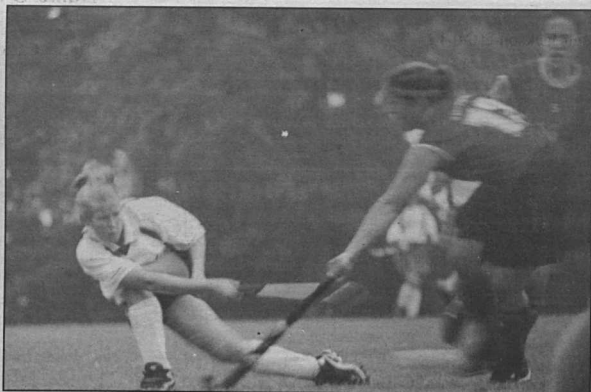
The Terror fell to Goucher by a 4-2 score this past week. Horwath had 10 saves in the loss, and Kerry Wilson and Stephanie Peery each had a goal in the contest.

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.

Peery scored late in the first half to tie a game against Muhlenberg, but to no avail as Western Maryland dropped the game 2-1.

The Terror lost a 4-3 lead late in regulation, and eventually lost the game in double overtime to Swarthmore, 5-4, a while back. Horwath had 19 saves in the contest. Tracy Kessler, Anna Woods, Shauna Oplinger, and Melissa Reynolds all scored in the game.



KASENIA LANTZKY

Lady Terror shoots past opponents in a recent game.

## Women's Soccer

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In spite of the Villa Julie loss, senior sweeper Meaghan Giorno explained that the wins are, "Building momentum because everyone is 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 from a hold 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 goal keeping 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 but seven others have shown that they can get the ball in the net, too.

# The **GREEN TERROR** Scoreboard

Statistics as of Oct. 17, 1999

## Football

### Offense

#### Name-TD-FG-XP-PTS

Ron Serماريني-6-0-0-36

Teron Powell-9-0-0-54

Brent Sandrock-0-2-22-28

Kevin Parker-1-0-0-6

A. Delle Donne-1-0-0-6

Matt Jackson-2-0-0-12

### Defense

#### Name-Tackles-Solo-Int

Aaron Bartolain-26-5-0

Tommy Selecky-31-12-0

Haroun Hebron-15-4-0

Jason Winegart-23-11-0

Josh Galemor-20-6-0

Derrick Gwynn-27-11-1

Marvin Deal-16-6-5

Matt Meiklejohn-19-9-2

Nick Alevrogiannis-8-3-0

Anthony Burgos-17-5-2

Kirk Simpson-11-3-0

### Kicking

#### FG-LG-XP

B. Sandrock-(2-7)-24-(22-25)

## M's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Vinny Pedalino-4-3-11

Ryan Tetteris-5-3-13

Darren Wolf-4-1-9

Ryan Bowles-3-2-8

## W's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Tracey Castor-4-3-11

Beth Blasi-17-3-37

Melissa Merson-5-4-14

Marci Short-4-5-13

Thea Bayly-4-1-9

Tara Calton-1-3-5

Jessie Stickles-0-4-4

Holly Pearson-1-1-3

## Field Hockey

### Name-G-A-TP

Sarah Fogler-3-1-7

Shauna Oplinger-2-2-6

Stephanie Peery-4-1-9

Melissa Reynolds-3-0-6

Kerry Wilson-2-2-6

Anna Woods-3-1-7

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## Terror football destroys Dickinson, almost fumbles Muhlenberg

MIKE JENKINSON  
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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.

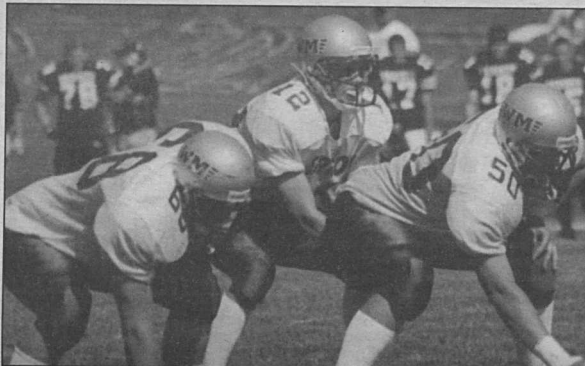
Included in that consecutive game streak are two Centennial Conference titles and two playoff trips.

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 Gunglesonger picked it up.

After only two offensive plays,



Sermarini and his offensive line prepare to run over Dickinson.

BRAD WINNER

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 Kendorski.

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 touchdowns were scored by Sermarini, Jamie Harris, and two by Teron Powell. 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 Tracey 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.

KASENIA LANTZKY



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## Students call for new class

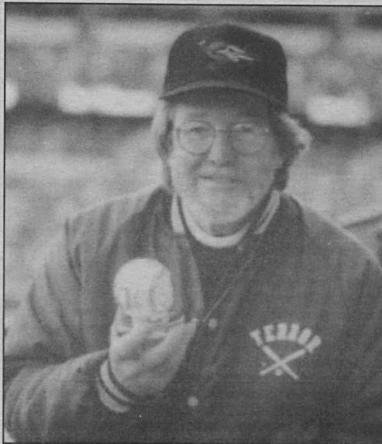
KRISTEN G. FRASER  
Commentary Editor

As registration for spring classes looms ahead, many important changes are pending, including the possibility of an independent study aimed at integrating diversity into the student body.

This independent study is the result of continued effort spearheaded by select students, staff, and faculty.

The course is slated to be composed of six-week study sessions with small groups of students engaging in frank discussion of racial issues. These sessions will have a 50 percent minority composition and a 50 percent "majority" population.

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GENE SWEENEY

Robert Chambers has a ball at Camden Yards in 1997. This year, Chambers is celebrating 15 years of achievement at WMC.

## 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 ns1 server, which the school purchased before any one currently attending the college was here, the school is now using a server called opus.

Mathews called opus "a faster, better server."

Before the change, students, faculty, and staff were all on the ns1 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 ns1 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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## Ghost Sonata actors, designer recognized

CATHY PENDORE  
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 Roskowsinski 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.

Roskowsinski, a senior theatre major, is a second time nominee. "I was shocked partly 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

ERIN 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

## 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.

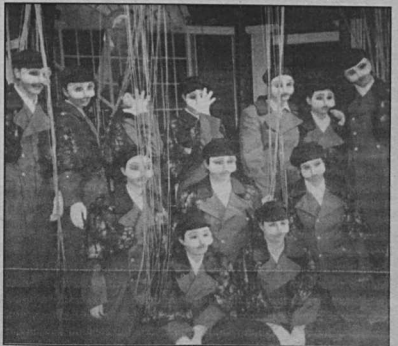
According to Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, the student has since recovered from

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 re

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CATHY PENDORE

Actors from last month's Ghost Sonata display Cassie Domser's accredited costume design. Domser was awarded a certificate of merit from ACTF for her designs. Two actors also received nominations for ACTF awards.

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## Changes improve college email

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planned on making the switch from ns1 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 Groot, systems and network programmer for Information Services, and Wallace Newsome, 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.

Earlier, there had been problems in both of these areas.

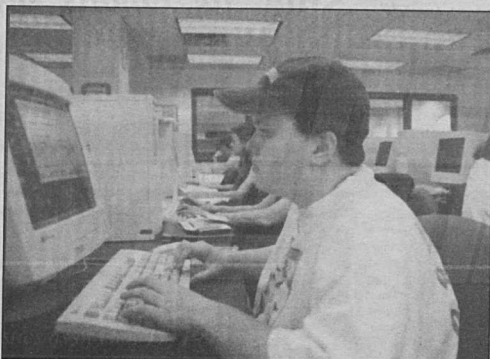
"On ns1, each student only had two megabytes of disk space," said Mathews. "Now each student has an increased disk quota of ten megabytes which allows more files to come through."

However, Lubomir Ondercin, a lab assistant in Hoover Library, says he doesn't see much of a difference in the new server.

"It may seem a little faster but not much," said Ondercin. "But it is good that there is more disk space now, and students can receive bigger files with pictures and other things."

"I could tell there had been a switch because I had to change my password," said Stacey Starple, a math and music education major. "But I haven't noticed anything drastic."

Another criticism of the new system in



Junior Eric Brind's 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.

ERIN OWEN

general is that students did not feel Information Services gave them enough information on the new server and many were confused when they tried to log-on for the first time. "[The new server] seems okay, but it's confusing to students," said Anne Butler, a junior communication major. "Students are getting confused because it looks different and choosing a new password was difficult."

Mathews did agree that the security for opus, which includes passwords, is a lot stricter than ns1.

"An English word, if it is found in the dictionary, is not acceptable for a password, even if it's backwards," said Mathews. "I suggest students take a word at least six characters long and stick numbers in between the letters."

This is the type of information Ondercin

and other students feel they should have been told prior to the switch.

Also, Mathews wants to remind students that they do not need to use the word opus in their email address.

It should remain as follows: user id@wmdc.edu.

The outlook for a web-based email program looks bright, according to Mathews.

Right now students are still using pine and facing difficulties like being unable to send attachments or receive them.

"We 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 pine and their new server, opus.

## Club explores gender

Gender issues added to diversity talks

STACI GEESE  
Staff Writer

Ten WMC women have united to form the women's issues group. Presently, they are not sure if it is a student organization or a student planning committee for Women's History Month. The group gathers each Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Elderidge 309.

Last semester, Eric Brind's amour talked to Grace Almandrez about forming a discussion group that focused on women's issues. Due to the fast-paced spring semester, as well as a few other factors, it was not ideal to begin a new group at that time.

Now that the group has assembled, they have begun to address matters such as date rape and health issues. They are hoping to get more student involvement, both women and men.

Presently, the group is planning a coffee house for early December. Entitled "Celebrating WMC Women," this evening of singing, poetry, and acting, is to be held in the DMC basement, but the exact date and time has not been decided.

Originally scheduled for last month, the coffee house was canceled due to lack of female performers, but with plans to publicize more, the group anticipates a strong number of performers.

Anyone is allowed to perform at the coffee house, as well as attend the night's excitement. Interested performers can contact Grace Almandrez at extension 791 (410 857-2791) off campus.

Another project in the works is the planning of Women's History Month which will be celebrated in March. One of the group's active members, Amanda Cline, is arranging for a guest speaker to come to WMC. Barbara Chester, a professor from the University of Miami in Ohio, will speak about the history of women in America.

Another festival 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 student run women's resource center, to strengthen the women's studies minor, and to have the heritage sequence include women and other heritages 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.

## President Chambers reflects on his personal accomplishments

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erage tenure for a college president in the United States is six to seven years.

He, however, is one of the longest sitting presidents of all private four-year colleges in Maryland.

In addition, he is only the seventh president to preside at WMC.

"At some point, I decided, while walking across this campus, that this is the best job I could have," said Chambers, who added, "each year has confirmed two opinions: working in higher education is the best and getting this job was the luckiest move of my career."

Although Chambers says there is nothing he especially dislikes about his job, he admits that there are "frustrations inherent" to the position.

"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."

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 no surprise that a man with such eclectic taste - his office contains everything from African and Asian art to college memorabilia to a collection of kitschy coffee mugs - would enjoy a job that allows him to do "a little bit of everything." In a single day he might act as teacher, tour guide, and lobbyist.

Now 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.

Unfortunately, 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. The moments of recognition which have meant the most to him are more personal than the grand achievements in fundraising and building construction that he will most likely be remembered for.

"I was made part of the community," said Chambers while pointing to an elaborate document hung prominently on his office wall declaring him "Honorary Alumnus - 1994."

"There are just too many rewards in teaching to give it up," he said of another one of his favorite personal accomplishments. He has taught a class every semester for admittedly "selfish reasons" since he was a graduate student. "It keeps me in touch with at least a small group of students."

However, one of his greatest personal moments came at the recent Founders Society Dinner where the Board of Trustees surprised him with the presentation of a Presidential Endowment Fund in his name.

"That was a big moment for me," said Chambers who admits that the honor was totally unexpected.

Ultimately, Chambers summarizes his success at WMC in several words: chemistry, the right mix of people and place, momentum, the sense of movement "onward and upward," and distinctiveness.

When asked about his legacy, he simply states, "I want it to be said when I leave here that everything I had a hand in helped improve the place."



## Is binge drinking becoming a trend?

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vealed that during the period of September 1 to October 26, there were three alcohol poisonings on campus.

When he tried to retrieve specific information on the incidents, he was only able to come up with information on two of them: one that happened on September 2, involving a female freshman in Whiteford Hall (the student has since recovered), and the most recent one on October 23.

Webster said, "The numbers don't lie, so, according to our records, there have only been two."

However, according to Scott Kane, dean of residence life, Webster's numbers are wrong. "I know that there are three [incidents of alcohol poisoning to date], and he [Webster] should also know that there have been three."

Kane said that he has records of three separate calls to Carroll County General Hospital to transport students for alcohol poisonings.

He also said that a student reported a fourth alcohol poisoning, but when Campus Safety arrived to take care of the incident, the student's friends "already took care of the situation."

Kane said that the discrepancy in statistics between Residence Life and Campus Safety was nothing to worry about, and Webster was unable to be reached for comment.

Kane did say that every time a student is taken to the hospital an incident report is filed, and the college is required by law to keep track of the number of alcohol violations in a given year; however, "we really don't keep statistics on alcohol poisonings."

He said, "If it's not unusual, we really don't feel as though we have to keep statistics." Are the numbers unusual?

According to Kane and Web-

ster, they are not.

"We usually expect two to four alcohol poisonings each semester, so these statistics don't represent a big change," said Webster.

However, during the same period in the fall semester of 1998, there was only one reported alcohol poisoning last year.

When asked if the increase is alarming, Webster responded, "Those numbers are very small... even if there were four [incidents this semester], do you view the results as a 300 percent increase? I think that the slight increase does not represent an alarming trend."

Kane agreed with Webster, saying, "There is no explosion of alcohol poisonings this year from last year." Kane did say that alcohol poisoning is a problem, and that one incident is too many.

When asked if the college was going to do something to try to stop the increase of alcohol poisonings this year, Kane said, "We're already doing a lot. Our purpose every year is to overkill the issue [of alcohol poisoning]."

Kane said that the alcohol programs that the college implements are working in that students are turning in others for the poisonings.

"The problem is that college students are going to drink... and the people who need the message are less likely to not listen to us," said Kane.

He would not say how many more incidents it would take to change programming; however, he did say that one more incident might be enough to reevaluate it.

"We would have to analyze everything - damages to the residence halls, physical altercations, and alcohol poisonings - all factors that would point to a needed change in what we're doing in order to make the decision to change programming," said Kane.

## Students, faculty, administration comment on Chambers' tenure

### WMC thanks our president for his achievements

In celebrating the 15th year of President Robert Chambers' WMC career, WMC faculty, students, and administration have voiced their thanks, and often, their admiration of our president:

"In simple words, President Chambers teaches us all — indeed inspires us by his example — to risk new ideas, boast about our accomplishments, and to "seize the day," said Joyce Muller, director of Public Information.



"He has endeavored to make all aspects of the college better. He enjoys everything from the theater to sports and really tries to get others involved in the college as well," said Kelly Dunnaway, senior class president.

"Thanks Bob for expanding the campus which looks like a Georgian-Yale with a warm feeling of home," said Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities.

"Visions that many deemed to be unrealistic have become reality. The college has truly been transformed during his presidency," said

Ethan Seidel, vice president.

"But he... enthusiastically challenges us to constantly stretch and become even better. We all are the beneficiaries of the joy he finds each and every day as he walks across the campus," said Nancy Godwin, assistant to the president.



"President Chambers' greatest contribution to the college community (other than his wit, levity, and charm) has been the creation of Western Maryland College, Budapest," said Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science.

"Bob Chambers genuinely cares about students and student-life issues. In the 15 years I have worked with him, Bob has always been highly supportive, and



perhaps, most important, he has shown that he understands student concerns. Because of this sensitivity, student life at WMC has improved significantly during his tenure," said Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs.

"His sensitivity to making this a campus that is more diverse has led to the WMC Budapest Program and to an increasingly diverse student body. For me, personally, Bob has been a great boss; he has a fantastic sense of humor, is totally supportive, and is an eternal optimist. Working for him is an enormous pleasure," said Joan Devleyn Coley, provost and dean of the faculty.



"Dr. Robert Chambers is

seemingly interested in everyone and everything. He enjoys people. He is social. He listens.... As a faculty member I feel very comfortable with and around Dr. Chambers.... It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Chambers.... I have worked with him, not for him," said Francis



"Skip" M. Fennell, professor of education.

"I had a better chance of getting to know him when President Chambers took time off from his hectic schedule to support the International Dinner which happens to be the biggest annual event of the [International] Club. He was a very active member of the audience at last year's dinner when the emcees called him, as well as other guests, up on stage to name several of the flags that were hung all around the Forum. I would like to say that his presence along with the many deans, faculty, staff, and students has definitely made our International Dinner a huge success and is definitely appreciated by the club," said Sushanna Rajapaska, a senior.

"He is the Phil Donahue of college admissions presentations. He is the first president I have



worked with, and I have worked with six... before coming to Western Maryland, who will talk to the audience face to face... and really interact with them.

That is why we get the kind of students that we do, because families trust that someone wants to answer their questions and not give them just a canned response. He is the master at that," said Marty O'Connell, dean of Admissions.

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## Theatre awards...

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it just wasn't expected," said Roskowsinski.

This is Roskowsinski's second time competing for the Award. She was nominated last fall for her role in the drama Loose Ends.

Webster, a freshman with a dual major in theatre and music, was nominated for her role as the young lady.

"I feel honored because I didn't even expect to get a role in the play," said Webster.

When asked about the expectations for the competition, Webster replied, "I don't know what to expect [from the competition] but [I] will go for it and do the best I can," she said.

Domser, a junior theatre major, will not attend the competition because of a Jan term trip to England, but she will have a chance to present it at next year's festival.

Domser does anticipate designing and presenting another show next year.

"It was... an honor to get this award, although I couldn't have done it without the help of the excellent costume staff," said Domser.

Roskowsinski and Domser are also in the next WMC production, Scapin. Scapin will run Nov. 12-14 and Nov. 18-20.

## Bell Atlantic grants \$75,000 to WMC

Courtesy of Public Information

A three year, \$75,000 grant from Bell Atlantic will help WMC establish an advanced telecommunications network to connect freshmen residence halls to WMC's computer-based writing center.

The network will provide 24-hour access to the center, giving students more opportunities to take advantage of its on-line re-

sources.

"We are excited about our partnership with Bell Atlantic," said Dr. Joan Devleyn Coley.

WMC will match Bell Atlantic's grant, raising the additional funds from private sources through its current \$40 million comprehensive campaign, said Coley.

## Students push for class on race relations

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As of yet, 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 & 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.

Rashmi Wright believes in the new class. "We need it for diversity's sake and for people to be exposed to different cultures. It would help to expose students who come to college after being in the monocultural background," she said.

President Robert Chambers previously established a Diversity Task Force which became important to the process.

This committee, which included Multicultural Director Grace Almandrez, Mr. Walt Michael, Dr. Robin Armstrong, and other faculty and students, was designed to inte-

grate diversity into the student body and academic life.

The faculty was a crucial element in the execution of the course. "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 then went to the Faculty Committee where it subsequently died.

However, during this semester, Reiff, who also sits on the Diversity Task Force, became involved.

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 at an academic level. 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 offerings, but an addendum would announce it to the campus.

Though the first semester would undoubtedly be 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.

## Campus Safety Blotter

- On 10/14 at 11:00 am DoCS documented disorderly conduct at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 10/14 at 9:00 pm DoCS documented damage to property at Rouzer Hall.
- On 10/15 at 5:00 pm DoCS documented stealing at Rouzer Hall.
- On 10/15 at 10:36 pm DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 10/16 at 9:14 am DoCS document an illegally parked car at El-derdice Park-ing Lot.
- On 10/16 at

- damage to property at Decker Student Center.
- On 10/18 at 9:33 am DoCS reported a vehicle was towed from Rouzer Parking Lot because of excessive parking violations.
- On 10/19 at 1:03 am DoCS documented damage to property at the Golf Course.
- On 10/20 at 11:40 am DoCS documented damage to property at Decker Student Center.

- On 10/20 at 11:15 pm DoCS documented possession of alcohol at the Athletic Fields.
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• On 10/16 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented

damage to property at Garden Apartments.

• On 10/16 at 8:47 pm DoCS documented

possession of a controlled substance at Rouzer Hall.

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• On 10/22 at 4:15 pm DoCS documented a

fire alarm report at Albert Norman Ward Hall

for unknown reasons.

• On 10/22 at 5:00 pm DoCS documented

visible smoke in Whiteford Hall.

• On 10/22 at 8:00 pm DoCS documented

defacing property at Bair Stadium.

• On 10/22 at 11:30 pm DoCS rendered medi-

cal treatment at Rouzer Hall.

• On 10/23 at 2:04 am DoCS documented

possession of alcohol at Rouzer Hall.

• On 10/23 at 1:56 am DoCS documented

possession of fireworks at Harvey Stone

Park.

• On 10/23 at 9:26 pm DoCS documented an

illegally parked car at Whiteford Parking Lot.

• On 10/23 at 11:30 pm DoCS documented

an alcohol violation at Blanche Ward Hall.

• On 10/23 at 11:00 am DoCS documented

stealing at Albert Norman Ward Hall.

• On 10/25 at 11:16 am DoCS documented

failure to comply at Pennsylvania Avenue.

• On 10/25 at 6:45 pm DoCS documented a

fire alarm report at Garden Apartments.

• On 10/26 at 1:46 am DoCS rendered treat-

ment at the DoCS Office.

• On 10/26 at 3:15 pm DoCS documented

theft at Winslow Center.

• On 10/26 at 6:15 pm DoCS documented a

medical report for transport only from off

campus.

• On 10/26 at 11:37 pm DoCS documented a

medical report for transport only from

McDaniel Hall.

• On 10/27 at 1:40 am DoCS documented

intimidation of an individual at Whiteford

Hall.

• On 10/27 at 7:50 am DoCS documented a

hit and run accident at the Garden Apartments.

• On 10/27 at 1:00 pm DoCS documented

damage to property at Albert Norman ward

Hall.

• On 10/27 at 3:47 pm DoCS documented

stealing from McDaniel Hall.

## Ogle takes a breather for Smoke-Out.

SEAN POND  
Special to the Phoenix

Everyday Ernie Ogle makes a short trip from his office in telecommunications 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.

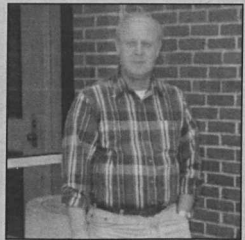
Ogle has been a respected member of the WMC community throughout his 29 years of employment. He has been smoking cigarettes for the past 38 years, except for one brief span of nine months when he attempted to quit.

During that short time, two fellow employees quit their jobs because Ogle became irritable. He had to hire new help and re-train them, putting enormous amounts of stress on him. In the blink of an eye, he 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 over the years becomes extremely hard to break," acknowledges Ogle.

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 relief."

Many other Americans have begun to inhale as Ogle did many years ago. According



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Ernie Ogle, smoker of 38 years, will take a break from his usual routine on Nov. 18.

to 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 Glar and at Decker Center, manned with pledges, candy, and free T-shirts.

If you sign a pledge and trade in cigarettes, then 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 it," Ogle advises.

# Isolated acts of unselfishness: Student apathy affects WMC

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 am 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 selfishness.

It is not even this single incident that vexes me, but, rather, the all too familiar trend of selfishness that it represents.

The problem does not just exist within the realm of community service but everywhere. People have

## Devon Reeser calls for more student participation in community service.

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 human beings 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 and evolved into 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 communi-

cate with others for we live in relatively secluded shells of prosperity and technology.

Americans are probably the worst victims of the disease because we 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 make the time. If we do not find this time, what will we find?

That is a question I personally never want to see answered.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



# Reaction to the Rosenberg Charges

Matt Hurff responds to the Rosenberg story and the Meeropol visit to WMC.

It is difficult to imagine the social climate during the Cold War, where lists of supposed Communists ran rampant, and McCarthyism was at its height.

If you were dubbed a Communist, you could be excluded from society, arrested, or, worse, killed.

This was the situation facing Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as they were executed at Sing Sing Prison on June 19, 1953, for being implicated in a ring of nuclear espionage and eventually charged with con-

spiracy in selling nuclear secrets.

Yet, as Meeropol said, "It is impossible to know what really happened." In my opinion, evidence was tampered with to such a degree, it is very difficult to tell what is true and what is false.

Was Julius Rosenberg transmitting the Vernona files? It is difficult to say, for there was not any evidence that said he was or was not. Was Julius involved in espionage?

In my opinion, chances are that he was at some point.

But, the FBI was unable to truly pin him for anything, so they had to fabricate evidence.

# Are students informed on Honor and Conduct Board procedures?

Jane walks down the hallway and is herded into the room by a man.

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 look on, 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 sideways glances at the accused, 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.

By now 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 on this very campus.

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

Jenifer Sirkis and Kate Esposito question WMC Honor Code procedure.

"Honor Code procedure."

We understand the importance of having an honor code, but is it really necessary for students to be held accountable for the actions of others?

Also, how can we be expected to look into the face of one of our own at these hearings, and seal his fate without any feelings of guilt or remorse?

If we did see cheating, in this case we did not, would we honestly have reported it to our professor, or would we report it in a hearing such as this one? It is with certainty that we can both answer: We aren't really sure.

What would happen if the "accused" would retaliate?

Would our personal safety then be in danger?

Was it also necessary for the tactics we faced to be used? First of all, we received letters in campus mail, pertaining to the hearing, telling us to be present.

This we did not mind, since we had not witnessed the act in question and could simply admit that. However, after several reminders, including face-to-face, a phone call, and a written message, this quickly became excessive.

We were tired of the hearing before even attending.

Nothing could have prepared us for the actual event, though. Since we were coming in as an aid to the administration, we definitely should have been put considerably more at ease.

Our only crime was being in the same room where the so-called violation occurred.

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?

We must admit that we just briefly glanced at those Honor Code booklets that were distributed in campus mail at the beginning of the semester.

Neither of us realized that the proceedings would be recorded, nor was permission asked to record our statements.

We also were not aware of the fact that professors, students, a dean, and, not to mention, the accused student would be present.

Everything was done in a serious, methodical manner. In all of our classes, our professors just briefly mentioned the Honor Code.

If this new system is going to stay, students should be educated on the entire process of how the Honor Code works, so there are no surprises.

Was this even thought about when the new system was implemented?

According to the Honor Code booklet, the philosophy of the Honor Code is to be "responsible for ensuring that academic integrity is upheld," and "the effectiveness of the Honor Code depends on everyone's participation."

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.

## It was hardly a situation in which to expect a fair trial...

spiracy to commit espionage.

Their son, Robert Meeropol, discussed his point of view in Alumni Hall on Thursday, October 14.

I personally find the evidence stacked against the Rosenbergs a farce to the American legal system.

Filmy evidence, such as a jello box top, hotel card, family photos, and a supposed "spy table," would never have held up in a normal American justice system.

I believe that there was an agenda by the United States government to make an example of Communists, whether they were guilty or not.

It was hardly a situation in which to expect a fair trial and even more difficult to expect a fair sentencing.

It seems preposterous for the Rosenbergs to be executed when Fuchs, Gold, and Greenglass all had solid evidence stacked against them. This evidence implicated

Was Ethel involved with espionage? I feel that she was not and was just a pawn in an attempt by the FBI to extract more information from Julius.

As a result of what happened to his parents, Meeropol feels that government agencies should be reformed, so "big brother" cannot control our lives.

He also feels that our nation is "execution happy" and that the death penalty is unnecessary under all circumstances.

However, I feel that the government agencies do not need to be totally reformed.

We are not in the iron fisted, J. Edgar Hoover days of the FBI, and I feel things have changed.

I also feel that in some cases the death penalty should not be used for such a charge as conspiracy to commit espionage.

Most importantly, it is a totally different situation to compare the Rosenbergs to mass murderers.



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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 condiments are nicely stocked, 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 underappreciated.

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, and 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 from order to 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 the ice and soda run 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 in 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

### Continued Discussion of Glar

Dear Editor,

I cannot tell you how many times I've overheard comments that went something like this: "I hate Glar;" "I'm sick of the same old foods;" and "Can't they make something different?"

I cringe. How spoiled have we really become? I cannot even begin to comprehend how very difficult it must be to cook for so many people and to try to smile as they complain, right to your face, how bad the food is.

I really think the men and women who work in Glar do their best to please everyone. And, in all honesty, they're doing a pretty good job. From what I've heard, the wrap and Caesar salad bars didn't always exist.

Combine them with the tacos, nachos, pizza, regular salad bar, and the main dish, and you have quite a few options, not to mention the regular supply of sugary desserts that are always provided.

Even if you are not impressed by the everyday variety of foods, you must consider what I call "Luxury Nights." I think I have eaten more shrimp and steak in the past two months than I did last year. For those who find Glar to be a dull place to be, there is always Casino Night to liven things up.

That's just part of the work done at Glar. Every time there is a conference of some sort, a picnic, or a campus wide activity, guess who must make all the refreshments? The people who work at Glar.

All of these things take quite a bit of organization on the parts of the Glar workers. They have better things to do with their time than cater to us. So, the next time you complain about the dining services, remember: the workers really are trying to please everyone, including you.

Jessica Fitzgerald

## Common property damage affects all, even innocent parties, financially

### Michael Wiles observes the problem of common area damages for the innocent.

I sat down to write this about 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 from 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 en-

There are, of course, consequences for this lifestyle. "Common damage," for those of you who are unfamiliar, is a policy enforced in the residency halls where, in short, everyone pays for the misdeeds of their neighbors.

Now, upon moving in, I saw no problem

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 solu-

*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.*

counters 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 overheated 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.

with this policy. I felt that it was only fair for the students to pay for whatever damage might, by chance, the key phrase, occur to the building while they were living there.

However, now that I have been here for a while, as the bill keeps increasing, my position is no longer what it once was.

You see, in reference to my "key phrase," I never thought people would destroy their home, however temporarily, on purpose.

Call me crazy, but I never remember any of my friends, or, needless to say myself, trashing a bathroom just because it was there.

Although this policy is unfair, there is one consolation.

tion to this problem. I know that it seems insurmountable, but I still believe that there is a better way to deal with the problem of building damage than making uninvolved 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 billing. As they can tell you, I did not throw anything out of the window.

## The Phoenix commends president

The Phoenix wishes to congratulate President Robert Chambers on his 15th anniversary as president of WMC.

Fifteen years is quite a long time to be in one place, and it is a testament not only to the college but to the people and traditions that make this school a community. Over the years, the college has grown, not just in the size of the student body or the number of new buildings, but it has grown in reputation. Surely, this can be attributed to the influence Dr. Chambers has had on the campus so far.

It is our wish that Dr. Chambers will have many more happy years here and that he will continue to make WMC a better place to live, work, and learn.

## Poisoning cases decline

Over the past two and a half years that I have been here, it seems that more has been done to provide alcohol free events and alcohol awareness education. During my first semester here, I wrote an editorial talking about the lackings of the On Campus Talking About Alcohol program and also the lack of alcohol free events.

While I am not sure that the activities and educational programs are at their most productive levels, according to Campus Safety and Residence Life, alcohol poisoning cases have decreased in number recently. Certainly, this is a step in the right direction.

There are, however, many unreported cases of alcohol poisoning on campus. This causes concern because it affects members of the entire community.

While alcohol poisoning is obviously dangerous to the affected individual, those of us who live here also have to pay the price. Property gets damaged, or Campus Safety has to spend time looking into suspected cases or figuring out damages while someone else on

## Terror football continues winning

campus may need them more.

It was great to see so many people out at the Homecoming

football game on October 23.

From what I have heard, this game had record attendance for any home football. Also, the last two football victories are keeping the Green Terror straight on the path to a third straight playoff run.

It is a great credit to the team, its coaches, and the athletic staff that WMC has had three such wonderful seasons in row.

Keep it up, Green Terror. We want to go far in the playoffs this year!

## Lady Terrors make WMC proud

What can be said about the women's cross country and the women's volleyball teams? These Lady Terrors have certainly made WMC proud. This past weekend, the cross country team brought home the Centennial Conference crown.

The volleyball team also scored major points by becoming conference champs in a three way tie. Sorry you didn't make the playoffs, though. Maybe next year it will happen.

Enjoy the post-season ladies, and good luck next year. Of course, we don't want to forget any of WMC's other teams. Congratulations to all of you on your successes.

## New email server arrives on campus

The new email server, opus, is definitely confusing. While Information Services did a good job giving students information about the intended change via the WMC website, more could have been done to inform students about passwords.

Personally, it took six attempts for me to create my password. While security is good, ease of use is better.

On the bright side, the increased space for email and the faster speeds for access are enjoyable.

The above editorials were written by the editor-in-chief in consultation with the editorial board.

# Glar lacks vegetarian choices

Kate Esposito discusses  
the lacking vegetarian  
menu in Glar.

instead of the unadulterated version which is Italian I believe?

There are plenty of other non-spicy foods that are rarely offered such as pasta primavera or macaroni and cheese.

Also, as vegetarians, many of us are interested in eating a healthy diet.

How is it that a roasted vegetable burrito has 15 grams of fat, when it should solely consist of vegetables and bread?

Also a small plate of eggplant parmigiana has a whopping 24 fat grams.

Apparently vegetarians like to substitute gallons of oil for all of those missed Big Macs. It would help to have an ingredients list so we could actually know what we are eating.

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,

waiting for someone with an appetite for wallpaper paste or disinfectant.

Last year, there was a vegetarian burrito which featured several types of humus, so usually at least one would be palatable.

When ordering a garden burger, it is not certain what will actually be arriving on your plate, an actual garden burger, tasty equivalent, or Uncle Joe's vegetable hockey puck. This is true in the Pub as well.

Speaking of the Pub, why is it that out of all of the sandwiches offered as fourth meals, only three are vegetarian (grilled cheese, egg salad, garden burger)?

None of these three feature vegetables either.

The Pub could certainly feature a vegetable sub, using the same ingredients put into the salads.

In conclusion, dining services needs to be a bit more considerate of the vegetarian diet, considering that there are people that actually follow it.

As of now, vegetarian options seemed to be offered merely for cosmetic reasons. The people that eat them deserve more consideration.

# MD Attorney General missing the mark in plans for gun control

Ryan Seavolt criticizes  
recent gun control  
measures in Maryland.

rality, education, and responsibility of all Americans, not the fact that they have access to guns.

Although Governor Parris Glendening supports such gun control legislation as the "smart gun" proposal, new requirement for safety locks, and other ideas on limiting the number of accidental child deaths, these measures are a far cry from denying every member of the public their constitutional rights.

The most puzzling fact of the attorney general's proposal is that other than his insane idea of banning all handguns, Curran actually has several solid ideas for curbing the spread of gun violence.

For instance, he proposes that police be allowed to use wiretaps to investigate the illegal purchase of handguns and that the possession of an illegal handgun be made a felony.

Such measures place the responsibility of the crime directly on the perpetrator and not on us.

Curran also suggests that any person convicted of a crime be prevented from owning a handgun, thus ensuring that people who have exhibited violent behavior in the past will not have legal access to weapons which they can use to cause more harm.

However, Curran's plan to eliminate all privately owned handguns is so ludicrous by comparison that even a spokeswoman for the national lobbying group, "Handgun Control," says that the organization supports some of the attorney

general's proposals, but not his call for a ban.

Guns are vehemently opposed to this measure and the majority of the community seems to be opposed to it as well.

Personally, I am stunned that a public official would even suggest such an outrageous action.

If a government official were to propose restrictions on what the press could report, we would never hear the end of it.

If a politician were to suggest that we give up the right to vote, our outcries could never be silenced.

Why should this issue be any different? The right to bear arms is our fundamental right under the Second Amendment as citizens of the United States, and the ability to use handguns for recreational target practice and, if need be, in defense of our homes and families, should not be taken away from us.

The old catch phrases of the pro-gun legislators and the National Rifle Association may seem like clichés by now, but the notions that "guns don't kill people - people kill people" and "if you outlaw guns, then only criminals will have them," still apply today.

I believe that rather than excessive gun control, longer prison sentences for violent offenders, without the opportunity of parole, would go a long way toward fixing the problem in this country.

Fortunately, even Curran himself admits that a complete ban on handgun ownership by private citizens is not likely to become reality any time soon. Hopefully, I won't be around to see it.

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It seems to me that the real issue should be the intelligence, mo-

## College students trapped by gambling via Internet sites

*Kristen G. Fraser addresses the growing issue of Internet gambling*

Internet gambling has entered the national arena, most recently, extending to a younger generation, America's college students. Though this issue has many implications for youth, the bigger issue rests with Internet freedom, business rights, and law enforcement.

In an October 20, 1999 broadcast on ESPN, the severity of the issue emerged. Current online profits are estimated at \$600 million. The term "wide spread availability" also serves as an important indicator for the true nature of the issue.

Essentially, cyber gambling sites thrive on the Internet, offering addictive gambling with only a few clicks of the mouse.

These sites are particularly dangerous because they are running nearly unchecked. The situation seems innocuous enough, simple enough, and fun enough.

There is nothing innocuous, simple, or fun for maxed credit cards and the consequences of an addiction.

Currently, there are no U.S. federal laws banning Internet gambling. There is a bill pending further debate in committee in the U.S. Senate, but nothing solid has materialized. There is talk of bringing the bill to the floor sometime this fall, according to ESPN.

However, the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission deems Internet gambling important enough to be considered in their continuing studies.

This Congress-appointed committee currently studies the growth of these forms, recognizing their impact on the American people.

The problem is complicated by many issues, including the lack of prosecution of offenders.

Authorities who attempt to trace the individuals or groups who operate the gambling sites often face failure; the majority of these businesses are stationed outside of the U.S. borders.

These countries naturally do not want overt American attention, and the U.S. gov-

ernment has no right to interfere with the sovereignty of those nations.

But, the problem still exists. Dissolving foreign businesses is obviously not an ethical solution.

The Baltimore Sun (September 22, 1999 A1+) investigated the problem by noticing the trend with college students. This angle exposed another potential problem, the increasing number of college students involved.

The lax security measures exhibited by these sites could potentially lead to the throwing of college-level athletic events, a problem not desired by any college.

In addition, the threat of severe debt incurred by unsuspecting college students presents a serious issue.

Obviously, this problem needs to be addressed. The proponents of Internet freedom of speech would label any attempts at regulation as a restriction of rights. In this case, their arguments are quite unfounded.

While Internet freedom is a touchy subject, most of the desires for freedoms concerns Internet material that is not illegal. Clearly, gambling is illegal in the vast majority of states and must be addressed as such.

The U.S. government is faced with enforcing laws through a medium that cannot easily be traced. Is there a known solution? Not yet. But, the authorities must work fast.

Electronic gambling is an addition to the long list of headaches created by the Internet. The problem of hacking, the availability of terrorist material on the Web, computer viruses, and now Internet gambling create a daunting task for law enforcement.

The solution of this problem is obviously unclear. With the far-reaching implications of Internet freedom, legality, and intercultural relations, no prediction can be made.

But, students, be forewarned.

The next time a link appears for online gaming, or the next time a "junk" email is received, think carefully before clicking to the sites.

This illegal practice will produce nothing but serious consequences: debt, loss of credit, and the possible termination of a college career.

**Affirmative action: A policy for idealism or an outmoded system holding people back from success?**

*Jeremy Keil criticizes the American political institution of affirmative action.*

At present, racism falls very low on the list.

During the days of slavery and Jim Crow, the few blacks that were educated were viewed by the other blacks as Uncle Toms,

*Unfortunately, there is more focus on measures such as affirmative action that can pretend to show results because it is a quick and easy solution.*

who sold out their race for selfish reasons. Unfortunately, this problem still exists.

I will admit that I do not have many black friends.

When I talked to the ones I have, they told me that they receive more taunting 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.

## Quirks: Sleep and dreams

*Anne Butler advocates thought before decision-making about the world's religions.*

Sleep is good. Sleep is very good. Unfortunately, I don't get enough of it. I'm so busy that there are not enough hours in the day in order for me to get enough sleep.

Hey, I know!

Why don't we ask God for more hours in the days?

He/She/It can do that, right?

I mean, he/she/it is God after all. All-

powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing, etc.

So, how could we get this to come

about?

Well, we'd probably have to get all of the people of the various religions to gether.

We could get them all together in one

Then it would have to be a new religion.

Hey, maybe we should all worship squirrels! I know they'd love that!

No, wait, then, we'd run into a problem of precisely what squirrels to worship.

Squirrels vary from continent to continent and even state to state.

What then would be the object of our worship?

Well, each region would claim their squirrel's as superior. Eventually the arguing would turn into fighting, then into war, so, we're even worse off than before.

Perhaps we should follow the Ba'hai idea.

They want people to keep their own religion but recognize everyone as equal: man, woman, black, white, no matter

*Make a decision about all the religions after learning the facts about them. Or even choose no religion if you like.*

place, and then we'd all pray in our own way for a few extra hours.

Such a huge prayer would get God to sit up and take notice, right?

Of course, could we all get together for this purpose?

I mean, the Protestants would clash with the Catholics.

The Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons would clash with the African religions, and the Muslims would just be contesting everyone.

It's possible that the only ones not fighting would be the Ba'hai's, and even then they would be being persecuted by some of the Muslims.

What then, of our prayer for more hours?

Could we possibly convert them all to a new religion?

That might work. I couldn't be any of the current religions because there's too much arguing.

what religion.

However, in the cynical world of today, is this even possible?

I'd like to think it is, but something in the back of my head says it's not. It's a really nice dream, but I don't see us pulling it off.

Fear not, however, I do have a solution, and it's kinda related to the Ba'hai idea. It's rather simple actually. Let's just teach everyone to think.

Yeah, that's it. Let's teach people to think. No, I don't mean education or facts and numbers.

I mean simple thinking. Using your common sense, making informed decisions, stuff like that.

Make a decision about all the religions after learning the facts about them. Or even choose no religion if you like.

Hell, worship squirrels for all I care, just as long as you thought about what you chose.

## 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 minorities, and also women, it is mostly viewed as something that helps blacks.

It is a sad part of our history that slavery existed.

We can not make up for that fact by giving jobs and college degrees to people who we have failed to prepare to become a part of American society.

There are many reasons why blacks are poorer and less educated than whites.

It is also extremely hard for black children to succeed in school when all of their ancestors, including perhaps their parents, have been denied an education because of their skin color.

How can we expect black children to succeed in school when they are unable to go home for help?

One big part of affirmative action is its

*Unfortunately, there is more focus on measures such as affirmative action that can pretend to show results because it is a quick and easy solution.*

role in college admissions. I believe this policy does nothing for the majority of blacks.

All it does is help the cream of the crop get scholarships.

Without it, these people may have been forced to attend a state or community college instead of an expensive private college, but I believe they would succeed anyway since they have already proven themselves to be motivated.

If you want to improve the education of blacks, you need to start from the bottom up. There needs to be a program that educates as many black children as possible, starting from their first day of school.

Perhaps more money could be given to schools with a high proportion of minorities.

Another program could be initiated which trains people to help tutor black children whose mothers must work two jobs and don't have time to help their kids with homework.

Only then will blacks become as educated and as rich as whites.

Unfortunately, there is more focus on measures such as affirmative action that can pretend to show results because it is a quick and easy solution.

If we instituted a program that paid special attention to educating minority students and made full use of the 14th Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, I believe blacks will be much better off than under affirmative action.

It will take much longer before we see results, but they will be actual results, and not manipulated statistics.



# Scenes from the Hill



## Homecoming 1999!

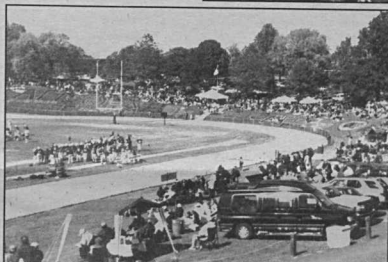
**Left:** the Homecoming Court: l.-r.: Jed Spencer and Amanda Cline (class of 2001), Jamin Bartolomeo (class of 2003), Raphael Taylor and Moe Einker (class of 2000), Danielle Loiacono and Steve Sharkey (class of 2002). Not pictured, Tara Webb (class of 2003).



**Right:** Members of Phi Kappa Sigma celebrate after winning this year's prestigious Brandt Cup, which recognizes the Greek organization with the best academics, sportsmanship, and community service.



**Above:** Ron Mojica, Yu Chen, Camille Cook, Beata Suranyi, and Jessica Hurowitz (l. to r.) enjoy themselves at WMC's annual International Dinner.



**Left:** WMC won the Homecoming game against Franklin and Marshall.



**Right:** Pilar Velpilana showcases her Spanish heritage in a traditional dance.

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# Area band Thrillcraft plays Towson with the MP3 tour

ERIN JERNIGAN and JENNIFER ROSS

Senior Writers

We recently met Thrillcraft, the band characterized by lead singer Tristan as the "real f— thing."

Thrillcraft, opening for Tonic 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 into 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.

Tristan believes that performing on the MP3 tour is the perfect opportunity to reach more people because they're "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



COURTESY OF THRILLCRAFT

Winston, Ed, Tristan, and Paul (l. to r.) compose the up-and-coming band Thrillcraft.

by Nirvana, in that it will be the first CD before they become huge. This band is ready for the big-time and their on-stage chemistry proves it.

Thrillcraft is a cross between Nirvana and David Bowie as Ziggy Stardust, and the dy-

namic presence of the group will make them hard to miss. According to one reviewer, "These guys are real good... so good that, when I play it [their CD], my dog P.J. hides under the pillows on the couch."

The band's alternative sound is aug-

mented by the influence of what their MP3 site describes as "seventies arena glam, eighties art rock, and classic British punk." We witnessed firsthand the stellar sex appeal of this band, which made them too cute for their own good and perfect for MTV.

Tristan and Ed, the drummer, came together in 1998. Later, with bassist Winston and lead guitarist Paul, they formed Thrillcraft.

According to Paul, "We had such a hard time picking a name because there are four huge egos [in this group]." Their compromise was to look to a dictionary of 20th century slang. A thrillcraft is a name for a person who builds and designs rollercoasters or a craft made specifically for thrills, such as a jet ski.

Despite the "four huge egos," Ed feels the band is "keeping the rock and roll tradition of brotherhood." We agree. After the first ten minutes with the group, their constant playful bickering and banter made us swear they were brothers.

You can learn more about Thrillcraft on [www.thrillcraft.net](http://www.thrillcraft.net) or you can visit [www.mp3.com](http://www.mp3.com) to download songs from the band or buy a CD.

## CD Review: Thrillcraft's latest release, "Rehab"

MICK YESTRAMSKI

Sports Editor

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 Jr.-type feel. The slow, mumbling vocals, the lead bass for the verse, and the choruses of faster guitars all could have been pulled directly from J Mascis's notebook.

The band attempts to show their "sensitive" side with the ballad "Bleed." I'm pretty sure this song was written after a long conversation with Johnny Reznik, the guy from the Goo Goo Dolls. They attempt to give it a little toughness by continually saying "f—" in just about every other verse.

The last three tracks ("Little Black Hole," "Only Everything," "Never Get Old") all go back to the early 90's sound, only this time a little more Nirvana-esque. That's not necessarily a bad thing.

Overall, this is a good band. They write very catchy songs. They have a good sound; it's just not theirs.

## 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 word 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, the direct play is jumpier 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.

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## Movief Review: Fight Club

JENNIFER ROSS &amp; ERIN JERNIGAN

Senior Writers

Fight Club is a 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."

Long monologues by Norton guide us on the fateful trip, taking us forward and backward through time as necessary.

Computer graphics and other filmmaking techniques, interposed at intervals throughout the film, challenge the audience to address the reality of their trip.

This is almost too much strangeness to swallow.

Pitt is his usual half-dressed self, and, as long as we're on the subject of hormones, the sight of Meat Loaf's feminine side may make Norton's insomnia contagious.

**Grade: A** This is a solid film that you must see at least twice.

## Local movie theaters

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Prices: Adults are \$6.00 before 6:00 pm  
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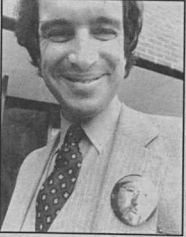
**General Cinema, Owings Mills:**

Phone: (443) 384-0081  
Prices: Adults are \$5.00 before 6:00 pm  
& \$8.00 after 6:00 pm

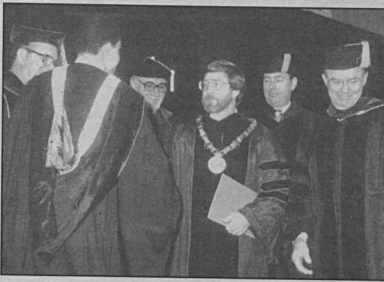
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# What a long, strange trip it's been... Robert Hunter Chambers completes 15 years as President of WMC



Who is that... buttoned man? Doonesbury creator (and friend of the Pres) Gary Trudeau at Chambers' inauguration ceremony.



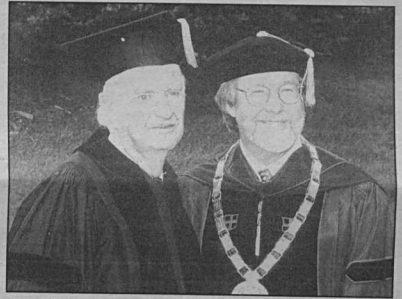
Robert Hunter Chambers being sworn in at his inauguration ceremony, in 1984.



Students may not realize it, but Chambers enjoys teaching undergraduate classes, in addition to fulfilling his administrative duties. Here, Elmo makes a brief appearance.



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."



Pres. Chambers and Captain Kangaroo stand together at the Captain's honorary degree award ceremony.



Chambers spends much of his time in Annapolis, dealing with state government issues. Here, he is seen dealing with Maryland Governor Parris Glendening.



One of Chambers' proudest accomplishments at WMC has been the establishment of the new science building.



Take me to your leader! Pres. Chambers welcomes all newcomers to WMC--as long as they're only here to learn!



# Ani DiFranco: rockin' like a mutha in Gettysburg, Pa.

SARAH RADICE  
Features Editor

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 Dave were back as her accompanists, and a warm, familial vibe radiated from the threesome.

Ani herself was a blaze of light, pounding through classics like "Untouchable Face," and "The Diner," mixed with some love songs.

She played with characteristic passion, raw emotion, and intensity, sometimes clanging at her guitar as if it were a weapon, sometimes curling with infinite tenderness over the instrument as she moved into slower, more morose songs.

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 ban-



The joyful girl caught in a rare moment of stillness. She gave an emotionally-charged performance at Gettysburg College, Oct. 29.

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ter 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 a song that, aaah, 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, marred only by one moron yelling, "Marry me, Ani!"

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.

Hamell on Trial opened for Ani, a weird-ass cross between a lone Barenaked Lady and Tori Amos.

He couldn't sing worth a damn, but he played incredible guitar, so loud and fast that it resonated in my breastbone.

# Dar Williams: live and talkative, still all good

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
News Editor

She stood alone at the altar of a massive stone cathedral. A single spotlight on her shining blond hair was the only source of light in the ghostly room.

While the hushed, even reverent, murmurs of the audience rose up to the shadows 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.

Ranging from a piercing, passionate wail to a barely audible whisper, Williams' soothing vocalizations complemented her emotionally charged lyrics.

She presented her music, concert among folks who dig chicks with guitars and intelligence, without any accompaniment, except her single acoustic guitar.

Of course, all of the "old-Dar" favorites were there, including "The Christians and the Pagans," "When I Was a Boy," "If I Wrote You," and my personal favorite, "Iowa."

Williams 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.

Although Williams can be incredibly funny, (like when she taunted the audience by introducing a song, saying "I'm the only one who knows what 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 retuning 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 sang 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.

# Rat's Web/Anne Butler

Okay, last week I gave you websites about the cartoons of our childhood. But what about those of us who still love cartoons? Well, if you fall into that category, this week's column is for you.

**Pokemon**—Ah, the biggest current fad among kids is a wonderful and brilliant marketing phenomenon. It's also a damn cool cartoon!

**Cleft of Dimension's Pokemon Shrine**  
<http://cld.dragonfire.net/pokemon>  
Hasn't been updated in a while. Has information on the Japanese series and the American one, games too.

**Shou Tsurugi's Pokemon Site**  
<http://www.na.rim.or.jp/~shou/pokemon.html>

Great site with a synopsis of the Japanese episodes, up to 90, and the movies. Great hand-drawn art, too.

**Team Rocket Palace**  
<http://meltingpot.fortunecity.com/armenia/28/rocket.html>

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**Animaniacs**—The wild, wacky, um, whatever-they-are's are still going strong on the Cartoon Network and on the WB! Here are some sites for you guys to catch 'em whenever you want!

**Animaniacs Invade Sigh-Burr-Space**  
<http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Dell/2381/>

Wow! Lots of stuff here! Mad libs, sounds, even a purity test!

**Animaniacs Information Page**  
<http://www.fuzzz.com/tooninfo/animaniacs/default.asp>

Cultural references that are mentioned in the show.

**Transformers**—Maybe I should have included this last time, but there is a current Transformers TV series on Fox. Nonetheless, I'm including all the incarnations in this listing.

**The Transformer's Online Encyclopedia**  
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Station/6563/hf-ency.html>  
Info about only the "official" series.

**Walky's Transformer's Pit stop**  
<http://members.xoom.com/Walky/Transformers/>  
Gotta love a fan with a sense of humor and the ability to draw well.

**Miscellaneous**  
The Tick Apartment of Niceness  
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## 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 had by Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez and the career records for home-runs and hits set by Mark Magwire 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 Maddox and Ken Griffey, Jr. over Barry Bonds or Ricky Henderson.

Although Clemens and Griffey are very good players and are certain Hall of Famers, Maddox 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 can not be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Fans of the game have seem to forgiven 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 expect Rose as well.

It seems that the Ravens have made yet another change at quarterback with Tony Banks replacing the ineffective Stony 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's 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 that loss, too.

## Women's soccer upsets F&M, hammers Haverford, 4-3

AMY BITTINGER  
Staff Writer

The Green Terror women's soccer team was defeated 1-0 on Saturday in Gettysburg, Pa., to the eventual Centennial Conference Champions.

The Terror (11-5, 8-2) lost the game and the Centennial Conference Title by one goal that was scored with ten minutes left in the first half.

On a Bullet cornerkick, a Gettysburg player jumped in front of Terror goalie, Becca Lyter, and headed the ball just over her outstretched hands. That goal turned out to be all of the scoring for the game, but there was a lot more action.

The Terror came out tough in the second half, showing that they were not giving up.

Defender Tracey Castor stripped the ball from several Bullet attacks to prevent them from getting any shots off, while her accurate dribbling helped set up Terror attacks on all ends of the field.

With 26 minutes left in the game, freshman Melissa Merson had a great shot that hit the pole of the goal.

Ten minutes later, senior Beth Blasi was able to steal the ball from one of her three defenders to get a shot off from the 18 yard line that went just wide.

Blasi, who had been scoreless in the last two games, was again scoreless because of constant triple teams as soon as she got the ball.

Senior sweeper, Meaghan Giorno, who played her last college soccer game, explained that she had no tears because "it was a great game and the best season ever."

The Terror were in their first-ever title conference game. In the duration of the season, several records were broken.

These include consecutive wins (10) and consecutive shutouts (6), as well as personal records by goalie Lyter with over 400 scoreless minutes and with Blasi tying the schools' scoring record with 18 goals.

In action that lead to the Conference Championship game, the Terror defeated Franklin and Marshall by a second overtime period goal by senior Marci Short.

In the game, F&M got out to a 2-0 first half lead. But the Terror stepped it up in the second half and maintained their pace to pull out the overtime win.

The second half goals that got the Terror back in the game were by Melissa Merson and Blasi.

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.

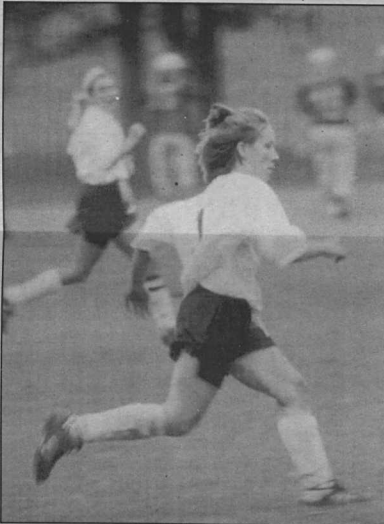
In that game, Marci Short got the Terror up in the second minute of play. That was followed by two Haverford goals.

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. Lyter finished the game with three saves.

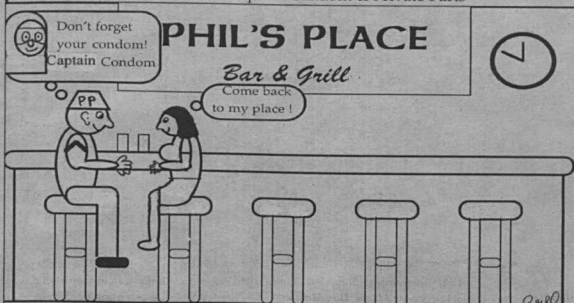
The Gettysburg loss marked the last soccer game for several seniors: Beth Blasi, Marci Short, Meaghan Giorno, and defender Elaina Herndon. They will all be missed.



Tracey Castor prepares to score the go ahead goal against Haverford last week.

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# Field hockey ends season filled with highs and lows

STEPHANIE PEERY  
Contributing Writer

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 newness that the six freshman brought to the team or the fact that Western Maryland had the most returning players in the conference that brought about the win.

Possibly it was their new coach, Mandy Manolovich, that gave them the tools to succeed.

Whatever it was that inspired these girls to persevere, they proved that a little heart, mind, and soul is all it takes.

As their season wound down

last week, these ladies were a little distressed over an article published in the October 26 edition of the Carroll County Times.

A sports writer for the Times told all but the truth in what this program has to offer.

"He took everything out of context and put it in a negative light rather than the positive way in which we meant it," says junior sweeper Ashley Meehan.

Heather Arnold, also a junior defensive player commented that "the article was rude and put down our coach. However, she is a great person and really knows the game. She is going to turn this program around. I wish I had three or four 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 felt misled in terms of what the article was supposed to be about."

Many of the girls wonder why



Sarah Fogler rushes past the defense in a recent game against Washington College.

BRAD WIDNER

the article did not focus on the great accomplishments the team has achieved. "Our team was closer this year than the past two years; we communicate," 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 Washington.

Senior captain Kerry Wilson scored an unassisted goal in the first half, completing her hockey career with a goal against Washington

every season since her freshman year.

Freshman Anna Woods scored off an assist by Stephanie Peery in the second half, but they were just not able to come up with the win against the Shoremen.

Tears filled the eyes of many of the girls after this game, but it was not because of the score. It was because this was the last game for their much loved seniors.

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.

## Men's soccer earns first winning season

MIKE YESTRANSKI  
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team lost their season-ending game in a heartbreaker this past Saturday, 3-2, to Ursinus.

The Terror out shot the Bears 13-0 in the second half and bounced two shots off the crossbar but couldn't get the winning goal.

They lost on an own goal at 8:36 in the overtime period.

Ryan Bowles and Charlie LeFevre added goals for the Terror in the loss.

The Terror did manage to se-

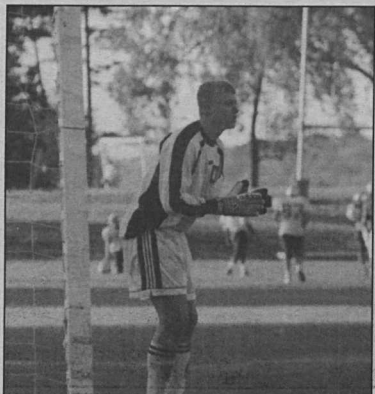
cure their first winning season since 1992 with a 2-1 victory over Centennial Conference rival, Dickinson.

Dan D'agostino scored the go ahead goal with 34 seconds left in the game. Ryan Tetteris added the first Terror goal.

The Terror lost their 14th straight game to Muhlenberg 5-1. Scott Smith recorded his first career goal in the loss.

Darren Wolf scored the first two goals in a 3-0 win over Goucher College.

D'agostino added the third, his first collegiate career goal.



Goalkeeper Ryan Defibaugh awaits the oncoming shot.

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## Football

### Offense

#### Name-TD-FG-XP-PTS

Ron Serماريني-6-0-0-36

Teron Powell-11-0-0-66

Brent Sandrock-0-7-29-50

Ryan Smith-3-0-1-20

Joe Kendorski-4-0-0-24

Matt Jackson-3-0-0-18

### Defense

#### Name-Tackles-Solo-Int

Aaron Bartolain-32-6-0

Tommy Selecky-45-17-0

Haroun Hebron-17-4-0

Jason Winegart-26-12-0

Josh Galemore-30-8-0

Derrick Gwynn-38-13-1

Marvin Deal-17-7-7

Matt Meiklejohn-25-2-3

Nick Alevrogiannis-8-3-0

Anthony Burgos-19-7-2

Kirk Simpson-11-3-0

### Kicking

#### FG-LG-XP

B. Sandrock-(7-13)-30-(29-34)

## M's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Vinny Pedalino-4-3-11

Ryan Tetteris-6-3-15

Darren Wolf-6-1-13

Ryan Bowles-4-2-10

## W's Soccer

### Name-G-A-TP

Tracey Castor-5-4-14

Beth Blasi-18-3-39

Melissa Merson-6-4-16

Marci Short-6-5-17

Thea Bayly-5-1-11

Tara Calton-2-3-7

Jessie Stickles-0-4-4

Holly Pearson-1-1-3

## Field Hockey

### Name-G-A-TP

Sarah Fogler-3-1-7

Shauna Oplinger-2-2-6

Stephanie Peery-4-2-10

Melissa Reynolds-3-0-6

Kerry Wilson-4-3-11

Anna Woods-5-1-11

## Volleyball flips F&M to become conference champs

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

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 52 assists to the victory. Junior Honesty Drungoole 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.

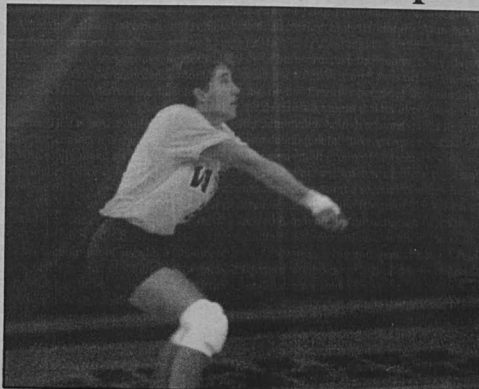
The Terror finished in a three-way tie with Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall for the Centennial Conference Title but Gettysburg will be awarded the NCAA

tournament bid due to their amount of out of conference wins. Senior Captain Heather Talkach 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." Drungoole had eight kills and Wall had 15 digs in the win over Johns Hopkins.

Drungoole, 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, Drungoole 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," Drungoole 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 champions was a big accomplishment. I was happy with our strong finish."



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Stacy Seward bumps the ball to begin the Terror offensive attack.

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## 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, 3:35 seconds behind Joko Agunloye of Swarthmore.

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 Blair 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



KASENIA LANTZKY

The women's cross country takes a victory lap with their league trophy after a season of huge success.

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.

Krebs finished in second place out of 235 runners in the race. Krebs has three gold medals and three silver medals on the year.

## Football wallops Widener, 57-20, flattens F&M, 19-0

MIKE JENKINSON  
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 playoff caliber teams.

Head football coach, Tim Keating, decided to change that this season. He added a difficult team on the out-of-conference schedule. Enter Widener. Few teams anywhere in Division III football have as proud a tradition as Widener.

This late season game was scheduled to make a point to teams across the country - the point that Western Maryland football is to be taken seriously.

The point was made. The Green Terror played a dominant game on all sides of the ball.

This was evident in the 57-20 destruction of the Widener Pioneers on Saturday, October 30. The defeat was the worst for Widener in over 65 years.

The Green Terror defense entered the game giving up less than six points a game, included in that were four shutouts.

The fact that Widener was able to score two touchdowns on the Terror defense didn't mean the defense wasn't its normal dominant

self. Sophomore defensive lineman, Josh "Ox" Galemore, recorded two sacks, one that was inches away from being a safety.

Co-captain Aaron Bartolain applied pressure to the quarterback throughout the game and made several tackles all over the field. Senior Marvin Deal added yet another interception to his conference record.

The special teams unit for the Green Terror had an outstanding game as well.

There were two punt blocks on two consecutive punts by Widener. Jeff Garza contributed one of the blocks. Scott Armstrong, Jason Wiles, Rory Maher, and Mike Wood made their typical contributions to just about every special teams play. Place kicker Brent Sandrock scored 15 points, by far, a new career high.

Despite great defense and special teams, the most exciting part of the game was the dominant play of the offense. The offense scored seven touchdowns. Ron Sermarini, Teron Powell, Jamie Harris, and Ryan Smith all found the end-zone once for the Terror. Joe Kendorski, finally recovered from a preseason muscle-strain, added three touchdowns for the Terror.

The men running into the end-zone weren't the only reason for the high offensive output. A bulk of the credit belongs with the of-

fensive line. John Ryzewski, Scott Shelton, A.J. Barchetto, Terry Otto, and Dan Harman are the starters up front. Barchetto, Harman, and Otto, three seniors, have all been starting for at least three years, and Otto has started all four years. New offensive line coach Andy Brown has changed many aspects of the blocking schemes for the o-line, resulting in greater protection for Sermarini.

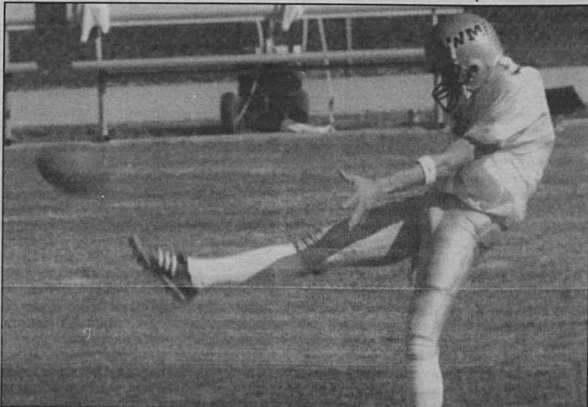
A week before the domination of widener came a Homecoming match-up with conference foe Franklin and Marshall. Although the offensive output wasn't as strong as it is in most weeks, the Terror was able to win the game 19-0.

A highlight of the game included another touchdown for Powell, who has had at least one in every game this season. Anthony

Burgos shut down his side of the field yet again as his dominance of the corner position continued.

Lastly, Deal set a new Division III record for career punt return yards. Special teams 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.



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Punter Kevin Culbertson in rare action against Widener.



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COURTESY OF APO

Members of Alpha Phi Omega stop to say "cheese" at the international dinner. From left to right: Hillary Bieke, Danielle Price, Phil Vogt, David Styssley, Jackie Aguglia, and Stacey Myers.

## Cameras in computer

### lab not kept secret

Administration not playing "big brother" to students

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
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 Charleston 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 board up 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 unruly student discovered its whereabouts and

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## ASAP sends condoms straight to mailboxes

MALISSA 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 tried 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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## Alpha Phi Omega receives official campus recognition this semester

WMC anticipates new service group's arrival

STACI GEORGE  
Assistant News Editor

Did you attend Alpha Phi Omega's first public event on Tuesday, November 16? If you didn't, you missed out on the delicious baked goodies that were at their milk and cookies session. Don't fret, it's not too late to join APO and become an active participant in community service.

APO got its start at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania on December 16, 1925. Its founder, Frank R. Horton, wanted an organization that motivated its participants to "Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service."

Western Maryland College's chapter was officially founded on October 12, 1999. The idea for starting a chapter of APO here was that of David Styssley, class of 2001.

He originally got the idea dur-

ing his freshman year and talked about starting a coed fraternity dedicated to community service. His friends wanted to ease into college life slowly, and they postponed the idea.

In the spring of his sophomore year, Styssley and some other students started working under the doctrines of Alpha Phi Omega.

Along with Styssley (President), there are 13 founders of WMC's APO. The others include: Josh Bronson (Leadership VP), Danielle Price (Friendship VP), Stacey Myers, Phil Vogt (Service VP), Hillary Bieke (Secretary), George Cramer, Elisabeth Crockett (Historian), Jackie Aguglia, Ian van Tassel, Jason Bhargava, Dave Hanyok, and Amy Hickman.

APO must go through four steps before becoming a charter. First, members of the future APO chap-

ter form a survey group; then they become an interest group, next a petitioning group, and finally they receive their charter.

Styssley said that if they continue working as hard as they have been, they will most likely receive their charter a year from now.

However, APO will not technically be a Greek organization and will not have a representative on the Inter-Greek council.

Presently at interest group level, APO has done several service projects since last April. That project involved going to Resurrection Farms, a sort of halfway house near Taneytown, and washing windows.

They have also helped out with a dinner sponsored by Asian Community Coalition here at WMC.

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## Housekeeping staff frustrated with aspects of job and pay

MIKE STOKES  
Staff Writer

Underpaid, overworked, and under-appreciated: These words describe the housekeeping staff employed by Western Maryland College. They seem to have the most difficult job on campus, yet they continue to face an uphill struggle to gain the respect they deserve.

The full-time staff consists of 27 employees, two short of the to-

tal capacity. They have been short-handed for a while, and, according to Mel Whelan, the building service coordinator, they might not reach their capacity for quite some time.

"Our problem is that we cannot compete with the community right now," said Whelan. Carroll County currently has less than a three percent unemployment rate, the lowest it has been in years, according to Tom Steback, the campus director of Personnel.

The obvious question is: Are we competitive with the starting salaries that other housekeepers are making in the community? According to an ad sponsored by the college, which promises six dollars an hour to start as a housekeeper, the pay is not very competitive.

"The only time we know that we are not competitive is when we have trouble hiring," said Steback. And, according to him, "We are

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## Weekend brings first playoff game since '87

On Saturday, Nov. 20, the WMC Terrars take on Catholic University in the first division III playoff game at WMC since 1987 at Scott Bair Stadium, at noon. The event will cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. All alcohol will be prohibited.

With a 6-2 edge, WMC, ranked 6th in the American Football Coaches Association poll, will take No. 11 Catholic.

WMC swept through the regular season unbeaten for the third straight year and won its third straight Centennial title.

Catholic dropped its season opener 26-21 to John Carroll of

Cleveland (the team took No. 1 Mount Union to overtime) before winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title in its first year as a football-only member.

WMC and Catholic both earned their third straight NCAA bid after losing in the first round in 1997 and '98—ironically, to the same teams. WMC fell to Locomotive 27-13 in 1997 and to Trinity last year. The Cardinals lost to Trinity in '97, Locomotive in '98.

See Sports page 16, for more details.

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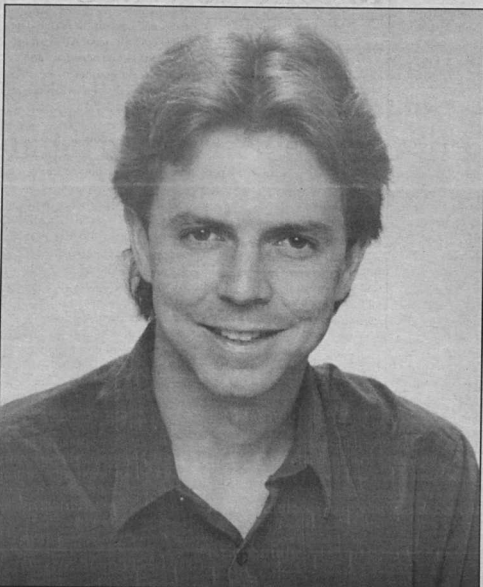
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## Guest Director visits for presentation of *Scapin*



COURTESY OF BOB GARMAN

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 PENDOR  
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 "Gross National Product," an improvisation troupe called "Comedy Sportz."

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

Cassie Domser, 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 agrees.

"[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 get 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 \$5 for students and \$5 for adults.

## 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.

Nery Arevalo, a nationally-known storyteller and musician, will present a concert for school-age children and adults from 2:30 pm in Decker auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

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-Paw" Pinkerton who, during the 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."

Arevalo, the guest storyteller, is a celebrated percussionist who has performed with Rusted Root and Shari Belafonte. He plans to highlight stories in the Native American and Mayan rhythm traditions at his matinee concert.

"He's absolutely spellbinding and a perfect complement to our program," Hay said.

For more information call the WMC public information department at 410-857-2290. For a sign language interpreter call 410-857-2518 by Nov. 17.

Courtesy of Public Information

## Housekeeping staff shorthanded and frustrated

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competitive with housekeepers' salaries right now."

Currently, WMC is completing a market survey to determine where it stands in relationship to the salaries of similar employers. The information, combined with the possibility of extra money in the school's budget, will determine whether or not the salaries for housekeepers increase.

Recently, the college increased the salary of campus safety officers, because, according to Steback, "We weren't competitive in the marketplace."

And Sodexho, the company contracted by the college to run the dining services, also increased the salary of their workers. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance, said that was also done because the college was not competitive with other employers and that they needed to fill in their staff.

Many of the housekeepers on campus believe that they are extremely underpaid, and they feel that is the reason they are understaffed. "Oh yeah, we're definitely underpaid, and that's the main reason we can't fill the remaining spots," said one housekeeper, who wished to remain anonymous.

The main result of being understaffed is that the housekeeping department, as a whole, has to complete more tasks than they normally would have to complete.

"We are shorthanded, and because of that, many of us have had to do things that we shouldn't have to do," said one housekeeper.

In some buildings on campus, one housekeeper is responsible for cleaning the entire building. Whelan developed a system where at least two housekeepers are assigned to a specific building, which "helps the housekeepers to complete their jobs much easier."

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 reluctant to say who was.

"With all of the crap we put up with, literally, like cleaning up vomit, diarrhea, you name it, we deserve more respect from everyone," said one housekeeper.

The housekeeper also noted that, although they collectively receive a lot of harsh criticism from their peers, the students are never the ones to complain.

Whelan also appreciates 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 admits that his 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?"

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# SGA makes changes on campus

*The student government leads betterment initiative*

RYAN SEAVOLT  
Staff Writer

Hey students, ever wonder how you can make a difference and improve campus life? The answer is simple: support your student government. Better yet, join it.

The Student Government Assembly has grown in leaps and bounds in the last few years. More students seem to be taking more interest in campus matters that affect their lives at WMC than ever before.

The four departments of the student government which are currently working toward improving student life at our college — the campus life, social, academic, and public relations committees — are spearheading new rules and regulations to improve the quality of life here at WMC.

Last semester, we witnessed how the SGA lobbied the student body to vote for tougher Honor Code regulations and how the students responded.

The very idea that students would pass an Honor Code which mandates that they turn in anyone they might see cheating would have seemed ludicrous before last year.

The fact that the measure was passed indicates that students are ready to take more responsibility in the way the school is run.

And nobody is more involved than our Student Government Assembly.

Currently, the SGA's members have their sights set on holding faculty members responsible for the changes in the Honor Code.

In return for the student pledge to report cheating, the faculty is supposed to be more trusting. To see that this is accomplished, the

SGA is lobbying to get framed copies of the Honor Code placed in every classroom to remind both students and faculty of their obligations.

A bylaw passed last year stated that the academic committee of the SGA will review the Honor Code every year and look for ways to strengthen the rules.

Look for a survey pertaining to this matter in the near future.

The SGA is also attempting to secure a mandate which would require all professors to give a five to ten minute introduction to all their students about changes in the Honor Code and to instruct them on how to report violations.

This is especially important because the SGA has received a few complaints from students who do not know the exact details of the Honor Code.

Another item on the SGA's agenda is the renovation of the Pub and game room area.

Everyone has noticed the drab decorum of the game room and the occasionally long lines and slow service at the pub.

Well, the SGA is trying to remedy the situation by putting student and sports memorabilia on the walls and by increasing the quality of food service at the Pub.

Junior class president Jeremiah Kelly states that this undertaking of the campus life committee, which meets Monday nights at 9:00 in the pub, has been nicknamed the "Beautification Initiative."

The SGA has already made strides toward fixing the Pub's problems by recently passing the Pub Standards Act of 1999 which outlines the students' expectations of the Pub.

This measure will hopefully be signed by Dr. Ethan Seidel, director of the Administration and Finance Department, Dean Philip Sayre, and Alan Dolid, director of Food Service.

Copies of this document will be sent to each student, as well as placed in front of and behind the counter in the Pub.

The SGA hopes that this measure will be in place for only a year, as they seek to pass the Student Bill of Rights which will encompass food service requirements.

This bill would also require Campus Safety and Residence Life to follow proper procedure when handing out citations for violations, so students will be able to understand their rights in every conceivable situation.

In addition, the public relations committee is trying to promote a campus-wide calendar and get word out about the SGA, so that students can take better advantage of the opportunities which the student government offers.

In the past year alone it has become increasingly apparent that the SGA is serious about changing this school for the better.

Kelly states that a few years ago, the student government "did not have the impact or influence that it does today."

He also says that SGA used to be afraid to take risks and assert their goals, but now they have created a better dialogue with the students and faculty.

Kelly says that the biggest victory thus far, the Honor Code changes, came directly from the student body.

He continues, "That's something the SGA is pretty proud of."

# World AIDS day set to educate WMC

MEGAN K. MARTIN  
Editor-in-Chief

Dec. 1 is day one of a year-long drive to increase 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 program 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 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 on display in Ensor Lounge for the entire week. Literature on HIV/AIDS will be available at the display.

The capstone of 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 Coordin-

nator and advisor for ASAP. The speakers will make AIDS "more real, [and] more personal," to the students, she continued.

Dorsey, 30, wants people to know "what it's like to live with the disease."

After being diagnosed about seven years ago, he hopes to reach people through his speech.

Dorsey wants people to know that life is not over once a person is diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

Baker, 29, will also be providing a glimpse into his life with AIDS. He has been living with the virus for a little over five years but does not yet have AIDS.

College students, Baker said, should know to be monogamous in sexual relationships and to abstain from drugs and alcohol since they impair judgment and make a person more at risk.

For those with AIDS, dealing with family and friends can also be difficult.

The family and friends of both men responded in a variety of ways.

Some were supportive, others hurt by the unfairness of the situations, and some acted like the men were no longer human.

Both will dispel that myth. They are husbands, fathers, students, and employees.

Both hope to be an example to those living with AIDS and to those who are not infected of their humanness.

"Everyone has to evaluate themselves. There are lots of decisions to make. You really have to think and be cautious," said Dorsey.

# ASAP's convenient contraceptives subscriptions

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thought this would be a good idea was because not many students know the organization has condoms to give to students.

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

ceiving so many requests and some from the same people, they will now only receive two.

ASAP believes that this program is a way to not only promote safe sex but also to help educate students about HIV and AIDS.

They want students to realize that a common way to contract these diseases is through unprotected sex.

that she teaches about healthy relationships, ASAP did a program that included a skit about how to form these relationships.

The organization has been doing this program for a few years now, and this year the skit was about how to properly use a condom.

"This year's skit was the best I have seen so far," said Horneff.

*"This is another attempt by members of the college community saying that they care about the students." -- Barb Horneff, associate dean of the First Year Program*

none left at this point.

"[It [the program] grew so quickly and unexpectedly, that we have run out of condoms," said Amrein.

"We are going to ask Smith House for some more condoms, so we can fulfill the requests that we have already received," Amrein said.

Originally, students were receiving four condoms at a time, but now, since the organization is re-

"This organization is helping the college community to become more aware of disease and personal life issues," said Barb Horneff, associate dean of the First Year Program. "This is another attempt by members of the college community saying that they care about the students."

Horneff is a strong believer in what ASAP represents and teaches students.

In a freshman seminar course

"It was a very informational session and extremely well-done."

Although ASAP does promote safe sex, they do preach abstinence as the best form of contraception.

"We are not trying to promote premarital sex," said Stacey Myers, president of ASAP.

"But people are having sex, and we realize this, so we want to help them have safe sex," said Myers.

# 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, and 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.

Josh Bronson says of a recent service event, "I really liked the K-Mart Race Against Drugs project because all the members help[ed] out, which was a positive feeling. We invited other fraternities 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-Mart donated \$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 were friends before, but now we're 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.

This service fraternity is 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 Dunnivant, ext. 8010, Kristen Fraser, ext. 8619, Wally Santillo, ext. 8300, or Chris South, ext. 8012, or send email to cls2000@wmcd.edu.

## Class of 2001

- Class T-shirt sale starts November 15
- 50/50 Raffle - will be held at home play-off game
- December Class Meeting - Stay Tuned!
- Class Award - given to a member of the class who has contributed to the WMC community and his/her class.
- If juniors have problems, they can contact Jeremiah Kelly and Matt Burger, ext. 8114, Amanda Cline, ext. 8236, or Sarah Mitchell, ext. 8216, or send email to cls2001@wmcd.edu.

## Class of 2002

- Class shirts will be sold on November 16 and 18 in front of GLAR. Long sleeve T-shirts are being sold for \$13.00, and short sleeve T-shirts are being sold for \$10.00.
- A sophomore open class meeting will be held on November 17 at 8:00 pm in the basement of Hill Hall.
- If any sophomores have any concerns, they can reach Steve Sharkey, ext. 8646, Christy Dotson, ext. 8369, Maya Redfearn, ext. 8375, or Jayne Karolow, ext. 8172.
- The Class of 2003 can voice concerns by emailing sds001@wmcd.edu.

## Class of 2003

- There will be a class meeting on November 17 at 9:00 pm in Hill Hall room 104. All freshmen welcome. Food will be provided.
- Freshmen took third place for their homecoming parade float and raised over \$350 at the homecoming game.
- Class T-shirts are being designed and will be sold during second semester.

•If freshmen have any questions they can reach Jamin Bartolomeo, ext. 8421, Stephanie Knight, ext. 8171, Erin Collins, ext. 8527, or Staci George, ext. 8530. Freshmen can also email cls2003@wmcd.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: Jeremiah Kelly
- Social Committee - (Meetings - Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the first floor of Hill) Committee Chair: Kelly Dunnivant

## And just so you know...

- The ride board is up and available for all students.
- Don't forget the Honor Code. Always sign the pledge on your work.
- An Organizational Representative meeting will be held on Nov. 18 in Hill Hall 108 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 enforce the 20 to 22 credit system. Students can now take 22 credits without paying extra money.
- Ethernet will be in the WMC dorms within seven 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.
- What's Your Beef? starts at 8:30 pm.
- If there are any other concerns, please mail the SGA at sga001@wmcd.edu.

Submitted by the public relations committee. If you have any questions please call Matt Gribbin at extension 8222.

# Cameras in the lab for safety not surveillance

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wanted to do something illegal on the computer.

Mathews is more concerned the someone one 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 also 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.

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.

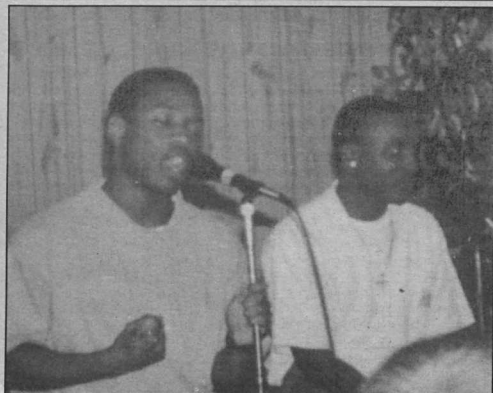
Mathews emphasized that the system is not like a department store's system, saying cameras are used to record possible incidents. According to Kuger, the tapes are only viewed "if anything happens."

"[The cameras] give Campus Safety something else to work with if there is an incident," said Mathews, adding that she feels more secure with the system in place.

# Campus Safety Blotter

- On 10/27 at 12:40 am DoCS documented 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 defacement in Albert Norman Ward.
- On 10/27 at 3:47 pm DoCS documented stealing in McDaniel Hall.
- On 10/29 at 5:35 pm DoCS documented an excessive parking violation in Peterson Lower parking lot.
- On 10/29 at 8:25 pm DoCS responded to a call from Decker Student Center for transport only.
- On 10/29 at 2:43 pm DoCS documented damaging on PELC lane.
- On 10/30 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 Englar parking lot.
- On 10/30 at 11:12 pm DoCS documented a parking/traffic violation for excessive speed in Whiteford Lane.
- On 10/31 at 1:07 am DoCS documented underage possession of alcohol in Rouzer Hall.
- On 10/31 at 11:35 am DoCS documented stealing in McDaniel Hall.
- On 10/31 at 7:35 pm DoCS documented gaining access to building in McDaniel Hall.
- On 11/1 at 11:55 pm DoCS documented disorderly conduct in Blanche Hall.
- On 11/2 at 12:20 am DoCS responded to a call from McDaniel Hall but did not render treatment.
- On 11/2 at 10:38 am DoCS responded to a call from Smith House for transport only.
- On 11/2 at 12:25 am DoCS responded to a call from a Pennsylvania Avenue House but

- did not render treatment.
- On 11/2 at 2:07 pm DoCS documented a fire alarm report from Daniel MacLea.
- On 11/3 at 10:23 am DoCS documented the use of controlled dangerous substances in Rouzer Hall.
- On 11/3 at 3:57 pm DoCS responded to a call from Whiteford Hall but did not render treatment.
- On 11/4 at 6:04 am DoCS documented the use of controlled dangerous substances in the Rouzer parking lot.
- On 11/4 at 1:14 pm DoCS documented a low velocity impact/vehicle accident in Winslow fire lane.
- On 11/4 at 1:52 pm DoCS documented unauthorized access in Englar Dining Hall.
- On 11/4 at 2:27 pm DoCS documented threatening or dangerous behavior in Albert Norman Ward.
- On 11/5 at 4:11 pm DoCS documented a smoke detector report at McDaniel Hall.
- On 11/7 at 3:07 pm DoCS responded to a call from the athletic fields but did not render treatment.
- On 11/8 at 4:22 am DoCS documented a smoke detector report at Daniel MacLea.
- On 11/8 at 5:09 pm DoCS responded to a call from PELC but did not render treatment.
- On 11/8 at 9:15 pm DoCS documented stealing in Rouzer Hall.
- On 11/9 at 9:36 am DoCS documented the illegal use of a college document at Englar Dining Hall.
- On 11/9 at 9:21 pm DoCS documented an excessive parking violation in the Albert Norman Ward parking lot.
- On 11/9 at 9:40 pm DoCS documented an excessive parking violation in the PELC parking lot.
- On 11/10 at 7:50 am DoCS responded to a call from off campus for transport only.
- On 11/10 at 9:16 am DoCS responded to a situation at the DoCS office for transport only.



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 PIZZALATO



## 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 consider 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 underage consumption.

The problem, however, goes beyond that. All too often, "binge drinking" results in alcohol poisoning.

In a recent article, the *Phoenix* examined how this current trend is affecting WMC. Mike Webster, 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 Residence 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 Webster 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."

What is more, in the words of Webster, "We usually expect two or four alcohol poisonings each semester."

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 "expecting" such things to occur, those in charge are not really taking charge at all.

And, along those lines, one is led to ask the question - when can we expect something to be done about all this? I think that four 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 last four cases recovered, but maybe the next one will not be so lucky.

And, maybe, that unfortunate eventuality will be "unusual" enough to deserve further 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 almost 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 1970's.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued all of the private col-

*Kristen G. Fraser addresses one aspect of WMC's religious and historic past.*

leges 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,

as such, the crosses have disappeared from the history of WMC.

Recently, the topic of the crosses was brought up again. It sounds reasonable enough to bring them back to the campus for the reasons outlined here.

They represent many historical aspects of the college, if only in an architectural sense.

There is somewhat of a controversy about this topic. The controversy stems from the aforemen-

tioned struggle between church and state.

crosses, wouldn't there also be a problem with the school in general? If someone objects to the religious connotations of crosses, would not there be discussion concerning two church buildings and a history related with a specific affiliation?

But, these are some of the arguments that have been discussed. The implication from these arguments is that people would not feel comfortable attending Western

*The implication from these arguments is that people would not feel comfortable attending Western Maryland College because of the crosses.*

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 the case of WMC, the religious symbols were the crosses atop Baker Memorial Chapel and Elderdice Hall.

These crosses were the 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 ACLU would drop the charges.

So, that is what occurred, according to various hearsay accounts told around campus.

The cross arms were sawn off from atop the steeple of Baker Memorial Chapel, and a helicopter was used on top of Elderdice. Simple enough right?

Not exactly. 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 serious embarrassment on that day. Instead of standing fast, they succumbed, and

tioned struggle between church and state.

The other side of this issue would be to keep the crosses away, since they represent a form of religion that is not appropriate to some of the student body.

But, there are many other indicators of the historical, religious aspect of the college present already.

It seems that a cross is as equally offensive 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 confusion 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 a college.

Support for bringing the crosses back should be for aesthetic, architectural, and historical reasons.

There is no reason to complicate this issue by using irrelevant arguments of church versus state. As this situation unfolds, hopefully, the reasonable argument will prevail.

*Con:*

The argument over whether or not WMC should replace 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 building would be at cross purposes with the presentation of the college.

Arguments that the crosses should be replaced for historical

*Megan K. Martin poses the counter view to replacing religious symbols.*

plays religious ornaments on some of its buildings?

I find that to be contradictory. Although I do not think that the crosses would significantly harm WMC's enrollment, it may have a negative effect on the college's reputation.

An argument for tradition might stand, too. A few weeks ago, I wrote on the importance of tradition. Two crosses, however, do not

aid from the Methodist Church, making the break fairly appropriate.

The decision rendered by the Supreme Court states that a religiously affiliated college or university can receive state funds. This is because the primary mission of such schools is education, not religion. So, WMC could have 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, the

ters by placing religious matters in the hands of the students.

When the college broke its affiliation with the Methodist Church, it could not pick and choose which aspects to retain and which to weed out. An agreement was reached with the ACLU out of court.

In the settlement, WMC agreed to certain terms. These terms included limiting the number of Methodist ministers who were professors. Also included in the agreement was the removal of crosses from Big Baker and Elderdice.

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purposes are dubious. No one can convince me that Big Baker is an historic building. The cornerstone on the building reads 1957. How much 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 students would be offended, as a whole, by crosses on the buildings.

I do think, however, that the crosses would make some feel uncomfortable. That would be understandable. Who would be comfortable with a college that says it is not religiously affiliated yet dis-

make or break tradition.

Religion does not go unrecognized on campus. Among the six religious groups, there are at least two Christian groups that mark and remember the college's religious past. Tradition also lies in the history of the college.

At the center of the reason for the crosses' removal is a Supreme Court case, *Roemer v. Board of Public Works* 426 U.S. 398 (1976). I studied this case last year in Religion and Culture.

Yes, WMC did break with the United Methodist Church around the time of the ACLU's case, but it was not just because of this case. Apparently, the college had not been receiving what it felt was the appropriate amount of monetary

state can hold some kind of control over that institution.

Whether or not the state would actually control such an institution is not the issue. The possibility is always there, and it negatively affects the religious aspect of the institution.

For that reason, it may have been the best thing for WMC to break its affiliation. State funds are very important to the school, and religion can exist on campus without specific college regulations.

Rather than jeopardize the beliefs of one Christian denomination, the college, by breaking the affiliation, made room for greater religious diversity.

It also lessened the potential for state intervention in religious mat-

After the break, the crosses on the buildings would have falsely proclaimed to anyone living on or visiting the campus an affiliation that no longer existed.

Religion itself is a complex and emotional subject. I am by no means advocating that the college should deny it's past affiliation with the Methodist Church. That is an important aspect of college history, and without that affiliation, WMC would not necessarily be what it is today.

Since the college did break that affiliation, the crosses no longer belong on campus. If they reappear, they would make the college look two-faced and would jeopardize the reputation of an open and religiously diverse campus.

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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 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 every day, 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 were "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 searching 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

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or  
Come out to a staff  
meeting held every  
Monday evening at 6  
pm in the basement  
of DMC.

## 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:

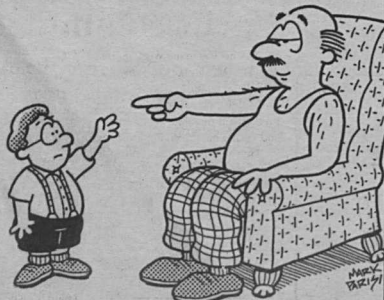
"Is this the type of Honor System we want at WMC? We don't think so. But, if the system stays, a greater effort must be made by member of the Honor and Conduct Board committee to ensure that all students are thoroughly informed of the Honor Code process."

## off the mark

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by Mark Parisi

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A FUTURE JOURNALIST ABOUT TO  
GET HIS FIRST "PULL IT SURPRISE"

## Chalk poetry breathes new life into campus

**Kristen G. Fraser**  
*commends 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 misunderstanding 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 disapproval, but the reaction was certainly 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 understand. The same area and medium of chalk are often used to advertise various events on campus. Many clubs and organizations take advantage of the opportunity to use cheap, visible advertising.

But, for some reason, this action was labeled vandalism. That is something that I will never understand.

Vandalism, according to my definition, would have to include something a little more permanent than sidewalk chalk - perhaps spray paint or something slightly more harmful.

Vandalism also connotes to me something a little more vulgar.

Thus far, the poetry has seemed to be very clean with little or no obscenities.

The poems are fairly straightforward and enjoyable to read. To me, that eliminates virtually all reason for complaint by any reader.

Since none of these arguments apply, 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. Perhaps there will be more that pop up around campus.

This would be a wonderful sign of student life and student participation. Hopefully, poetry will spring up all over this campus.

A liberal arts institution is the perfect breeding ground for this medium, and hopefully it will blossom.

## Day at Newseum - time well spent

On November 11, the Introduction to Journalism class and the freshman English class with journalism 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 lesson. These are my experiences on the field 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, Virginia. 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 simply fell asleep in the cushioned seats.

Mr. 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, to be getting out of classes to attend the field trip.

Twisting and turning down country roads to reach our destination, I could hear in my mind everyone asking the ill-fated question, "Are we there yet?"

We finally did reach some signs of civilization past the Virginia border when we entered downtown Arlington. This was when Mr. Dalton said, "Wake up kids, we're almost there."

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 surrounding it.

One of the Newseum attendants came aboard to give a little talk which concluded with, "no running or jumping." I felt like I was back in fifth grade going on my first field trip.

The bus then quickly emptied and we all passed through the metal detectors with just a few problems before we all finally entered the

**Edward Schultheis relives the journalistic experience of the Newseum.**

historic Newseum. We were shuffled quickly into the domed movie theatre which showed a short film about the Newseum and the origins of news.

The next part was when the real fun started. The tour is self guided, so there was no teacher or guide herding us around like sheep. I actually discovered why Professor Dalton thinks it is so interesting.

There were interactive sights all over the Newseum, and we all took time to look in the gift shop.

Another of the interesting sites was a computer program that allowed you to type in your birthday to see what events were going on in the world on the day you were born. I also found out that Arthur Ashe's birthday was the same as mine.

Soon, we tired of all the walking around. We wanted to go in to see how a television studio works, which was one of the attractions at the Newseum.

There was a large crowd surrounding us at the entrance, so we never actually got inside. We did get to see, however, a few of our classmates sitting at the news desk inside the studio.

So we sat outside the window, and when they were looking over, we made weird faces and waved to them. They didn't seem to want to acknowledge us though, and all we got from some of them was a smile or a tiny semi-wave.

We were surprised, however, when Mr. Dalton came up behind us and asked what we were doing. Meekly, we pointed to our classmates sitting up at the studio desk.

We were even more surprised when he also started waving at them, and the girls at the desk looked curiously and finally 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 spent there was much like the hours before lunch. We read over the vast amount of daily newspapers that are placed up 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 1:45 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 listened to USA Today writer Gary Fields talk about his experiences and about his view on journalism.

In fact Jack Kelley, USA Today's foreign correspondent who gave a talk in September at 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 boarded the bus again. On the bus ride home, most people once again slept like babies. 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 entertaining and informative. Most of the students had a good time exploring the history of news, and the time at USA Today was a good learning experience also.

If you have a free day sometime and are interested in journalism, you might want to consider spending the day at the Newseum. I certainly 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 Pete Rose.

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 nowhere to park.

After I drive around for 15 min-

**Carl Kreger launches a new column outlining a variety of complaints.**

utes and go up and down every alley and parking lot, I still find nothing.

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 screwed, even though I paid for a permit. That sucks, and I'm not going to pay my ticket, either.

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 rendition 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 broken half of the time).

Then, I have ten people bump into me, and I have to either balance my tray on one hand, while grabbing a "napkin," or sit my tray in another area code while I go to get a "napkin."

Glax says it costs more, but I think that since we pay so much for a meal anyway, they can afford to give us real napkins with real napkin holders.

Got a complaint? E-mail Carl at crk001@wmdc.edu.

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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 raucous, 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 just of that excitement.

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 not 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.**

# 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 call 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 golfing 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 tell 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 made me smile 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 one part of an aircraft is safer than another."

Something startling about the latest accident, involving Egypt Air 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 Nantucket Island.

But as Boeing points out, of the 18 million flights carrying 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 parents 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 line up in randomly selected, stacked slices of Swiss cheese: perhaps not 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."

# Laws seek to control thought

*Jeremy 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 off, 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 politicians know it.

The only reason they propose such legislation is in order to feign compassion for homosexuals and minorities. If they actually told the truth, 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 not 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 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.

## 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...



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## Exciting, new spring classes!

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Senior Writer

You know the feeling. You are sitting in class, the professor is 30 minutes into an 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 drowsy 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 gerontology minor. 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 Française" (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 will 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 liv-

ing 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 heard 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 course the Music department has ever offered on Native American music, according to Armstrong.

### Theatre:

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 study, 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 3330) 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: Tae Bo (EPE 0055:01), Muscle Circuit Training (EPE 0055:02), Road Racing (EPE 0055:03), and Fishing in Maryland (EPE 0066:01).

## Westminster fun

ERIN JERNIGAN AND JENN ROSS  
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 Winchester Exchange building. They offer daily discount prices.

While in the Winchester Exchange, stop by Unique Jewelry. Next to the Winchester 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 Quizno's, a new sub shop in the old fire house. It is located one block from the city library. Quizno'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 London 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

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## Spotlight on...Food!

### 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.foodtv.com/jfn/programs/emeralilive/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 Ketchum Kitchen

<http://recipe.com/>

Not related to Pokemon, but anyway, this site has lots of great recipes and a special Thanksgiving section.

#### Searchable Online Archive of Recipes

<http://soar.Berkeley.EDU/recipes/>

My word, this is huge! This is all neatly archived, too! Definitely check here.

#### Vegetarian Thanksgiving Central

<http://vegetarian.tqn.com/home/food/vegetarian/libra>

Don't want to eat any dead animals this holiday season? Check here.

#### Taste of America

<http://www.tasteofamerica.com/>

Can't cook worth a damn? Join the club. Or go to this site and learn how.

#### Weird-ass Site of the Issue

<http://www.smalltime.com/nowhere/dictator>

Not as easy as it sounds!

*C'mon--you know you want to! Write for the Phoenix, that is... get in touch with Megan Martin at x8600, or come to a meeting at 6 pm, every Monday. You'll have fun... promise.*

## New Westminster eateries

#### ERIN JERNIGAN AND JENN ROSS

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 omelets 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 she calls "a great coffee bar."

The hours for the shop are 7 am - 2:30 pm Monday through Thursday, but they are open until 8 pm Friday and Saturday.

The coffee prices are a little less than most coffee bars, and it (along with its sister store) is the best and most reliably good cup of joe this caffeine addict has found in Westminster.

Westminster is booming, and the number of new restaurants in town is staggering. One of the newest is a Godsend for all of the

carnivorous Glar patrons who have been dying for a good ribeye.

The peanut shell-littered Texas Roadhouse on Cranberry Road is a huge steak house catering mostly to meat eaters and beer drinkers with barbecue chicken and some seafood also available for those who like to stay away from dead cows.

Although not the best steaks in the world, the Roadhouse gives a diner little to complain about. The filets and sirloin are barely seasoned, if at all.

For the novice steak orderer, servers are provided with a laminated card with unappealing graphics illustrating the levels of doneness.

Speaking from my experience, the pictures were a little pinker than the reality. The best part of dinner at the Roadhouse (aside from throwing peanut shells on the floor) is the hot wings. They are not your standard buffalo wings.

These little guys come in three flavors (hot, suicide, and 911) and are breaded and crispy. Try the 911. I dare ya, just make sure you have some water first. Come ready to sing with Shania while waiting for a table, and you might want to wear your cowboy boots.

## New study delivers good news for veggie lovers

RYAN SEAVOLT

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 dislike 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 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 should be 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 "nasties" as brussels sprouts and broccoli.

Stranger 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

*Jonathan Shacat is a fish culture extension agent for the Peace Corps in Gabon, Africa. He works with local farmers to build ponds a raise fish.*

*He graduated from WMC in 1998 with degrees in Spanish and Journalism.*

They call us "fish heads." The truth is, however, I don't get to eat as much fresh fish as one would expect.

And in fact, I ate a whole lot more during training in Oyem. Instead, I now get lots of cans of sardines and smoked fish.

*They call us "fish heads." The truth is, however, I don't get to eat as much fresh fish as one would expect..."*

Once in a while, kids come to me with carp or sardine (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 ready, though.

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 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's 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 Mikovandza, the village where I live.

These factors make it difficult to prepare European or American cuisine.

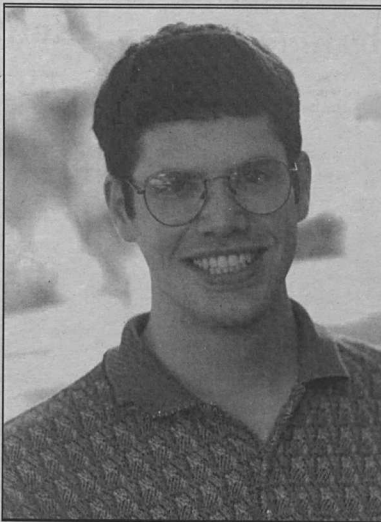
Most of my cooking is done by Antoinette, my landlord's wife.

I pay 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 used to eat 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



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*Shacat, former WMC student, currently serves as a Peace Corps volunteer, aux petite pois (peas) and bread with butter.*

Lunch and dinner are mostly produced by the village people, which means ingredients come primarily from the plantation or forest.

All are served with manioc baton, which is fibrous, woody bread. The only available spices are salt and pimento, a hot pepper. Here's the list:

*Aubergines avec la boite sardines.* Aubergines are small, color-

ful African eggplant the size of cherry tomatoes. They are boiled until soft and then mashed up and cooked in a little oil mixed with chopped onions and canned sardines.

*Courge aux crevettes.* Courge (also called concombres) is made with mashed-up squash seeds that are cooked in water until the mass takes the form and taste of ricotta cheese. Crevettes are freshwater prawn added to the mix while cooking.

*Chou de banane avec poisson fume.* Below a bunch of bananas growing on a tree is a purple softball-sized object that people call banana cabbage or the head of the banana. They cut it down, shred it, cook it in water, and mix it with smoked fish.

*Fuilles de manioc.* Manioc leaves mashed and boiled for a few hours, then cooked in palm oil and chopped onions.

*Viande de brousse avec le man-*

*Viande de brousse avec le manioc. Gazelle, antelope, porcupine, or forest rat meat. It's a meal in itself.*

*ioc. Gazelle, antelope, porcupine, or forest rat meat. It's a meal in itself, with manioc butter, of course.* *Champignons avec le riz.* Wild mushrooms cooked in oil. This is made into a full meal, too. Good with rice.

*Atangas.* There's nothing like it in the States. Imagine a large, purple olive that is tangy. It's called bush butter in English. I could eat a plate of them.

*Snacks include:* *Ignomes.* Boiled and peeled yams, avocados, peanuts, maize, pineapple, and sometimes papaya. These foods are eaten as side dishes or are served with manioc baton, and that makes a meal.

If any of that makes you hungry, go eat something. Bon appetite. As always, I'll keep you informed.

## Noemi Szadeczky-Kardoss/Trust

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 be a reporter, and now I think I'm going to 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 be a reporter, and now I think I'm going to make it. But I might be pretty busy in the next few weeks or months.

"You must know that I miss you very much all the time when you're not with me. Don't think that I want to break up with you. I love you, and you're the most important thing in my life."

*At that moment, a 16-month-old*

toddler in pajamas comes in the door. 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 faltering steps, and she picks him up in her arms while holding the receiver with her shoulder. The little boy starts fidgeting and whimpering.

"Sh! 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 call me back as soon as you 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 to let 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.

"Wow. Not bad," she says. "Can

I use the bathroom?"

"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 pushes "play" to listen to the messages.

"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 gardener. I'd like to speak with you about that dying banana tree in front of your garage. I 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 suddenly 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.

"Hi," says Carrie. "Hi, sweetheart. Were you calling me a minute before?"

"I've been calling you for 15 minutes. What were you doing?"

"I just got home. My car broke down. Listen, I'm afraid we can't meet tonight."

"That's exactly what I wanted to say. I have to work."

"Work?" "Yes, I've told you that. Oh, of course you probably didn't hear my

message."

"What message?"

"Never mind. And why are you busy tonight?"

"I have to babysit."

"Really?"

"Yes, for my neighbors." Now, Peter's company stumbles out of the bathroom and starts for the door.

"Peter, honey, I'm going home," she says.

"Like this, you crazy? You don't have any clothes on!"

"Who are you talking to?" asks Carrie.

"Just to the baby."

"Oh, so it's already there?"

"Yes. Look, I have to go now. I'll call you tomorrow. First thing in the morning."

"Okay."

"Bye."

"Peter, wait!"

"What?"

"I love you."

"I love you, too. Tomorrow morning, then."

"Okay, Bye."

"Bye."

# Horoscopes Fun (and cheap!) ideas for holiday gifts

## Ring in the holidays

CATHY PENDORE and LISA STANLEY  
Contributing Writers

**Scorpio** Oct 24-Nov 22  
A clash with an Aries will lead your relationship to turbulence. Mellow out, and a positive understanding will develop.

**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 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, say you're at a party and a 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 by wearing outfits in shades of cheery pink or lime green! Yes, it matches!! And yes, men can wear pink!

**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  
Grrrr, Leo, Grrrr... 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  
Your powerful ideas will lead to new revelations! Just be aware of what battles to pick... stay away from angry pit bulls!

ERIN JERNIGAN AND JENN ROSS  
Senior Writers

The Holidays are just around the corner. For those of you on a budget, this may be a source of agony, but never fear. We have found some clever gift ideas that even the tightest budget should be able to handle.

**Lesson #1: Know your local craft store.**  
JoAnn Fabrics in Westminster has aisles packed full of goodies just waiting for you to sculpt and mold them into holiday gifts.

**Lesson #2: Treat your significant other or best friend to a scrap book full of the memories of your favorite times together.**

-buy a relatively inexpensive photo album from Target or Wal-Mart

-fill the pages with pictures, movie stubs, concert tickets, and other mementos that are reminders of the times the two of you have shared.

-decorate the album with anything your heart desires. Fun ideas are stickers, more pictures, drawings, wrapping paper, or anything you can come up with.

**Lesson #3: Give mom or grandmom something new to add to the holiday decorations.**

-fill a glass ball, available at your local craft store (see Lesson #1), with potpourri.

-decorate the outside by tying a beautiful bow at one end. These glass balls can also be filled with ribbon or glitter and painted on the outside.

**Lesson #4: Make your sibling or friend a mixed tape of your favorite tunes**

-Buy blank tapes - again at Target or Wal-Mart.

-List your favorite songs and then have fun recording them.

-Decorate the tape cases and labels using cool computer graphics or magazine clippings

**Lesson #5: Every one loves gift baskets**

-Buy an inexpensive basket from the dollar store and then decorate it with ribbon, or

tie on some pine or holly if you choose  
-Put tissue paper or tinsel in the inside to pad the treasure you find  
-Have fun shopping!  
- Cheap but fun buys include: candles, scented soap, candy, pens, and ornaments.  
-Personalize the baskets.

**For Dad, Uncle or Granddad:**  
-Candy, pictures, golf tees/balls, car accessories, and good-smelling man stuff.

**For Mom, Aunt or Grandmom:**  
-Candles, bath stuff, lotion, photos, ornaments, cooking utensils, flowers, pins, or other inexpensive jewelry.

**For a fellow Student or Sibling:**  
-Cool pens, computer disks, key chains, dorm room snacks, art work, stationary, and stamps.

-Be creative and try themes with your baskets: sports baskets, wine and cheese baskets, pasta baskets, bath and beauty baskets

**Lesson #6: Have fun, be creative, and remember how much you love everyone!!**

## Sarah and Jon take on Dylan and Lesh

SARAH RADICE and JON BEARR  
Features Editor, Contributing Writer

I would like to share my vision of this tour and what I am trying to do with Phil and Friends. I believe with all my heart and soul that Grateful Dead music and lyrics speak to some deep place inside us, and that Dylan's music and lyrics do the same; they share the magic that speaks to the soul of humanity... [this is] a tour where the only mission is to do our best to honor the music, the musicians, the community."  
-Phil Lesh

**SARAH & JON:**

This concert did a good job of fulfilling Lesh's mission requirements. While not flawless technically, as a spiritual event it was right on track. PL&F started off with a jam, and kept on jammin' for the next 90 minutes, segueing eventually into a lovely "Morning Dew," "The Wheel," "Playin' in the Band," "Just a Little Light," and "Get Together," before ending with a hauntingly beautiful "Cold Rain and Snow."

The jamming was very enjoyable, veering from fast and hard-driving, to relaxed and mellow, to simply gorgeous.

**SARAH:**

Long, extended jams are a Dead trademark, but I think that was the very thing that detracted from the show - I felt like PL&F never really kicked it into high gear, and I kept wondering when they were going to stop warming up and start to play something, to evolve into something different.

"And I'd just like to add that "Morning Dew" made me very happy.

**JON:**

Phil Lesh and his friends could noticeably sense the levels of nitrous being consumed in the undulating masses as he appropriately supplied spiritual muzak suited for a dentist's office.

**SARAH:**

Allrighty then. But the undisputed jewel in the PL&F set was the incredible guitar playing of Derek Trucks, Allman Brothers Band wonder boy, who became lead guitarist after Steve Kimock split.

**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 of PL&F, the auditorium really started to wake up. He started off with a likeable, but unexceptional, version of Stanley and Sparks' "I Am the Man, Thomas," and his set steadily built up steam.

Dylan's fragmented and eccentric phrasing were the perfect accompaniment to a staccato "Mr. Tambourine 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 rockin'.

**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 it's 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 feeble 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," "Joey," "Down Along the Cove," "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 fools.

Dylan and co. left the stage, and we screamed for several minutes, stomping the floor and waving lights, 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 rerun of "Matlock."

**SARAH:**

Shhh, child. And then, the perfect end to the evening, Lesh backed Dylan up for a rare dual encore, performing an appealingly ragged "Friend of the Devil" and "Not Fade Away." More lighters, more screaming, more tomes. 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 that is powerful.

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 Dates at <http://www.expectingrain.com> or The Philly Zone at <http://www.thephillyzone.com/>

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# 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 whatnot.

Then, at about 11:30 p.m., they all gathered in the bathroom as the head of the house dumped the money, in either cash or check, into the toilet.

Other people across the country spent that evening watching the Evander Holyfield versus Lennox Lewis World Title Unification Boxing match.

Whether you watched swirling water or two 30-year-old men attempting to beat one another into submission, odds are, you were doing the same thing.

Now, I know some of you are wondering why I am equating a World Title boxing match with someone flushing money down the toilet.

Well, the reasons are plentiful. First of all, due to the events of the first match, in which it is a common perception that Lewis was robbed, this match would end in a victory for Lewis no matter what.

This would be like watching a sporting event after you know who won. That could be explained if the action of said sporting event was full of memorable moments.

Again, this fight falls short in this department. Both fighters were guilty of playing it safe to avoid getting in trouble.

In the end, Lewis won the title via a unanimous decision that

should have been reached months ago, and boxing fans across the country found that the price of title unification was about \$49.95.

Although the fight may have been both expensive and depressing, sports fans were treated to a great game as Virginia Tech trounced Miami to keep their Bowl Championship hopes alive.

Although quarterback Michael Vick continued his strong play, it was the Hokie defense that took control.

Cornberbacks Ike Charlton and Anthony Midget stifled the Miami offense.

Charlton recovered three fumbles, including one he returned 51 yards for a score.

Midget intercepted three passes and pestered the Miami receiving

core all game. Add to that defensive end Corey Moore's two sacks (which gives him 15 for the season), and you have the makings for one hell of a defense.

Virginia Tech has been the most consistent football team in the country and that balance will be their biggest advantage in January.

Speaking of college football, congratulations go out to Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne as he broke the NCAA Division One rushing record on Saturday.

The record of 6,279 yards, formerly held by Ricky Williams, was broken by Dayne on a 31-yard run late in the second quarter.

Dayne finished the game with 216 yards and 6,288 yards for his career as Wisconsin locked up a birth in the Rose Bowl.

Again, congratulations to both Ron Dayne 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.

## Phoenix Spotlight: Jess Horwath

GREG LEDERER

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 an 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 Katie Faciponti goal won it for the team 1-0. The game showed the team's perseverance through a sometimes tough season.

Horwath felt the team was always upbeat throughout the season, even though they had many tough losses.

Her teammates point to her optimism through hard times as a sign

of her positive contribution to the team.

She has also enjoyed the chance to play with many other great players.

When she was a freshman, she was impressed with and supported by the seniors on the team at the time. She says, "They were really great players with tremendous leadership qualities about them." She felt they were very good examples for the team and enjoyed playing with them.

Horwath's personal goal for the season was to make the most out of her last chance to play for the college, and she worked hard to make it a good year for her teammates and herself.

Away from the field, the exercise science major likes to ski, hike, and play volleyball.

In the future, she is considering getting into the field of fitness promotion.

## Swimming opens season

MIKE YESTRAMSKI

Sports Editor

Senior Chris Clemmons won three events for the men while junior Kara Wukowski won two for the women in the swim team season opener this past Saturday.

That wasn't enough, though, as Western Maryland fell to Albright by scores of 61-26 (men) and 65-29 (women).

Clemmons won the 200 and the 500 meter freestyle as well as the 100 meter backstroke.

Wukowski won both the 100 meter freestyle and the 100 meter breaststroke.

Junior Luke Page won the 100 meter butterfly during the event.

## Students predict scores

WMC over Catholic 20-7  
Lisa Dale-Van Aukun '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 Yestramski '01

Good luck, Green Terror!

## Another crash off season for Major League Baseball

MATT HURFF

Staff Writer

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. Green, who batted .309 with 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 \$48 million deal was not enough, and the rehiring of Cito Gaston as hitting instructor may have played a factor.

This was a result of Gaston's attitude toward Green, claiming that he would not amount to much.

Carlos Delgado, who batted .272 with 44 home runs and 134 runs batted in, 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 Octavio Dotel, 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 of stars 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 in the post season.

With Seattle, he only had a chance to play in October once in 1995, when Cleveland knocked the Mariners out of the ALCS.

Certainly, the 284 batting average, 48 home runs and 144 runs 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, Cincinnati, 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 Cincinnati appears to be too high at the moment.

So far, Sean Casey and Pokey Reese have been inquired about; however, it would seem highly unlikely that the Reds would part with a young talent such as Casey.

The Mets also would have means to obtain Griffey, but they would have to send Edgardo Alfonzo 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.

However, Griffey has said that he would never play for the Yankees because of the way owner George Steinbrenner treated his father during his stint in New York.

After a difficult loss, Steinbrenner also complained about a young Griffey, Jr. and his brother playing in a tunnel in Yankee Stadium.

Way to go George.

Meanwhile, it seems highly unlikely that Alex Rodriguez would want to stay in the low exposure media of Seattle, especially after the departure of Griffey.

He would most likely be tied into a package in which he is sent to Atlanta because the Braves need a shortstop since Walt Weiss has not been effective.

Keep your eyes open, this will be a wild winter.



# Men's basketball hopes to rebound from last season

STEPHANIE PEERY

Staff 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.

Precision 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 squad.

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 intersquad competition only brings the overall degree of play to a higher level.

Freshmen Greg Hill, Adam Hynes, and Michael Paesani were all Second Team All-State players in Maryland and Adrean Pope was Third Team All-Baltimore City Catholic League.

In addition, freshman Jon Pearson comes to the team at a height of six feet nine inches.

Andrew Slye and Chris Tolles will also provide talent as new members of the squad.

As for the those returning, sophomores Erik Larson, returning from a leave of absence in January, and Lamont Wilson, with one year under their belts, are ready to step it up in the 1999-2000 season. Junior Jack Kowalik has only played in 12 college games, due to an injury in his ACL and MCL in August of 1997.

Now, fully recovered for the first time in two years, Kowalik is predicted to take over much of the outside shooting loss by the graduation of Brian Tombs.

Tombs, who leads the team in three-pointers, was a major contribution to the team as a whole.

However, Kowalik, along with junior Sean Pond, is expected to fill the void that may have been left by Tombs.

Pond, who is expected to start at guard, has worked hard in the off-season to improve his game. According to Selby, it shows.

Returning junior starter Michael Furey was nominated for All-Conference last year. Once again, this top three scorer, who averages 10.2 points per game, will fight for a second standing in rebounds.

He finished seventh in the Centennial Conference with a 6.6 re-

bouncing average per game last season.

Senior captain Jim Hegmann, at a height of six feet eight inches, is the number two center behind senior Curtis Miller. Returning for his third year at Western Maryland, Hegmann was named co-captain along with senior Brian Billman.

Hegmann believes his team is ready to take on anyone in the league. He says, "I really see an improvement in our team unity."

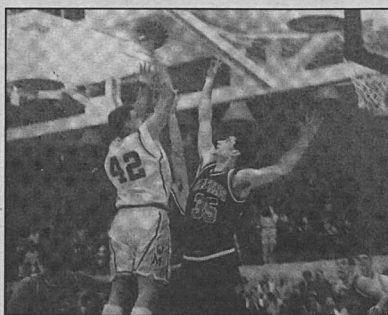
Miller, at center, only started four games last season due to a stress fracture in his foot, occurring at midnight madness last year. Now injury-free, Miller will start in the middle this year.

Jeff Myers, a senior and returning starter will yet again play point. With more competition for the position, Myers has returned much improved, fighting to keep his position on the court.

Senior Karl Friedheim, who has suffered more than one injury throughout his career at Western Maryland, will back up all-conference player Brian Billman.

Billman was chosen as a Second Team All-Conference player last year. The catch? Billman only played in half of the conference games before injuring himself mid-season.

He was later selected to play on the 1999 European College Select team of which Selby was assistant coach.



JOSE SIQUEIRA

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.

## 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 Andrey Brenner, or Centennial Conference place win-

ners Rodney Stine, Vinny Pedalino, and Josh Elin 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 Elin to graduation.

They lost Stine and Brenner 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 for the Terror.



TRANG DAM

Coach John Lowe, and the rest of the team, shout instructions during a match last season.

## Men's soccer loses, still finishes with winning season

MIKE YESTRAMSKI

Sports Editor

losses as well.

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, 2-7) still had their first winning season since 1992. Senior Jon Pitonzo 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

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# The Green Terror

## Scoreboard

Statistics as of Nov. 14, 1999

### Football

#### Offense

Name	TD	FG	XP	PTS
Haroun Hebron-	19	5	0	
Jason Winegart-	33	13	0	
Josh Galemore-	36	10	0	
Ron Sermarini-10	0	0	60	
Teron Powell- 14	0	0	84	
Brent Sandrock-0	8	37	61	
Ryan Smith- 3	0	1	20	
Joe Kendorski- 4	0	0	24	
Matt Jackson- 4	0	0	24	

#### Defense

Name	Tackles	Solo	Int
Aaron Bartolain-	39	10	0
Tommy Selecky-	59	28	1

#### Kicking

FG	LG	XP
B. Sandrock-	(8-14)-30-(32-36)	

### M's Soccer

Name	G	A	TP
Thea Bayly-	5	1	11
Tara Calton-	2	3	7
Jessie Stickle-	0	4	4
Holly Pearson-	1	1	3

### Field Hockey

Name	G	A	TP
Sarah Fogler-	3	1	7
Shauna Oplinger-	2	2	6
Stephanie Peery-	4	2	10

### W's Soccer

Name	G	A	TP
Beth Blasi-	18	3	39
Melissa Merson-	6	4	16
Marci Short-	6	5	17
Anna Woods-	5	1	11

## NCAA Division Three Football Playoff Pairings

#### North Bracket

1. Mount Union

4. Augustana

5. St. Norbert |

3. Hanover

6. Ohio Northern |

2. Wittenberg

7. Alma |

#### East Bracket

1. Western Conn.

4. Montclair St.

5. Buffalo State |

3. RPI

6. Rowan |

2. Bridgewater St.

7. Ursinus |

#### West Bracket

1. Wartburg

4. Willamette

5. Pacific Lutheran |

2. UW-La Crosse

7. Central |

3. St. John's

6. UW-Stevens Pt. |

#### South Bracket

1. Trinity

4. Western Md.

5. Catholic |

2. Hardin-Simmons

7. Washington U. |

3. Lycoming

6. Washington & Jefferson |

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## 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 came 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 Jamel Johnson, outside running with Boo Harris, and passing from Ron Sermarini, the Terror went 74 yards on their opening drive. The drive was capped off by a touchdown pass to Matt Jackson.

Jamel Johnson, the new starting running back, due to the injury of 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

against Hopkins.

Sermarini distributed the ball to as many receivers as he could find. Harris, Jackson, Joe Ellis, Greg Hill, Johnson, Teron Powell, and Ryan Smith all had receptions.

Powell once again found the end zone against Hopkins. He ran in one touchdown and caught a long touchdown late in the game. He set a new conference record by scoring at least one touchdown in every regular season game.

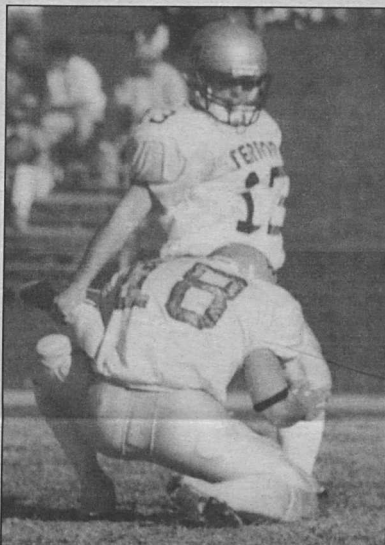
The special teams unit proved dominant once again against Hopkins.

Sophomores Jason Wiles, Scott Armstrong, and Brew Kamholtz all contributed strongly to a variety of special teams units. Marvin Dean added to his record for punt return yards.

Punter Kevin Culbertson showed off his punting skills pinning Hopkins deep in their own territory on several occasions.

Also, two new conference records were set in the game - most kicking points in a season and most kicking points in a career. Both of these records belong to junior place kicker Brent Sandrock. Sandrock is only a junior, so he plans on extending that record even further next year.

The Green Terror only gave up one touchdown against Hopkins.



BRAD WIDNER

Junior place kicker Brent Sandrock adds another point to his record setting career total at last Saturday's game against Johns Hopkins.

The unit was as strong and dominant as ever.

Anthony Burgos intercepted a ball in the end zone late in the first half that terminated a last chance scoring attempt by Hopkins.

Linebacker Derek Gwynn had one of his best games of the season as he knocked down passes and tackled running backs.

Matt Meiklejohn intercepted a pass late in the fourth quarter and returned the interception for a touchdown to seal the deal.

The game against Hopkins was the last regular season game for all of the seniors on the squad. All of these players have contributed much to the program, and all will be missed by the coaching staff and players.

The seniors playing their last game on Saturday were Chris Hydorn, Terry Otto, Dan Harmon, AJ Barchetto, Marvin Deal, Ryan Legge, Steve Moore, Sermarini, Matt Freas, Meiklejohn, Tommy Selecky, Burgos, Rob McCracken, and Steve Peed.

A week before the Terror defeated Swarthmore 41-14. The first half of this game was slow, and the halftime score was 7-7.

The Terror offense had a dominant third quarter, putting the game out of hand.

## Defensive Terror face offensive Catholic in first round

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. 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 the team's seeding.

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 Notarfrancesco. Notarfrancesco rushed 233 times for 1,271 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Catholic is just as dangerous in the air as they are on the ground.

Quarterback Derek McGee completed 193 of 298 passes for 2,397 yards and 23 touchdowns. His favorite target is wide receiver Mike Hunter, who caught 73 receptions for 1,014 yards and 8 touchdowns.

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 parallel one another.... I think our guys have wanted to play Western Maryland and I think they've [Western Maryland] wanted to play us."



The Terror football team will charge the field against Catholic this weekend.

KASENIA LANTZY





# Phoenix

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## World AIDS Day observed on campus

CATHY PENDORE  
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 spirit of social tolerance.

The World AIDS Day presentation began at 7 pm in McDaniel Lounge with an educational skit

performed by members of ASAP. The skit was a humorous demonstration designed to teach students about correctly using condoms.

ASAP President Stacy Myers began the evening with opening remarks and introduced the first speaker Ron Baker.

Baker, who contracted the HIV virus from 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

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## Scheduling causes problems for some

MALESA MORIN  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again... research papers, presentations, tests, lab reports, and tons of stress!

But added on top of all of that is registration for next semester. A process that seems like it would be easy, right? Sign up for the classes of your choice, and that's it.

Well, that's not the case for a lot of WMC students, especially freshmen.

According to the Office of the Registrar, at the end of the registration process for spring 2000, 208 classes were closed out of 806, and 165 of those classes had waiting lists. There are 589 students waited for classes, 45 more than last semester.

Dr. Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, agrees that "it is frustrating for students who are

trying to follow a course of study that they have mapped out with an advisor" and then do not get the classes they planned on taking.

"I was wait-listed for five classes," said Megan Hennigan, a freshman with an undecided major. "I waited in line for two hours and ended up only signing up for 12 credits."

Reiff realizes the difficulty for students to get their first choice but assures them there is hope.

"I encourage students to have a backup plan," said Reiff. "If students have second choices and take a more flexible stance, they defi-

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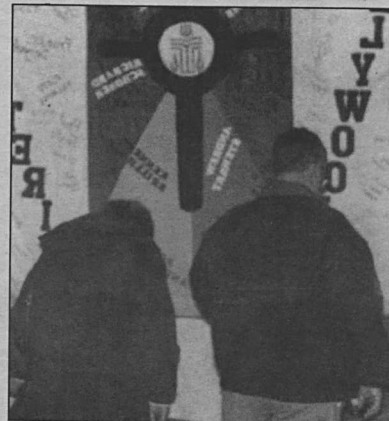
## WMC does not fear Y2K

MICHAEL STOKES  
Staff Writer

Will the Bureaus' financial records be wiped out at 12:00 am, January 1, clearing everyone of tuition bills for the rest of the year? Will the computers in the registrar's office crash at the same time, thereby wiping clear all of our grades from the face of the earth?

The answer is probably not, according to Christine Mathews, the director of Information Services. The computer system on campus is just one of the concerns that the college has focused on in preparation for the possible Y2K disaster that many of the experts are predicting.

The college has been preparing for the turn of the century for over a year now, addressing areas such as electricity, heat, the college's



Participants at World AIDS Day look at the AIDS quilt.

KAREN PIZZOLATO

## 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 Indianola, 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, includ-

## Chambers announces sabbatical

STACI GEORGE  
Staff Writer

Among WMC's many defining moments was the personal victory of President Robert H. Chambers as he celebrated his 15th year as our president.

Not only did the college community celebrate this special occasion, but it also witnessed the triumphant victory of the \$40 million "Defining Moment" capital campaign, which began in 1996.

The "Defining Moment" legacy will forever reside in the new science center as well as the new addition to Levine Hall.

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ing 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-

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## Ceremony changed

Annual holiday celebration altered to be more appealing.

ERIN S. HOWARD  
Senior Writer

A long-standing, traditional WMC holiday event is breaking tradition this year in order to make the event more attractive to students.

In an effort to increase attendance, the Festival of Lights, the annual nondenominational holiday service which marks the beginning of the holiday season at WMC, has been combined with the December First Thursday activities.

The festival, which is traditionally held on a Friday evening in Baker Memorial Chapel, will be held in Red Square between noon and 1 pm on Thursday, December 9.

"[The Festival of Lights] has been poorly attended in recent

years — for many years really," said Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Philip Sayre of the reasons for changing the WMC holiday tradition.

"With the advent of the First Thursday celebrations, we thought maybe this would be a better way to get the whole community together, celebrate the end of the semester and the beginning of the holiday season," said Sayre.

The changes to the event are not a direct reaction to some students' feeling that past services have not been inclusive of non-Christian religions, said Dr. Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, who helped plan the event.

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control systems, and of course, the computer system.

Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance, said that "The administrative network is our biggest concern for Y2K, and if the system goes down and doesn't get back up for a while, we're in trouble."

The administrative network consists of one main integrated system, and includes the offices of the registrar, financial aid, admissions, bursar's office, campus safety, housing, and most of the other offices on campus. "We started preparing a couple of years ago, and right now we don't anticipate any problems in our major systems," said Mathews.

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## Women's Coffee House celebrates female talent

*The first Women's Issues Group's kickoff event featured WMC's diverse female performers*

STACY GEORGE, MALISSA MORIN  
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The Women's Issues Group hosted a coffee house entitled "Celebrating WMC Women" on Wednesday, December 1. Twenty inspirational women gathered in the DMCC lounge at 9 pm for a two-hour event that encouraged all attendees to feel welcome, evoking a sense of unity among all.

The night began with special messages from two well-known women highly devoted to WMC and maintaining its mission statement, promoting the celebration and diversity of women.

Grace Almandrez and the group invited Dean Joan D. Coley and Dean Marty O'Connell to attend the evening.

"I'm excited to see a women's issue group starting up again. I'm delighted to be here to witness this event," remarked 26-year WMC faculty member Dean Coley as she thanked the group for inviting her.

Coley noted that, despite the recent trend to abandon women's issues, there is still a need for groups like this. She recalled that when she began her WMC career, the college did not have a maternity plan because women just didn't have children if they were professors. When she became pregnant she had to make up her own plan concerning her pregnancy and her job.

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.

The first act to take center stage was Amanda Cline and Jill Krebs, as they sang along to "The Greatest Love of All."

After a few minutes, the lounge was filled



KAREN PIZZOLATO

*Grace Almandrez gestures as she speaks about women's issues at a Women's Coffee House. The women's group celebrated the talent of WMC's female performers.*

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.

Women's Issues Group President Eric Brind'Amour improvised a humorous speech

on women's issues, and Lisa Dale Van Auker sang and played the guitar to a self-written folk song.

"I really enjoyed being there and having so many different kinds of women there to celebrate and discuss women's issues. It was liberating to know that people cared," said sophomore Cathy Pendorf.

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."

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## President Chambers makes plans for his sabbatical

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Recently, Chambers announced his six-month sabbatical leave. In a letter sent to the college community, he wrote, "I have requested a sabbatical leave for next semester in order to pause and reflect upon the significance of these events and to pursue several personal and professional projects... I plan to return to the Hill next July fully renewed and invigorated-ready, willing and able to lead this institution and its great people into the new century and millennium."

Chambers is looking forward to getting away from the day-to-day office work so that he has time to think about where the college is headed in the next millennium.

"There is no best time [to take a sabbatical] but this is the most appropriate time. The college will be better off, as I have time to plan for the institution's future. We have tremendous momentum, and it's important we know it," said Chambers.

For the most part, he will remain in the Baltimore area focus-

ing on the question: "What is my role, my strengths?" He would like to think that President Lewis had this same thought 100 years ago, as he too looked forward to the wonderment of beginning 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?"

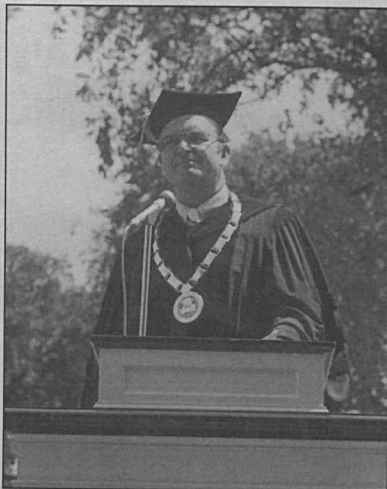
He will also be visiting Europe twice within the next six months. In early April, he will be leading a team to evaluate an American col-

lege located in Lugano, Switzerland.

His second journey is for personal benefit, as he and three other people join hundreds of others on a pilgrimage 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 Compostela.

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 if 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 another "defining moment" is about to begin, as she notably becomes the college's first female president.



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Ralph Chandler John was WMC's president for 12 years.

## WMC 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 emeritus at Western Maryland upon his retirement 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-

plishments as a scholar, teacher, administrator, trailblazer, democratizer of entire campuses, visionary and friend."

John loved beekeeping, fishing, and hunting and had lived at his home in Ocean Pines near the Chesapeake Bay since retirement. He frequently visited the campus and returned last spring for a celebratory dinner held in his honor to announce the establishment of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities.

Made possible by his good friend and former WMC football coach Jim Hindman and his wife, Dixie, this endowed professorship recognizes outstanding faculty achievement and supports research and professional activities. English Professor and poet Kathy Mangan was named the first holder of the John professorship.

A memorial service for Dr. John is being planned for the WMC campus.

Courtesy of Public Information

## Administration claims campus is prepared for Y2K

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vices, the manufacturers of the campus' hardware and software were 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 even if the software stops working or the hardware crashes, they will still have all of the college's records because the information is saved every day on computer 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. Is Glar prepared for the worst of Y2K? "There really is not anything to do [to prepare] specifically," said Alan Dolid, 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 Dolid, Food Services is prepared to serve under any circumstances. "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."

Dolid said that there 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 that 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 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 and 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 guaranteed 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 are the phone system, which was ready over a year ago, and the payroll 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 Badice will give a B'hai 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.



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## Speaker explores identity

Political Science department sponsors speaker on sexual stereotypes

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
News Editor

Women are liberated. Men are free from stereotypes. Asia is a continent of tradition and unaltered 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 patrons.

Presenting the students with ads featuring pictures of seductive Asian women, Ling discussed how Asian women have been portrayed using stereotypes to attract 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 slogan reading, "Come to the Banyan Tree with your wife, and leave with

a different woman," suggesting the availability of prostitutes to potential patrons.

Yet Asian males also face harmful stereotypes, such as hypermasculinity, said Ling.

Asian males are often projected onto commercials as dominating and strong.

However, they are also stereotyped as "dweebish" computer hackers. So, according to Ling, males face both desexualized and hyper-sexualized images.

Ling also used pictures to show that Asians are often represented in very Westernized circumstances.

However, she pointed out that standards of beauty are different across ever-changing cultural lines.

According to Ling, we "cannot rely on established rules of sex appeal" for minorities. Minority groups "must rely on their own standards of beauty," she said.

She also noted that standards are changing, and that as communication broadens, the way people identify themselves changes.

"Identity is far more mixed than people would like to admit," Ling said.

Ling's book *Conquest and Desire* further explores the issues of globalization and identity.

For those 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.

## Is the new music building sufficient for growth?

BJ SHORE  
Special to the Phoenix

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 18 extracurricular 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 music ensembles, it is the first building on campus built solely for music. It includes a rehearsal room for bands and choirs, a small ensemble room for classes and small groups, a percussion ensemble room, some additional practice rooms, and two new offices.

This will be the first time the college's Concert Band will have a real rehearsal room. The 55-member band has been rehearsing in the loft of Big Baker Memorial Chapel, which Kirkpatrick describes as "cramped and always hot."

She adds, "Have you ever seen the loft? It consists of built-in risers - it was next to impossible to set a band up in the area, but we did it!"

But others, like Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, Music Department chair and director of Choral Activities, say the building is not even

close to meeting the department's needs.

Why is that the case? The music department has had significant growth in the past ten years in all areas. Student interest has been booming.

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.

Asked 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 direction 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, with better 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 enough, and money will be distributed elsewhere.

On the other hand, 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.

## World AIDS Day presentation sends students a powerful message

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going to react, but when I'm through, and I see that look on their face that I got through, then I know I accomplished something, and I feel better," Baker said.

A resident of Westminster, Baker has worked with handicapped adults for almost two years. Baker plans to continue speaking and sharing his story and the message, "Live life to the fullest, but do it safely. Don't be selfish and don't just think about yourself but the whole picture."

The music group Insight II Life then preformed the musical selection "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton.

The next speaker, Dr. Laura Cheevers, director of the AIDS Education and Training Program, spoke of how new HIV infections are current in young people prominently in people 21 and under.

"I loved the program and am very happy to know that ASAP exists. People in college need to understand the risk. Most people in college who are having sex are having unsafe sex and most of them will tell you that it's okay, but that's just not true," Cheevers said.

Cheevers primarily administers programs and determines how to make funds reach doctors across the country while doing some speaking and teaching.

The next speaker was 30 year old Calvin Dorsey, who contracted the HIV virus from his wife. She contracted it from a blood transfusion before blood was tested properly.

Although Dorsey previously was previously featured in a newspaper article in the *Carroll County Times*, it was the first time he shared his story with a live audience.

"It strengthens me to do things like this. It really makes me a stronger person to think that I can help someone else or have them be attuned to what I am saying. Maybe I can reach someone in a positive way, and maybe they'll wake up too," said Dorsey.

Having been in the military eight years as a cook, Dorsey now plans to pursue speaking and writing. He is attending classes at Carroll County Community College for journalism, but his full time job is being a father to his son.

"It can be overwhelming, but I get a lot of help and support from family and friends. I want to leave a positive message for my son. I am always trying."

Insight II Life ended the program by performing the song "Hero" by Mariah Carey.

The audience was then invited to Ensor Lounge to view two panels of the NAMES AIDS Memorial Quilt and to enjoy refreshments sponsored by Allies.

Students displayed various reactions following the program and viewing of the quilt. Junior Eric Brind'Amour said, "It's sad that those aren't even the only two panels. There are more, a lot more..."

"It's a really good thing that [the AIDS Quilt] is here. We can recognize that it can happen to anyone, even yourself," said sophomore Alyson Rupert.

Lauren Eschwe commented, "It's more powerful having the panels in the school. It brings home the sadness of the whole thing, and my awareness has changed. You say, 'sure it can happen to anyone,' but deep down you don't think it can really happen to anyone you know. But when you meet someone

who has AIDS or is HIV positive, you realize it really can."

In addition, members of Dr. Robert Lemieux's health communication class designed a quilt panel for those in attendance to sign. The signed quilt panel was displayed over the steps leading to the Pub at the end of World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day was initially observed on December 1, 1988, when health ministers from around the world gathered for a summit.

The hope was to strengthen global efforts to face the challenges of the AIDS epidemic which continues to spread to all regions of the world.

Public support for programs fighting to prevent the spread of the HIV virus and provide awareness and education of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS is also encouraged on World AIDS Day and everyday.

## 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.

Courtesy of Student Affairs

## 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 (Ralene Mitschler, chair), and Student Issues (Chaz Neal, chair).

Also on the force are Bill Chase, Dick Claycombe, Tom Deveny, Rick Dillman, Erin Smith, Esther Iglich, Mona Kerby, Apollo Mian, Martine Motard-Noar, Howard Orenstein, Ken Pool, Brad Smith, Sue Bloom, Ira Domser, Dave Neikirk, and James Feagin.

## Class registration complications

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nically can get their course of study finished."

The numbers prove that many students do not get into first-choice classes, but this is mostly because of the promise of small classes at this college. Reiff believes that this is one of the main reasons students decide to attend WMC. He compared WMC to bigger universities where there is no cap on enrollment in classes where there are 500-700 students in each class.

"Because this school is committed to small classes, it is difficult to try to keep that quality control," said Reiff. "It becomes difficult to plan courses so students get what they want... but we try our best... to fit the students' needs."

Most students believe that if more classes were offered or if more sections of popular classes were offered, then there would not be as much of a problem.

"The school's track record has been to add sections for classes with big wait lists like Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Psychology, and general science classes," said Reiff. "But the problem with this is finding the available resources like extra professors."

Reiff did note that more professors were hired since WMC's enrollment increased. He thinks the increase in student population meant greater strain on classes.

But Reiff believes that the registration process has improved over the years.

Students now receive an assigned registration day based on their class year and an assigned registration time based on how many credits they have completed.

"My registration time was at 9:30 am but three classes in my major were already closed," said Melissa Grimmer, a freshman dual major in exercise science and chemistry. "There should be a certain number of seats in each course for each class year so... students have a fair chance," she said.

But Reiff believes that registration "is a fair and equitable system because students rise in the ranks as they get older."

"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 that 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 Bucey 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 do open up 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."

## 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 of Science.
- On 11/11 at 10:10 am DoCS documented defacing of property at Bair Stadium.
- 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 Rouzer Parking Lot.
- On 11/11 at 2:26 pm DoCS documented damage to property at Blanche Ward Hall.

- failure to comply at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 12:15 pm DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 12:30 pm DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 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.

- McDaniel Hall.
- On 11/21 at 4:50 am 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



fense at Blanche Ward Hall.

- On 11/12 at 10:10 pm DoCS responded to a call for transport only from off campus.
- On 11/12 at 10:34 pm DoCS documented use of controlled substances at Whiteford Hall.
- On 11/13 at 2:15 pm DoCS documented damage to property at the Golf Shop.
- On 11/13 at 8:30 pm DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Daniel MacLea Hall.
- On 11/14 at 12:06 am DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 12:45 am DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 1:33 am DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 1:35 am DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 1:37 am DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/14 at 1:38 am DoCS security personnel documented

- pm DoCS reported a search warrant in effect at Rouzer Hall.
- On 11/17 at 9:05 pm DoCS documented a low-velocity accident at Blanche Ward Parking Lot.
- On 11/17 at 9:47 pm DoCS responded to a call but did not render treatment at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/19 at 12:00 am DoCS documented a hit and run accident at Whiteford Lane.
- On 11/19 at 9:45 am DoCS documented damage to property at Rouzer Hall.
- On 11/19 at 7:56 pm DoCS documented stealing from Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/20 at 1:30 am DoCS documented illegal use of controlled substances at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/20 at 8:47 am DoCS documented a low-velocity accident at Rouzer Hall.
- On 11/20 at 8:12 pm DoCS documented an emergency exit from McDaniel Lounge.
- On 11/20 at 11:45 pm DoCS documented undergar possession of alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 11/21 at 1:15 am DoCS documented panel trouble at McDaniel Hall.
- On 11/21 at 1:18 am DoCS documented that residence hall staff reported a failure to comply at

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 2:31 am DoCS documented unauthorized use of college facilities at Hoover Library.
- On 11/28 at 11:20 pm DoCS documented a campus wide incident conducted 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 11/30 at 4:50 pm DoCS documented theft from the athletic fields.
- On 11/30 at 5:00 pm DoCS rendered medical treatment at the DoCS office.
- On 12/1 at 2:30 am DoCS rendered medical treatment at Whiteford Hall.
- On 12/2 at 2:30 pm DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at the DoCS office.
- On 12/2 at 7:59 pm DoCS rendered treatment at McDaniel Hall.

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# Top ten signs that new millennium harbors end of world

With the millennium fast approaching, Y2K fever catching on, and concerns over the predictions of Nostradamus, there are many signs that point to the destruction of the world.

These are just a few of the most noticeable:

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.

In a related story, Congress may repeal the two-term limit on the office of president. William Jefferson Clinton is expected to soon announce his candidacy.

**Ryan Seavolt looks at the top ten signs that point to the destruction of the world.**

9. Country music is still popular. George W. Bush and Al Gore even plan to use country music songs as their presidential campaign anthems.

8. Below average professional athletes are making well over a million dollars a year. The better ones earn salaries of over \$14 million a year.

7. Scientists can now clone sheep - it's only a matter of time until they figure out how to clone Pauly Shore.

6. The movie *Titanic* actually made more money at the box office than the first *Star Wars* prequel.

5. 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.

4. The perennial powerhouse teams of the NFL - the San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, and Pittsburgh Steelers, are all having miserable seasons.

Meanwhile, sports analysts are talking of a possible Super Bowl appearance by the Indianapolis Colts or Seattle Seahawks.

3. The Reform Party. The state of Minnesota already has a Reform Party member and former professional wrestler as its governor in Jesse Ventura, but the party's presidential hopefuls are two millionaires (Donald Trump and Steve Forbes) and Pat Buchanan. This has prompted some members of the Reform Party to long for the days of Ross Perot. Enough said.

2. Arguably, the three best shows on television may all be on the FOX network - *The Simpsons*, *The X-Files*, and *That 70's Show*.

1. The flex class has still not been eliminated at WMC. Kill it!!!

## Student apathy and politics

**Ryan Seavolt comments on a lack of political interest on campus.**

The presidential election is a year away. Political candidates are constantly in the news.

So why does there seem to be so little political interest at WMC?

Granted, there are some very active political organizations at WMC, of which the SGA seems to be the forerunner.

There are also many individual groups with their own causes and agendas, such as the Black Student Union, the Asian Community Coalition, and Allies.

Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Randy Rytter, a recent graduate of WMC and former member of the College Republicans, says that such political groups "fade in and out," and that they may completely disappear one year only to emerge again the next.

So what's wrong? What could be the source of this passive attitude on the part of the student body?

Perhaps it is that students are too busy with their studies to be bothered with participating in a political organization which may or may not be an asset to their future careers and aspirations.

Even more disturbing may be the pos-

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One of the most important political organizations on campus is certainly the Maryland Student Legislature, which learns about state bills being proposed and even travels to Annapolis to propose their own ideas to the state legislature.

However, there appears to be a lack of interest in clear partisan politics.

There is only one group at this college that is both active and clearly partisan - the College Republicans.

Even this group is hard to search out. Its members are difficult to contact, they apparently are not very politically involved, and not many people on campus even seem to have heard of them, let alone know any of their members.

sibility that this nonchalant attitude could be attributed to a flat-out lack of interest in politics by WMC's students.

It's hard enough to encourage adults to exercise their right to vote, let alone someone who has been able to voice their political opinions for only a few years and who older adults frequently do not take very seriously.

This need not be the case. So, let's get our acts together people.

If we become more politically involved, then the "powers that be" will have to listen to us.

Whether you realize it or not, we're the future of this country, so let's start preparing now to be its leaders.

## World Trade talks could do more to hurt the US than help

**Matt 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 boundaries and making mandatory sanctions on child labor.

Bill Clinton feels that violations of workers' rights discussed in Seattle should warrant sanctions or an embargo.

Yes, I do feel that it is a good idea to keep

terror motives against the will of the people.

Yes, some of the ideas discussed in Seattle would help the US economy by discouraging US companies from moving abroad by making wages equal throughout the world, but this is right?

I feel that this move is dangerous because it shows how one superpower can dictate to every nation what they should or should not do.

In this case, the intentions of Clinton seem to be good but what next? This can only lead to future war and hatred of our country; is this what we want?

*Many nations in the Middle East believe that the United States is the antichrist... and aim a great deal of their terroristic energies toward us.*

children out of decrepit working conditions throughout the world.

However, should the US-led World Trade Organization make this change? Bill Clinton, following through with this plan, has totally ignored the protesting, and in the streets of Seattle, where store fronts have been smashed, people have been shot with rubber bullets and stifled with tear gas.

If I remember correctly, the Bill of Rights allows for citizens to freely assemble and to express their opinions freely. However, it doesn't seem as if these people are being given this right to assemble.

Truly, Clinton should stop and ask why so many are protesting his moves.

I know Clinton is a "lame duck" president right now, but he still is supposed to represent the people, not pursue his own ul-

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 by following through with the plans discussed in Seattle more nations will despise 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.

## Quirks: The trouble with Internet sources and works cited

I walked into the lab to begin my shift and found my friend Robin there. "Hey, Rob!" I said.

Robin looked around and waved when she saw me.

"How you doing?" I said. She sighed, "Okay, I guess. I'm finishing up a paper."

"Ah, that one you're doing on why wearing pink boots doesn't make you gay?"

"Um..." Robin gave me a weird look. "No. I'm writing about teenage pregnancy."

I gave a nervous laugh. "Oh right, Oh, 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?"

I frowned. "Well not off the top of my head. Try [www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)."

"Okay," she double-clicked on Netscape.

**Anne Butler questions the tedious MLA bibliography process for Internet sources.**

"Thanks!"

"No problem!"

Another two hours after that, Robin was

*"So the correct MLA citation for Infotrac include as much as fourteen different entries!"*

still there. She was busy shuffling through papers, books, and typing. Curious as to what she was doing, I went back over to her. I worriedly noted her pallid skin and nervous demeanor.

"Robin, what are you doing? Didn't you finish your paper already?"

Are you doing another one?"

Robin took a deep breath. "I'm trying to

finish the bibliography!"

"The bibliography?" It shouldn't take you that long!"

She leafed through a stack of papers and hurriedly typed something.

"I know! But most of my sources are from Infotrac!"

"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 ac-

tual 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 him 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. "You got that right. Sorry, I have to get back to finishing this."

I nodded. "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.



# Why the year 2000 may not be the end of the world after all

As we rapidly approach the year 2000, many things come to mind. Whether it be the upcoming Super Bowl, Christmas joy, or perhaps even plans for New Year's Eve, there is a dark presence looming on the horizon: The Y2K bug.

The big question is whether it exists or not. Some people say that there will be chaos and mass looting.

Maybe it will just be a flop. The truth is that no one will know until the fateful moment when the clock strikes midnight on January 1, 2000.

As you might have noticed, I have not used the word millennium yet in this article, and that's mainly

due to my friend constantly bombarding me with the fact that the millennium doesn't start until 2001.

Oh well, what's the difference? It's just one more year to party as if it's a new millennium.

But what will happen when most of us return from our parties early New Year's Day?

Will it resemble the new Nike commercial with the man jogging the day after Y2K hits?

It has a guy jogging along through traffic jams and destroyed cities resembling the scene from *Independence Day*.

Or will it just be another day where we scoff at the "blasphemy" of Y2K?

**Ed Schultheis questions year 2000 frenzy and hopes for a pleasant new year.**

Only time will tell.

Scientists have known about the Y2K problem since the 70's when computer programmers identified the problem but figured it could be fixed by the year 2000.

Little did they know that it hasn't been 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?

According 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, at least for me.

When people are asked about the Y2K bug, however, most people don't even see it as a real concern.

Of course, there are a few people out there who spend their time building bomb shelters and making sure that they rid their souls' of sins before their "impending" doom.

These are probably the same people who believe that Al Gore

really did invent the Internet.

What really frightens me about Y2K is the fact that some people are going to be so drunk that they'll think the world has ended and just do their looting anyway.

All I know is that there has been so much hype and hubbub about the Y2K bug that I don't even think that it's real anymore.

But hey, I could be wrong, the world could be destroyed, and I could be damned to hell for my Y2K arrogance. We will have to wait and see what happens on January 1.

At least I can go down knowing who Playboy's Playmate of the Millennium was... whoo-hoo.

## Rise of school violence not just TV's fault

**Edward Schultheis tackles the difficult topic of school violence.**

A few weeks ago during my Mass 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 us 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 the same thing during a dream sequence.

It seems that the constant news coverage of violent acts seems to only enhance the violence portrayed in real life.

Teenagers who see other teenagers on TV after a shooting and think about all the publicity that they receive.

It is almost like they become cult heroes.

In fact, a girl in Pennsylvania was given detention at school for

saying, "I'm going to finish the job that Columbine started."

Now say that the teenager watching the news broadcast is neglected at home, and is an outcast of their society. They see all the publicity for the shooter, and decide that it is their time to be noticed.

So they find their parent's gun, not a big problem for many people, and they go to school. It 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 already 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.

Really 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 aren't sure how much effect TV has on the mind of children and teenagers, but we know that it has some.

Of course, it is definitely not the only factor that has contributed to the degradation of our society.

Unless we can reverse this course that we have locked in, we are looking forward to a future that no one wants to see.

## License plates are free speech

According to a recent *Baltimore Sun* article printed last week, there was an interesting and controversial development in Florida.

It touches on the ever-toughy discussion of the rights of the pro-life and the pro-choice movement, and this time, it occurred in relation to license plates.

Yes, license plates have now become a hot topic.

Here is the basic summary. Apparently, Florida is somewhat similar to Maryland in that

**Kristen G. Fraser claims that personal plates fall under First Amendment.**

their design.

But, government officials have decided to go forward with the production anyway.

The proponents for the plate design state that the plates advocate adoption and not necessarily an anti-abortion stance.

NOW, however, feels that the plates are inappropriate for the state of Florida because of the recent

promote personal causes, whatever they may be.

And, this falls under the First Amendment.

The government was not endorsing these plates.

Any group, including a pro-choice, could apply for such an opportunity to design and display plates in the state of Florida.

This is exactly what the pro-life group did.

Hopefully, something like this would not occur in Maryland.

This state has almost become

## The true point of the license plates it to raise money for an adoption fund.

It has 46 specialty license plates available for purchase by citizens who desire to have a license plate slightly modified from the traditional state form.

The most recent addition included the slogan "Choose Life" and a yellow sketch of two children in a drawing that is meant to look like it was drawn by children.

However, the National Organization for Women, or NOW, protested the production of these license plates.

The production of these plates was delayed when NOW felt they would be struck down in court for

violence committed against abortion providers.

This seems to be another attack, albeit minor, on the pro-life movement.

This is a disturbing trend, as they are being blamed unreasonably for something not even remotely associated with their cause. The true point of the license plates is to raise money for an adoption fund.

That is not even the core issue at hand.

The specialty plate serves to express personal causes, organizations, and other groups.

The point of these plates is to

famous for the numerous, if not occasionally obscure, license plates. While everyone does not have an interest in ham radios, for instance, I would defend the right of ham radio enthusiasts to display their interest on a license plate.

It is the First Amendment rights that are being discussed here.

Freedom of expression is an important issue, and there are so many examples of blatant violations of these freedoms, our society should not be wasting time on something as clear-cut as this situation in Florida.

## Spirit of Christmas missing at mall

**Jessica Fitzgerald comments on the materialism of Christmas.**

wards men?"

Of course, this is coming from the person who got up early specifically to get the good sales.

I'm as guilty of holiday materialism as the next person. However, when young mothers are about to get themselves arrested over a toy, it tells me that consumerism has gotten a bit out of hand.

Stand outside a mall sometime, and see how many richly dressed customers, their arms full of expensive gifts, will walk right past a Salvation Army bucket and not drop in their spare change.

At Christmas time, more than any other, people should remember

those who do not have anyone to buy them presents, or fix them a home-cooked meal, or even bring them in out of the cold.

Instead though, people, especially Americans, get so wrapped up in the material part of the season, that they forget the part about caring for their neighbor and helping 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.

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# SGA 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 SGA being anti-Muslim. This is not true.

I was at the meeting on November 18 where the incident involving religious intolerance by several of our elected representatives took place.

To tell the truth, I'm not sure whether or not certain SGA representatives are anti-Muslim.

If they are, it is doubtful they would express it the way they expressed their feelings on Christianity.

What I can and will tell is that the Vice-President of the SGA, 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 unabashedly 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 debating any particular religion.

## Clearing air on "Future of Greek system"

**Ben Decker challenges students to make sure that the SGA is accurately representing them.**

Religion is something very personal and is a sensitive issue to students of all faiths. As individuals, Blundin and Jacobson are free to be as intolerant and narrow-minded as they want.

However, expressing bigotry and religious hatred at a formal student government meeting, where they are supposed to be acting as our representatives, is inexcusable.

I am very pleased with the labors of our SGA so far. It is surely a thankless job, and most of them deserve much more credit for the time they give.

But lets not let them forget that they are there to represent us - the student body. It is a privilege to make decisions for us, not a right.

They decided not to endorse putting crosses back on two campus buildings.

They had the right to make that decision, even if it means a piece of our college's historic integrity and tradition will be forever forgotten.

However, they don't have the right to say, when questioned by the students, that the reason for the decision was because the cross is insulting to them.

Further, if you don't agree with a decision the SGA makes or have any other prob-

lems with the college, don't hesitate to bring it to their attention.

Some of them don't want to hear the opinions of the students.

Some of them could be a bit power hungry and may look down on the rest of the student body.

Bring it to their attention. Their opinions are only their opinions.

Another option could be to run against them. They never get challenged, so any position-seeker's "election" is almost guaranteed.

In closing, the statements made by Michael Blundin were very inappropriate. Not only did he compare the cross to the Nazi Swastika, but he did so as the vice-president of our student government.

In case anyone was still wondering if the crosses were ever going to be put back on some of our historic buildings, this should answer your question.

*Editor's note: The Phoenix is confident in saying that Mr. Blundin and Ms. Jacobson may have represented the feelings of at least some students, perhaps the minority opinion.*

*Since this issue was not brought to the student body's attention by the SGA, they may have believed it was their right and obligation to do so.*

*We invite both Mr. Blundin and Ms. Jacobson to respond to this commentary in the first issue of next semester.*

**Megan K. Martin defends story troubling Chambers and Greeks.**

bers had been questioned over the phone about his quotes by Stephanie Craven, public relations person for the Order of Omega. According to her, Chambers "appalled" and "shocked" by the quotes as he heard them for the first time.

Newspaper advisor Terence Dalton and I each reviewed Malissa's notes after this matter had come to light. As we expected, the quotes published in the *Phoenix* were identical to those in her notes.

After reviewing the notes, Malissa and I met with Chambers on December 3. While at first appearing defensive, once the notes were produced and the context of the article reasserted, Chambers said that he did not deny saying the quoted material. He also does not remember saying those things.

It is possible that Chambers was not clear

with Malissa during their interview last semester.

Chambers wants the campus to know two things. "I do not want to be branded as an enemy of the Greeks," he said. "My greatest interest is in making this environment as rich as possible. I am happy to support any organizations that enhance the campus." To Chambers, that includes the Greek organizations.

"I was disappointed," Malissa said of the beginning of the meeting. She felt that Chambers was denying the quotes at first. Despite his lack of recall about the interview last semester, Malissa understands Chambers' position more but continues to stand by her story.

*The Phoenix* does stand behind Malissa's story. I hope, through this commentary, that the air has been cleared and life can return to "normal" for all concerned.

## Commentary editor moves on to the future

**Kristen G. Fraser says goodbye to newspaper and asks students to consider involvement.**

at the will of the great "Newspaper Spirit," causing the ever-dwindling weekend hours to disappear even more rapidly.

Did I mention the pay? Oh, whoops, there isn't any. Oh wait. There's prestige. I have become forever known on campus as that girl who wrote about the pub. Oh wait, that doesn't sound quite right, either.

Have I convinced anyone to join the staff? Well, I guess I should take a different approach. There are many things that I will miss.

The weekly meetings provided an opportunity to get together with a creative group of people who I didn't often see outside of the newspaper.

And I really did enjoy layout. There is a feeling of great accomplishment as the newspaper arrives after a grueling weekend of layout. Four gleaming pages of text create

the feeling of actual contribution to something tangible.

*The Phoenix* staff is one to be remembered. Thanks to the executive editors, section editors, and co-editors. You've made the experience fun. And I appreciate your flexibility in changing schedules as needed.

To the WMC campus, get involved. Write your opinion. My job became more fun as controversial and exciting topics crossed the pages.

Students, it's your newspaper, do something powerful. Think dangerously. It is my hope that controversy, political arguing, and an increased student voice mark the future commentary pages with a variety of contributors. Take pride in your paper.

And so, as I start my downward spiral towards adulthood, I leave the newspaper behind. Thanks for the memories.

This fully student-run newspaper will provide more memories for the next "lucky" soul to take this position, and I wish them the best of luck.

# 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 you" questions around here.

You know what I mean, "What's your name?" "What year are you?" and "Where are you from?" When I got to "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 squirrel biology and meditation. I have two minors, one in journalism and another in physical education."

Judy answered, "I'm pursuing

## Anne Butler cautions against academic overloading

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. I groaned. Like 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 minor.

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 more about it." Suddenly his watch beeped. But later! Now I have my intro to leisure class!"

Judy stood up too. "I have my *mushugana* 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.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi



## 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 11:50 am, 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, down 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

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by a line of students that stood clear back to Glar.

Could it be possible that so many students were scheduled to register at noon, or had they all been brainwashed into thinking Glar had moved into the forum?

I took my place in line, knowing that unless they were handing out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at the registration desk, I would probably not be eating lunch today.

Then after about 20 minutes, I finally reached the doors of the forum.

Posted on the door was an updated list of closed courses. My friends and I swiftly browsed the list to find that one of my classes, and all of my alternatives, were closed.

I soon found that I was not alone.

Most of the students around me and many others had experienced similar, if not worse, dilemmas.

The rest of the wait went by

## Goodbye is a good word, right?

### Megan K. Martin presents her last editorial as editor-in-chief.

As is the precedent for this section this issue, I will also 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 bittersweet 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 this. The hours are often long and demanding. There are times when the newspaper comes before sleep, food, class, and 15 page papers.

This semester has been especially tough. Coeditor-in-chief Emily Stamathis 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 often make laying out the newspaper quite fun (insert 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 repeatedly crash.

For two days we couldn't figure it out. Technicians, consultants, and even former editor Kate Hampson were called in to help. Thanks to Kate, I didn't lose that last little bit of sanity. She didn't solve the problem, but somehow I figured out the resolution at 6 am.

Thank the *Phoenix* spirits for copy and paste. The newspaper went out two days late but was delivered within 24 hours of its original due date.

Don't get me wrong. I love the *Phoenix*.

I can take the boiling hot room with the air conditioner that barely works. I can live with the roaches and other bugs that make their way to the office from the trash room next door. I can deal with the dirt

and clutter (on most days) - as long as the flowered couch is free so I can take a nap.

What makes this job really worthwhile, though, besides getting to know what's going on around campus before most, is the staff. Honestly, this job can't be done without any one of them.

I did not get to know many of the general staff members very well. I apologize for that, but I'm 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 Jennifer Sirkis, the managing editor. She has logged countless hours in the office, finding advertising and sending out subscriptions with assistant managing editor Stacie Underwood.

Ken, 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 Auker 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 in here after her section is completed to help out.

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 occasional pro/con pieces as a way to diversify the commentary pages.

Good luck with the rest of your senior year.

As for Sarah Radice, of features

fame, she will also be retiring. After three semesters of providing light-hearted entertainment, reviews, and solid 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 Yestramski and Chris Anastasia will step down from their positions as sports editors.

Of all the sections I have worked with over the past year, the sports section has improved the most. With the writers and photographers they recruited, their section became one of the best sports sections WMC has seen in while.

I understand that they underserved 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."

Remember the Muppet, guys.

As for assistant editors Stacie George and Edward Schultheis, expect to see them in more prominent roles in the coming semesters.

I also want to thank advisors Terry Dalton and Vince Chesney. Both have 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 Jennifer 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 Elderidge. 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 interruption. -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 the 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 was an isolated incident, and calmed the fears of many. -JS

## 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, shrooms, ecstasy, and pot from him. He claimed that he did not sell physically addictive drugs such as cocaine 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 unrelated incidents in Rouzer Hall one week last March.

However, in the first part of the investigation, WMC students told *the Phoenix* that drugs weren't necessarily a problem on campus, but they were easily available to those who pursue finding them. -JS

## 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 tolerated others 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.

## Pres. Chambers celebrates 15th year at WMC

In honor of Chambers' 15th year at WMC, the college staged a semester-long celebration of his achievements, which included a \$300,000 Presidential Endowment Fund in his name at the Founders Society Dinner in September and the campus-wide special program held at the Nov. 8 First Thursday. Chambers, one of the longest sitting presidents of all four-year private colleges in Maryland, likens his job to being mayor of a small city.

Some accomplishments Chambers has enacted during his term include: the WMC-Budapest program, the new science center, and the \$40 million Defining Moment Capital Campaign. When asked about his legacy, Chambers states simply that, "I want it to be said when I leave here that everything I had a hand in helped improve the place." Chambers is going on a sabbatical spring semester 2000 and will return next fall. -SR

## New computer stuff!

On Sunday, Oct. 24, the college temporarily disabled the computer network and switched the college-provided email server from ns1 to opus. Faculty stayed on the ns1 server. The switch was intended to make communication quicker, safer and to increase disk storage space.

Some students found the change to be confusing and undramatically different from the old server, but Information Services believes the changes are for the better. The school also instituted improved Internet connections. Coming soon: Ethernet connections in all dorms. -SR

## New science building, too!

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 Willis, Maryland's secretary of state, also spoke.

New Lewis is a major improvement on the old science hall. It is four stories and 50,000 sq. ft., a "downright state-of-the-art technological marvel," according to Dean Coley. -SR

## Football fun

WMC football has had an exemplary year, its third straight, undefeated regular season. Our team went to the Division III playoffs again, but this time they were held on campus. We played against Catholic and won 20-16, and then moved onto play Trinity in Texas where, despite the team's valiant efforts, we lost 16-20. Those mofo. -SR

## A delightful homecoming

WMC celebrated Homecoming '99 with many festivities, ranging from a parade of Homecoming floats to the award of the prestigious Brandt 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 as his dominance of the corner position continued. Lastly, senior Marvin Deal set a new Division III record for career punt return yards. -SR

*By Jenifer D. Sirkis and Sarah Radice*

# Theater for the new year

JON BEARR  
Contributing Writer

Center Stage's second production of the year debuts Eric Bogosian's comedy *Griller*, 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 50th birthday party in his impressive backyard. A smirk-worthy dialogue 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-mid-life crisis ensues as Gus 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 lovable 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 Woronicz turned in a smashing performance as Gus' laid back movie-producing buddy from the good old days. Aged through 11 seasons at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Woronicz acted well in his supporting role.

He and Garrison share an amazing chemistry on stage, which makes your body cringe in withdrawal when you finally notice that the show has ended. Woronicz 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



David Garrison, better known as Steve Rhoades of "Married With Children," gives a great performance.

reflective bookend role as Gus' wife, Michelle. Hopefully, she will return again in the future in a much larger capacity. Clarke has appeared on Broadway in *Titanic* 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 used 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. *Griller* 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 1986 on an album and creating the 1997 ABC television series *High Incident*, with Steven Spielberg.

His other acting roles include starring in *Under Siege 2*, *Delores Claiborne* and Robert Altman's *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*.

# Horoscopes: Bringing in the New Year, daddy-o!

CATHY PENDORE AND LISA STANLEY  
Feature Writers

## Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Your love of exploration will take you to new places in the millennium. There's a life beyond WMC? How about them apples! ;)

## Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Your ambitious nature fills you with new ideas for the millennium! Um... don't worry, you can fix anything with duct tape.

## Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Remember that the millennium is the new Age of Aquarius; revel in your independence! Feel free to indulge in your eclectic nature! Collect those raging parties, baby!!

## Pisces Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

You are in a field of bubbles. Stop. You are running toward the light. Stop. A swarm of gnats are attacking your dog. No! Stop! Maybe it's time to lay off the caffeine?

## Aries Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

You always try to be a hero, fly into the millennium with happy thoughts of snowflakes and bananas! Find a Scorpio, and get jiggy with it! Don't forget the tights and the cape!

## Taurus Apr. 21 - May 21

In the new millennium, you will come face to face with your obsessions. It's not that uncommon to have such an unnatural love of play dough... I think...

## Gemini May 22 - June 21

Don't let your love of gossip take you away. Those Polaroids could be fake! Can two-headed monkeys really do that?!!?

## Cancer June 24 - July 23

Your nurturing nature may lead you into trouble in the millennium. Be careful of those stray needy cows; don't let those soulful eyes charm you!

## Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Grrr, Leo, Grrr! The millennium will give you even more chances to show off your confidence; don't forget to let those mighty growls!! (Remember: Tuesdays at 6 pm in Glar!)

## Virgo Aug. 24 - Sep. 23

Don't be too critical when entering the New Year. Relax, grab some carrots, and watch some toons! Maybe Wily Coyote will get that damn bird this time!

## Libra Sep. 24 - Oct. 23

In your quest for equilibrium, an extreme shift will occur in your life. Maybe those dreams of being an underwater basket weaver really isn't that far fetched!

## Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Your sensuous nature will take you out into the town during the big millennium bash. Ditch the dorks in the superhero costumes, and try yourself a happening Aquarius to party with!

You're going to have some time on your hands over break. Why don't you write some poetry, take some photos, do something creative? And then submit it to Contrast, WMC's creative arts magazine, when you return in January.

# Anne Butler/Rat's Web

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or A'Ya Meha this time of year, it all comes down to one thing... PRESENTS!

Well, okay, there's more to the holidays than presents, but that's the most important thing, right?

So, have you considered shopping online this year?

No? Well, why not? It's easy, and they can even help you find gifts!

Ah, but is shopping online safe? Well, if you're using Netscape, there's an easy way to tell. As long as the little symbol in the left bottom corner is of a closed, yellow lock, it means you're using a secured server, and you're info is secure. I've shopped many times and haven't yet had a bad experience.

Let's start with the granddaddy of them all:

**Amazon Books (and other stuff):** <http://www.amazon.com>

The world's largest bookstore has more than just books! They have CDs, videos, toys, and even tools! It's even got a present finder that lets you pick gifts according to a person's personality. I used this and found some great stuff. If you're looking for a book that is rare or unusual, try here or:

**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.

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 last week's, 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... hmmm... 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 DVDs...

**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.

**Weird-ass Site of the Issue**

**Zamu Video Game Quotes:** <http://www.portalofevil.com/zanyvg>

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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 role, 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+

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THE PHOENIX ASKS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY?

photos and text by erin jernigan and jenn ross, senior writers



"I'm going to a 'Third Eye Blind' concert in Baltimore."  
Stephanie Knight, freshman.  
Bio Chemistry/Spanish



"Tanking Beer."  
Mike Pulido, sophomore  
"I don't know"

"I'm going to watch the service at my church."  
Shaiah Gaddy, sophomore  
Business/Econ



"Just sit and chill, maybe make my own drink called y2k."  
Rajit Chaudhuri, sophomore  
Graphic Design/Communication



"I'm not going to 42nd because it's too dangerous."  
Lamont Wilson, sophomore  
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# WMC class produces first independent film: *Down*

ERIN HOWARD  
Senior Writer

When part-time communication professor Jonathan Slade used the words "big experiment" and "class project" in the same sentence on the first day of his American Independent Film class, all 22 students (myself included) knew this was not going to be an ordinary semester.

"The best way to learn is equal parts theory and equal parts practice," says Slade, who used the American Independent Film course to put that theory to the test this semester.

Instead of simply watching films, we made our own. "I thought it would be a good idea to watch films, then put those ideas into practice," said Slade, a 1988 WMC graduate who wrote and directed his own independent film, *Forest for the Trees*.

The result: a 16 minute feature film project titled *Down* which was written, acted, and promoted entirely by students in the class.

This article is a behind-the-scenes account of what it took to turn this offbeat, experimental idea into a complete and fully developed film project.

We knew something was up on the first day of class when Slade entered the Hill Hall classroom carrying a small, mysterious black case and wearing a sly grin.

"This is for the experiment," he said placing the case on the lectern, and without another mention of "the experiment," he started class. Ushering quickly through the first day formalities, he moved right into the lecture (yes, he gave a full lecture on the first day of class).

Finally, after two hours of letting us wonder, he explained what the experiment was: a class film project that we would begin filming that evening. We would create a film mimicking the innovative methods used by

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 camera. 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.

I would love to tell you that the entire

What they did not realize at the time was that they would eventually evolve into the film's two lead actresses, and they certainly did not expect the twists and turns their fellow classmates would write for their characters.

"It was the weirdest role you could give a person," says Loiacono of her character's eventual development. "The [character] had every possible cheesy problem rolled into one."

The first night of filming was enough to prove Slade's theory. Since we were making a "no budget" film we were really forced to implement and recognize the type of innovations independent filmmakers use to complete their projects.

We used handheld camera work — no steadicam for us.

The actors improvised much of their dialogue — not enough time for thorough rehearsal. The director (Slade) played one of the characters — no one else wanted to do it.

Still, despite what at first seemed like lackluster conditions, the first night of filming was also enough to get the entire class hooked on the project. "Even if people weren't overtly excited, they came every week," says Slade, who adds that the class had the highest attendance of any he has ever taught.

Soon, ideas were flowing — we even had someone willing to write the second scene. Senior Andrew McCord, who had taken a screenwriting course with Slade, was the first to volunteer.

The second week of class we had to "cast" two new male characters and scout for a location in order to film McCord's scene.

Seniors Mike Stokes and Ryan Bowman reluctantly volunteered to be the actors, and we settled on a Hill Hall bathroom for our

location. With that settled, all 23 of us crowded into the men's bathroom waiting the filming of our first student-written scene.

"It was a humbling experience," said McCord of seeing his writing acted out, "because they changed around everything I wrote."

Over the course of the semester five other students, myself included, had the same odd experience of watching their writing turning into part of the film. As a result of their writing and ideas, the entire class had the experience of shivering in the cold while watching Loiacono crawl out of a first floor ANW window, crowding into yet another bathroom — this time in Blanche, or invading the second floor of McDaniel on four separate occasions — all in the name of filming a scene.

Still, the best part of the film making process was watching the scenes after they had been cut and edited together.

Slade, who is a full-time producer at Maryland Public Television, used the editing suites at MPT to cut and edit the film, even adding voice over and music to pull the story together.

The result: a film that could have looked like a lame home video looks much more sophisticated and savvy.

"There's no kidding anybody," says Slade, "This is really DIY cinema."

Still, we laughed out loud when we saw the first really well-cut version of the film - I think there was even some clapping. It was time for phase two - promoting the film and planning the "world premiere."

Junior Lindy Rinck created promotional fliers in her graphic design class, and George Trejullo worked with College Activities in order to make arrangements for the world premiere.

Now, with the final scenes filmed, we are waiting nervously for the day of the world premiere.

*Down makes its world premiere in the Pub on Dec. 14. Don't miss it!*

class was jumping out of their seats with excitement, but the initial reaction to the experiment was, at best, low-key.

In fact, I sat there dumbfounded at the idea that the course was going to require actual work beyond just watching cool movies like *Clerks* or *Slacker* (what can I say, I'm a senior).

Acting in the film meant serious commitment — no missing class in case your character was written into a scene. And writing a scene for the script meant, well, writing a scene for the script. Not many of us had ever done that before.

Fortunately, sophomore Danielle Loiacono and senior Tara Matuschek were willing to take on the roles of the two characters portrayed in the first page of the script.

She has always had an interest in music and remembers her tendency as a child to sing along with everything.

According to sophomore music/theater major Brandt Crawford, who is a student and advisor of hers, it is obvious that Armstrong has a love for music.

Crawford describes her teaching style as "discussion-oriented."

She feels Armstrong is very knowledgeable in music; however, she never seems to resort to "plain old lecturing."

Armstrong feels that music is an "extremely valuable educational tool" that enhances both language and math skills.

Boudreaux and Crawford agree that Armstrong is extremely dedicated and never reluctant to help others.

Boudreaux elaborates, saying she is "willing to go the extra mile for things she believes in and [for] people who turn to her for support and advice."

Crawford adds, "She has a desire to see students learn," and "she really cares about students as individuals."

Recalling one of her early experiences with music, Armstrong said that her brother taught her to play the guitar when she was eight years old.

The interesting thing about the guitar, she says, is that "It is easy to become proficient enough to enjoy in a short amount of time." Perhaps that is why she began teaching the guitar when she was in the sixth grade.

While her job description hasn't changed

over the years, her participation in different activities has.

One of her recent, new experiences was playing the title role in the opera, *The Medium*, which was performed on campus in the spring of 1997.

She has also been in the college choir and concert band.

Of her first impression of Armstrong, Crawford recalls, "She has a lot of energy!"

What does she do with all that energy? In her spare time, Armstrong likes to read mystery, science fiction, and fantasy books, and of course, listen to music, her favorites being vocal jazz and pop.

Since she lives on campus, she enjoys walking around town, and on weekends heading to a wooded park to walk for recreation.

Although Armstrong feels that her greatest accomplishment in life so far is simply being alive, she does have several goals.

In addition to joining an electric bass ensemble, she would like to both learn and teach about all different kinds of music.

She has taught classical, pop, and Western European, and as well as the music of Africa, India, Indonesia, Israel, and Arab countries.

She would like to continue to explore the music of Native America, Asia, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, etc.

In short, she says, "I'd like to get to the rest of the world someday!"

Indeed, she should have no trouble meet-

ing those goals. Asked to describe her in one word, Boudreaux responds with "ground-breaking."

She notes that Armstrong shows up for department discussions with suggestions and is willing to carry her share of the load.

Overall, Armstrong feels that music has affected her life in many ways, her career being one.

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 powerful emotions.

*Life affirmative sayings to help ring in the new year*

*"Insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results"*

*—author unknown*

*"If you don't risk anything, you risk even more."*

*—Erica Jong*

*"In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."*

*—Albert Camus*

## Spotlight on: WMC music professor Robin Armstrong

RYAN SEAVOLT  
Staff Writer

What are the odds of finding a job you really enjoy?

For WMC's Dr. Robin Armstrong, assistant professor in the Music Department, the odds once seemed immense.

Why?

She explains that her field has been "very tight" for the past decade.

After job-hunting for five years, and holding jobs such as free-lance writing, secretarial, and security positions, she finally landed a job that fulfilled her desire to teach music at the college level.

While trying to avoid sounding "sappy," as she put it, Armstrong says, "I really love it! You can't get much better than listening to and talking about something you love."

After being hired by Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, Music Department chair and director of Choral Activities, Armstrong came to WMC and began teaching music history and literature courses about five years ago.

Boudreaux recalls that Armstrong's experience, creativity, and ability to challenge music majors contributed to her decision to hire her.

A California native, Armstrong received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Music History at the University of California, Long Beach.

She then proceeded to the University of Michigan to earn her Ph.D.

# 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 theatres for limited run showings.

It's showing currently in Washington, D.C., and at the GC Towson Complexes 8 pm in Towson.

The main characters in the story are Ashitaka (voiced by Billy Crudup), a cursed warrior, San (Clair Danes), the wild wolf prin-

cess of the title, and Lady Eboshi (Minnie Driver), the leader of Iron Town.

It's set in a lush world where huge animal 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 (check out *Kiki's Delivery Service* for your young ones).

This movie has gore and blood

as well as other themes that children are not likely to understand.

*Mononoke* is without a 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++

*So ya think doin' Features would be EASY, huh? Well, the editorship for this most fun section is open for spring 2000. Show what yer made of. Call Megan at x8600*

# Orillyon's debut CD

SHAWN SPRAGUE  
Contributing Writer

So you've been hankering 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 '80's, 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 up 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 to too much effort to purchase it. It will not "rock the house."

My advice: stick with Busta Rhymes and Jay-Z for that kinda thang.

*Hey! Just because it's the end of the year doesn't mean you can't still fulfill your lifelong dream and write for the Phoenix next semester! Call x8600 for info*

## Local Restaurant Review: Paradiso's

ERIN JERNIGAN and JENN ROSS  
Senior Writers

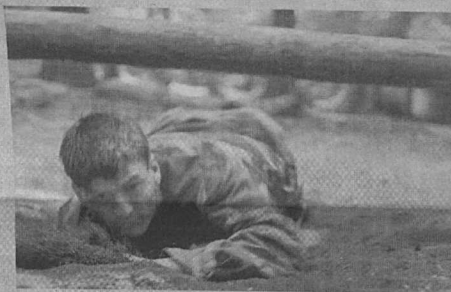
Behind the Winchester Exchange, home of Locust Books and Unique Jewelry, the old distillery houses a classically Italian restaurant, Paradiso.

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 decor.

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 fazouil 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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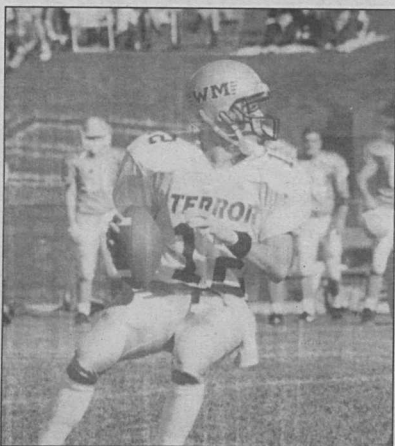
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# The Phoenix presents the semester in sports, Fall 1999



KASENIA LANTZKY

The Green Terror, led by senior quarterback Ron Sermarini, won their first ever playoff game versus Catholic in November.



KASENIA LANTZKY

The women's cross country team celebrates after winning this school's first Centennial Conference title.



KASENIA LANTZKY

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 Phoenix wishes everyone good luck on finals!**

**Billman, Pope, men's basketball lose four straight**

**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 Ibe had 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 Ibe'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.

Ibe 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.

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

Freshman guard Adrean Pope came off the bench to net 14 points and dish out four assists but Western Maryland still fell to Swarthmore (2-4) by a score of 68-58.

Junior forward Mike Furey had 13 points on 5-7 shooting, and Curtis Miller had a game high 11 rebounds in a losing effort as the Green Terror men's basketball team fell to a record of 1-4.

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.

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 37-27, 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.

Both Pope and Billman were named to the all-tournament team along with Brandon Jones and Harvey Davis (the tourney MVP) of St. Mary's, Henry Dorsey of Gallaudet, and Jason Brooks of Rutgers-Camden.

In the consolation game, Gallaudet beat Rutgers-Camden 59-56.

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# 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 damn 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, what is more positive than Baltimore's Cal Ripken? This is a guy that goes to work every day 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.

Every time I have seen him in person, though, I have come away feeling like my \$17 ticket was money well spent.

Ripken seems to be the kind of guy that one could be comfort-

able just talking to. He is real in a world of superficiality, and that is a much overlooked aspect in sports today.

No handlers, drug convictions, or mistreated wives here. Just a good man who works hard and likes what he does. Cal Ripken is what is good 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 afternoons 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 Holtz is back in coaching at South Carolina.

-This really isn't a big deal, I just wanted to write Gamecocks in this column.

-The Baltimore Ravens. These inept bastards have given me enough ammunition for four or five columns, at least.

That, and the fact that actually pay Scott Mitchell (you know, the walking ham sandwich) to stand around and get made fun of by yours truly.

-Stevie 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.

-Deion 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.

That is 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.

# Jill Krebs named All American

MIKE YESTRAMSKI

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 in a 5,000 meter course by 68 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 WMC history.

Krebs, along with sophomores Jayne Karolow, Diana Pool, Holly Thompson, and freshman Brian Heinke recently gave Western Maryland its first ever league title of any kind in either men's or women's cross country.

# A guide to the NHL in 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, Los Angeles, Anaheim, and Dallas for the divisional championship of a historically weak division.

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 boost, as he already scored six goals and ten assists before the injury.

This, in addition to the fact that the Kings possess a potent offense with the accurate passing of Ziggy Palffy (12, 15, 27) and the Norris Trophy winning defenseman Rob Blake (10, 20, 20), make Los Angeles a force to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, Phoenix recently acquired goaltender Sean Burke from the Panthers, who is 2-0 since becoming a Coyote.

They are riding a hot streak led by perennial all-star Jeremy Roenick (15, 20, 35), who is cur-

rently third in the league in scoring.

However, Roenick is not the only player scoring for Phoenix, as they spread their offense out between the lines. Phoenix has 24 goals by forwards not on their first line.

What happened to the Stanley Cup Champion Dallas Stars? Currently, they are stuck in a slump at the bottom of the Pacific Division, where top scorers Mike Modano and Brett Hull have been ineffective, and defensemen Daryl Sydor and Sergei Zubov have not been involved in the offense.

Goaltenders Ed Belfour and Manny Hernandez have been steady but have not been able to offset an anemic offense.

Don't count Dallas out yet, 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 prepared for an intense Atlantic Conference battle by re-obtaining Claude Lemieux, the sparkplug for their 1994 Stanley Cup Champion team.

However, the Devils' locker room has been mired in controversy over the past few weeks. This seems to be a result of waning support for Head Coach Bobby Florek as several players have been complaining and asking for trades, in-

cluding 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 Canadians and Flyers. 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 past 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.

Rod Brind'Amour is expected back from a foot 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.

Rookie 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 look 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 floundering Chicago Blackhawks fired GM Bob Murphy after a much-maligned term at the helm. Murphy was responsible for trading team cornerstone Chris Chelios

to rival Detroit in return for prospects who are not living up to expectations.

Replacing Murphy in the front office, and as head coach, is long time organization member Bob Pulford.

Pulford returns to the coach/GM role after 13 years and hopes to correct the path of a team without direction.

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, as seen by the statistics of Bryan McCabe, who has a negative 20 plus/minus rating.

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# 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 captains junior Jill Ibb and senior Camey 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 Ibb and

Patty Russo. A six foot forward, Ibb 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 Dena Morgan, who didn't play for the team last season, and junior forward Brienne 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 Brenneman 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."

The team will have to mature quickly with one of the strongest Division III schedules in the country. With nationally ranked Gallaudet University and other strong teams like Johns Hopkins, Elizabethtown, and Gettysburg on the schedule, the team will be hard pressed to have an easy game.

The team will play with an up-tempo style including many fast breaks and pressing defenses.

For this reason, it may be a very competitive and exciting season for the women's basketball team.

# 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 Petroses Invitational at Lebanon Valley College this past weekend.

Senior captain Conaway, a former Maryland State High School Champion, breezed through the competition by pinning three opponents and scoring a major decision over another opponent.

The defending Centennial Conference Champion pinned Justin Maltes of Newport News for four minutes and 36 seconds into the

match. The closest match Conaway had was with Justin Haren of Mount Union, whom he defeated by a major decision score of 10-1.

Conaway spent less time in his semifinal and final match combined than he did in the first match of the tournament.

He pinned Jason Miklacik of Thiel in one minute and 43 seconds

in the semifinals and flattened Adam Musser of Messiah in just two minutes and 31 seconds in the finals to win the gold.

Conaway also came away from the tournament with the award for most pins at the tournament, which he also won as a sophomore, as well as the school record for career pins (43).

The record was previously held by current Assistant Coach Steve Smiddy.

Senior Jon Pionzo (125 lbs.) placed fifth at the tournament. Sophomores Chris McNally (197 lbs.) and Mike Macey (141 lbs.) placed seventh and eighth, respectively.

# Long shadows left by exit of sports legends and hope for future

**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 replacement in center field, Mickey Mantle, known to our parents' generation as simply "The Mick," who left us before DiMaggio.

More recently, we have seen the untimely death of NBA legend Wilt "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 astounding 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 unhooked.

Thousands of fans watched the tragic results live on Pay-Per-View as he tried to accutinate his "Blue

Blazer," the real American superhero" gimmick.

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 3,000th 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, is also 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 Bret 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-runs 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 Splinter" and "Teddy Ballgame") somewhat unknowingly pass the torch to a younger generation of superstars.

He did this by simply asking

questions and offering advice instead of immediately throwing out the first pitch of the ball game. So, when heroes of the past leave us, we will always have new icons whom we can look up to.

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.



Nicole Rodriguez was killed by a drunk driver while walking next door to play with her friend.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?  
Whatever you have to.  
Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

# The **GREEN** TERROR

## Scoreboard

Statistics as of Dec. 5, 1999

M. Basketball			W. Basketball			Wrestling			Swimming		
Name	Assts-Rebnds-PTS		Name	Assts-Rebnds-PTS		Name	Weight-W/L-Pins		Name	Total Pts.	
Brian Billman	4	47 74	Jill Ibex	3	30 68	Jon Pitonzo	125	8/6 1	Chris Clemmens	43.75	
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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. Gettysburg

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

Jan. 26 vs. Gettysburg

## Men's, women's swimming sinks to 0 - 3 in Pa.

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

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 Kara Wnukowski won the 50 freestyle, junior Chris Clemmens took the 200 backstroke, and junior Belazs Szidor took the 200 breaststroke.

Prior to that at Selinsgrove, 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.



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## Terror football makes college history, wins first ever home playoff game yet falls to Trinity again 20-16

MIKE VESTRAMSKI  
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 Bartolain.

Meiklejohn came up big late in the first quarter with a fourth down interception to give the Terror possession around their own 30 yard line.

Senior quarterback Ron Sermarini hit a quick pass to Teron Powell to bring the ball out to the 45.

He then ran the ball to the 19 himself.

He then hit Powell again for a five yard gain.

The progress was stopped there, and Junior kicker nailed a 32 yard field goal to put the Terror up 3-0.

Catholic answered back on the ensuing series, marching 75 yards for the touchdown and the lead. The drive was kept alive for Catholic by a questionable third down pass interference call.

The Terror stalled on their next offensive possession and punted the ball away. Catholic began their next drive on the Terror 43.

After a huge pass that brought the Cardinals to the eight yard line, the next pass was knocked down by Meiklejohn.

Immediately following that play, Catholic scored from eight yards out on a bobbled pass play to go up 13-3.

The Terror were forced to punt once again on their next possession. After a huge second down sack, the Terror had Catholic in a tough position, facing a third down and 35 to go on their own 10 yard line.

Catholic didn't back down and handed off to senior running back Andrew Notarfrancesco, who bulled 50 yards for the first down and put Catholic in field goal range. Catholic kicked the field

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.

Sermarini came out throwing, tossing back-to-back first down passes and marching the Terror to the six yard line, where Sermarini connected with Powell from six yards out to bring the Terror back into the game, 16-10.

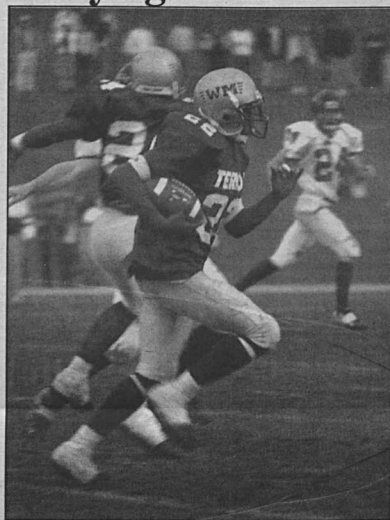
Catholic and Western Maryland traded punts again before Sermarini broke a 50 yard run into the end zone to give the Terror the lead, 17-16.

The Western Maryland defense was obviously pumped as they forced Catholic to punt on their next possession but only after laying down two huge hits on Notarfrancesco.

The Catholic punt went short, however, and was fumbled back to Catholic.

The Catholic offense still couldn't get much done and was forced to punt once again, this time into the end zone for a touchback.

Sermarini went to work immediately, gaining a first down on two quarterback keeper runs, then launching a bomb to Powell for a 50 yard gain.



SAESNIA LANTZKY  
Safety Marvin Deal (22) in action against Catholic at Bair Stadium. The Terror won the game by a score of 20 to 16.

The Terror then scored on an 18 yard screen pass but was called back for holding. Sandrook hit his second field goal of the game after that, a 38 yard boot, to increase the Terror lead to 20-16.

Catholic and Western Maryland then went back to trading punts, including a late one that was downed on the Catholic one yard line. Catholic, sensing their demise, went back to Notarfrancesco and his punishing running.

Then, with three minutes and 22 seconds left in the game, Catholic went to the air only to be intercepted by Deal.

After that, the Terror went to the ground game and ran out the clock, winning their first ever playoff game. Sermarini ran for 86 yards and threw for 179 in the game.

After the game, Catholic Head Coach Tom Clark said, "Western Maryland is a good team. Bad teams don't make the playoffs. They did exactly what we thought 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 happy with his team's performance. "We played as a unit, together. That's all we could have asked for."

Sermarini 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 Sermarini'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.



SAESNIA LANTZKY  
In a modern homage to trench warfare, the lines for Catholic and Western Maryland prepare to strike one another during the Terror's 20 to 16 victory.



# Phoenix

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## Head of Writing Center dismissed Are WMC residents

FRANCESCA SAYLOR  
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 descrip-



Mark Honeycutt appears in a photo for a 1999 interview for the Phoenix.

tion when he was hired, which included his teaching English Composition 101. However, Dr. Erin Smith says his job description did not include teaching, and it was added as an extra task. 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-the science of writing when hired. He said Panek told him he could do what he wanted with

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## safe from dorm fires?

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
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 fretting over the safety of dormitory living, and not without reason.

Like many other colleges, WMC has seen it's share of fire. About ten years ago, Rouzer Hall was plagued by garbage-can fires set by vandals so consistently, that Campus Safety was forced to tighten security to protect students. Also, about ten years ago in August, a fire started in a storage closet that charred the first floor

of Blanche Ward Hall during renovations so badly that students had to stay at the Comfort Inn until the floor was repaired.

Most recently, a micro-fridge caught fire in Whiteford Hall and caused some minor damage to a student's room about three years ago, but no one was hurt, said Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs.

"We've had some fires at residence halls here...none that burned buildings down, or killed anybody, but fires do happen," said Sayre.

According to published reports, many students at Seton Hall did not take the fire alarm seriously when it sounded. Allegedly, the dorm had been plagued by a number of false alarms, so students became apathetic about responding to the interruptions.

Students at WMC have also been known to be lethargic when fire

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## Coley balances dual roles

KRISTEN G. FRASER  
Staff Writer

Acting President/Provost and Dean of the Faculty Joan Develin Coley is having a busy semester. As acting President and Provost of WMC, she is faced with juggling two different agendas. For the most part, the transition has been smooth.

President Bob Chambers is on sabbatical for the Spring 2000 semester, and the Provost position is the equivalent of a vice president, so, it makes her the candidate to substitute. This has created a few changes.

Dean of Student Affairs Philip Sayre explains, "If any person was chosen to take on the duty while Bob Chambers [is gone], it clearly was and is Dean Coley."

She has had previous experience covering other dean positions such as Dean of Admissions and Dean of the Graduate Program.

Coley is essentially splitting her previous job position.

During the morning, she works in the Academic Affairs office, continuing her duties as the Provost. In the afternoon, she physically moves to the President's office to complete her presidential obligations.

"One of the big changes is that I'm not teaching a course. Also, the real change is adding the presidential responsibilities, like hosting lectures and events at the President's House. It's a new ex-

perience for me," she says.

Some of these duties include hosting alumni events, parent groups, and the Board of Trustees.

However, Coley will be receiving help from other staff. Dr. Michael Rosenthal, an outside consultant, will be working in the Provost office to handle part of the workload.

The majority of the work will be shared between the three vice presidents of the college, the Academic Affairs Deans and Directors, and the support staff that works in both offices.

Sayre comments, "The other vice presidents and I met with her earlier, and assured her that we could lighten her task."

For the most part, it seems that the semester should run smoothly. "[The transition] has been surprisingly seamless. It hasn't been difficult changing from morning to the afternoon," says Coley.

Student Government Assembly president Matt Gribbin says, "I feel that based on the fact that I have known and worked with Dean Coley for the past four years, we are in a good position to go forward and serve the student body better, whatever her official job position may be."

"I plan to hand the college back to Bob Chambers in the same shape or better than when he left it. The college is doing fine now. I'm enjoying it, it's really a learning experience," Coley promises.

## Ethernet set for freshmen dorms

MICHAEL STOKES  
Staff Writer

On the last day of January term both Rouzer and Whiteford Halls took one step closer to using Ethernet, the very fast, widely used system that accesses the Internet.

The completion of internal wiring in the dorms was the second part of the three-part process of installing Ethernet, according to Christine Matthews, director of Information Services.

The first phase was the instal-

lation 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.

The freshman dorms were chosen as the first residence halls on campus to be equipped with Ethernet because of a \$75,000 grant the college received from Bell Atlantic.

Dr. LeRoy Panek, the initiator of the grant, said, "We received the grant in order to further the writing program for first year students. With faster Internet access, freshmen will be able to access tools such as the writing center from their room."

The installation of Ethernet has many advantages, according to Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance.

"There is a consensus that improved access to the Web is a high priority. Faculty are requiring research through [the Web], giving assignments or posting syllabi, and critiquing student papers using this communication," said Seidel.

"Additionally, students want to be able to communicate with friends and family through the Web," he said.

Matthews said that another advantage of Ethernet is that the network connection is always on, so students will only have to wait for certain programs to load, instead of having to wait just to access the Internet.

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-using students will be able to 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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## 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 net-

work 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 con-

tracted 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.

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## Students, administration discuss dormitory fire safety

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alarms sound. Danielle Loiacono, a resident of Blanche Ward Hall, complains of false alarms in her buildings. Over Jan-term, she said, the alarms were sometimes pulled to break up parties, and she became accustomed to them.

Loiacono also recalls an incident at Whiteford Hall last year in which she heard her fire alarms beeping at short intervals. A snowstorm had knocked out the building's power and the alarm was beeping. "It was so early," she said, "and I didn't really know it was going off. I just heard a lot of people running 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 fire-fighting.

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 deactivating door closers, and covering fire alarms with tape-strips.

"Sure," said Sayre. "The Seton Hall fire got everybody's attention, and if it's going to not be repeated...it's important for students to follow fire safety rules."

## Writing test yields 33% failure rate

SARAH RADICE  
Staff Writer

WMC's Writing Competency Test has been 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 higher than average 33% failure rate.

In the WCT, students respond, in a 500-word argumentative essay, to a prompt based on an essay chosen by members of the English Department.

The purpose of the test, according to English professor and WCT supervisor Suzanne Olsh, is to evaluate "students' rhetorical skills, grammar and usage."

Students have to meet WMC's writing standards and "write a coherent, thesis-oriented essay that is free of grammatical, mechanical and usage errors," 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 unusually 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 test results herald 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 faulty in some way.

In the months prior to the WCT, members of the English department each contribute a possible essay, spend hours in discussion, and finally choose an essay for the WCT.

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 rhetorically or ridden with grammatical errors and did not fulfill the requirements of a passing essay," explains Olsh.

Students who failed could also have just had an "off night," or didn't use the full three hours allotted for the test, perhaps not carefully proofreading or writing both a first and second draft.

Finally, as Olsh comments, "We can't overlook the possibility that we have a larger number of students who need to improve before being able to meet the College's writing standards."

Writing Center Tutor Jessica Heil comments that, "I've seen some pretty rough papers, real rough papers... Probably 80% of the students I see are freshmen and they have the most problems in general."

Olsh believes that every effort is made to see students pass the WCT. Two sections of the Writing Workshop were offered during January Term. Additionally, a few sections were opened for the Spring semester. While the WCT is being reviewed for ways to improve it, at present there are no plans to implement change.

## Campus Safety Blotter

- On 01/25/00 at 1:25 pm, DoCS documented a low velocity impact vehicular accident at Blair Stadium.
- On 01/25/00 at 11:35 pm, DoCS documented an alarm report for a pull station at Whiteford Hall.
- On 01/25/00 at 9:30 pm, DoCS documented an intimidation of an individual at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 01/26/00 at 2:30 am, DoCS documented a medical report for treatment rendered at Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 01/27/00 at 7:16 pm, DoCS documented a medical report for treatment rendered at the DoCS office.
- On 01/28/00 at 2:15 am, DoCS documented disorderly conduct at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 01/28/00 at 8:21 pm, DoCS documented a towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations at Blanche Parking Lot.
- On 01/28/00 at 11:45 pm, DoCS documented a low velocity impact vehicle accident at Gill Lane.
- On 01/28/00 at 11:45 pm, DoCS documented a medical report for treatment rendered at Peterson Hall.
- On 01/29/00 at 12:15 am, DoCS documented damaging at McDaniel Hall.

- On 01/29/00 at 12:25 am, DoCS documented an alcohol violation of underage possession at McDaniel Hall.
- On 01/29/00 at 6:28 am, DoCS documented criminal mischief at Rouzer Hall.

- On 01/30/00 at 3:58 am, DoCS documented an alcohol violation for multi-liter container at McDaniel Hall.
- On 01/30/00 at 1:19 pm, DoCS documented an alarm report for reasons unknown at Pennsylvania Avenue.
- On 01/30/00 at 11:41 pm, DoCS reported an alcohol violation for underage possession at Blanche Ward Hall.
- On 01/31/00 at 11:30 am, DoCS documented intimidation of an individual at Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- On 01/30/00 at 4:30 pm, DoCS documented sexual harassment at the DoCS Office.
- On 01/31/00 at 1:44 pm, DoCS documented a hit and run vehicle accident at Whiteford Lane.
- On 02/01/00 at 8:32 am, DoCS documented a low velocity impact vehicle accident at Whiteford Parking Lot.
- On 02/02/00, DoCS documented a medical report for treatment rendered at Whiteford Hall.
- On 2/03/00 at 4:32 am, DoCS documented a smoke detector at Daniel MacLea.



- On 01/29/00 at 6:40 pm, DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession at Rouzer Hall.
- On 01/29/00 at 11:47 pm, DoCS documented an alcohol violation for underage possession at Blanche Hall.
- On 01/30/00 at 2:15 am, DoCS documented a medical report for treatment rendered at Blanche Ward Hall.

## English department looks to replace Honeycutt

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the writing center, but not make any changes with the tutors too quickly.

In addition, Honeycutt says there were personality issues within the department, particularly between himself and Smith. "It all boiled down to Erin Smith not having the same philosophy I did about the writing center," states Honeycutt.

"He had a vision of the Writing Center as just that, the Writing Center whereas other professors seemed to see the need to change to a more technology-based center," says senior writing tutor Summer Byers. She cites the changes in the technical writing class as an example. The class, now called "Professional Communication," fo-

cuses on web design and other forms of technical communication.

"The English department is making a very bad mistake when its technical writing class doesn't teach technical writing," Honeycutt says, referring to how that class has changed. "Web site development should be left to web site developers," he says, and is not a part of writing. According to Honeycutt, the writing center should not be a place where students and tutors focus on the technological aspects of writing like he saw Smith doing. However, he asserts that he was never unwilling to change the philosophy of the Writing Center.

Panek believes there will now be a "move" toward web-related research and Powerpoint, etc.

Having been successful with students, Honeycutt remains confused about why he was dismissed. According to Honeycutt, 50 students tried to sign up for his English Composition class, and students were always coming to him for help.

According to Dr. Pam Regis, the department is already in the process of looking at new applicants, of which there are about 70.

"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."

## Honor and Conduct Board news

The Honor and Conduct Board adjudicated a case in December 1999 involving a student accused of elbowing a Campus Safety officer and a nonstudent guest as well as with disorderly conduct. The accused was found responsible and suspended from the residence halls, placed on disciplinary probation through graduation, required to make a written apology, and sent to alcohol education class.

A second case was adjudicated in January 2000 involving a student charged with forging a faculty member's signature on a form. The student was found responsible and given an "F" in the

course and required to submit a written apology to the faculty member.

They adjudicated a case in January 2000 involving a student accused of possessing controlled substances with the intent to distribute. The student was found responsible, suspended from the residence halls until reaching junior status, placed on disciplinary probation until graduation, fined \$179.00, and recommended to attend drug counseling.

A fourth case was adjudicated in January 2000 involving a student charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, alcohol underage, attempting to assault a campus

safety officer, and failure to comply with the directions of a college official. The accused was found responsible for all charges and placed on disciplinary probation through junior year, required to have a drug evaluation and attend mandatory counseling, and given 15 hours of community service.

Finally, they 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 responsible for violating the Honor Code, was given an "F" in the course, and required to write a ten page paper.

# Valentine's day gives a whole new meaning to love

*Kate Esposito elaborates on the true definition of Valentine's Day for students.*

Well, it's almost that time again. The information desk and it's unfortunate attendant are soon to be buried in flowers, balloons, and cheesy stuffed animals.

## *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 buys eats pudding with his face can't be all bad-at least I'll have a date."

The main focus of this day doesn't have to be a significant or insignificant other. There is a universal theme here: love. This

word is defined as: delight in; admire; greatly cherish.

Love has no limitations. In other words, it is also available to the currently uncoupled. Send a valentine to your mother, your best friend, your roommate.

How about the lady who empties your garbage every day without complaint, or the

post office workers who have to distribute all this fluff?

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 pave it. Most people only fall in love a few times, or possibly 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.

# 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's 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 the desire to fit into stylish clothes.

For Carrie her problem began during high school just 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 butt."

Now, Carrie wasn't the type to take those comments lightly and like any 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 called "determined." 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.

"It's hard at first, but then your body gets used to it, and you can eat as much as you want and not worry about calories," her friend said.

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

*Cathy Orzolek-Kronner and the South West Club discuss the dangers of eating disorders.*

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 in the 1990's, and predictions for

## *Eating disorders are complicated and not easy to identify as Western society promotes dieting, rigorous exercise, and the quest for ideal beauty.*

the 21st century suggest that numbers will continue to rise.

Recent research from Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention, Inc. (EDAP) indicates that approximately 91% of college women are on diets at any given time while 15-20% of college women currently engage in eating disorder behavior.

These statistics are startling and warrant recognition, and it is also important to realize that eating disorders are not specific to the female gender. Increasing concerns about body image are reported by males. Current statistics from the Menniger Clinic suggests that 1 to 3 percent of American males suffer from anorexia nervosa. There are no present statistics regarding bulimia in males, however, speculations from EDAP infer that more and more males are experimenting with the binge-purge cycle.

The origin of eating disorders continues to puzzle mental health professionals today.

## Scheduled Activities for National Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Week February 12-19

**Monday, Feb. 14th - Lecture in the Forum, 8 p.m.**

From Corsets to Body Piercing: A Historical Look at Female Adolescence by Joan Jacobs Brumberg

**Tuesday, Feb. 15th - Eating Disorder Screenings, 11 am - 2 pm, location TBA**

After completing self-reports, those with eating disorder concerns may speak with professional therapists.

**Thursday, Feb. 17th - Panel Discussion, The Forum, 7 pm**

The panel will include a nutritionist, body-image specialist, psychotherapist, and recovering bulimic, all with expertise in eating disorders.

**Friday, Feb. 18th - Fearless Friday**

Today is your day to take off from dieting.

During this week, information will be available on tables outside the cafeteria and in Decker Center. This year's motto is: "Don't fight your genes, just change your jeans."

The "Great Jeans Giveaway" also runs throughout the week. This event urges students to think about the "fit vs. fashion" dilemma and the pressures of our "thin is in" culture. Event organizers suspect that most students have jeans in their closet that they are struggling to squeeze into. Students are encouraged to "stop fighting your genes, and simplify change your jeans." A box will be available in Decker, in which anyone can donate his or her jeans that do not fit. At the end of the week, the jeans will be donated to a residential setting for adolescents. After all, every Body deserves to be comfortable.

# Phoenix changes

*Jenifer Sirkis announces the new Phoenix staff for the Spring 2000 semester*

With the departure of many editors on staff at the end of last semester, this year brings many new faces on the staff of the *Phoenix*.

In the news section, Staci George and Francesca Saylor have been made co-editors. Kate Esposito is the new features section editor along with her assistant Shauna Dominguez.

Have an opinion? Well, Ed Schulthesius, commentary editor, and Matt Hurff, assistant commentary editor, are the men to talk to.

Also, as you may have noticed, Mike Yestranski and Chris Anastasia have decided to return as the sports and assistant sports editor, respectively.

Finally, Matthew Thomas has taken on the responsibilities of managing editor.

Laura Kelley and myself have taken on the positions of co-editors-in-chief. We just couldn't resist the temptation of spending long nights in the office in desert-like conditions and failing computers to lead the *Phoenix* into the new millennium. In these positions, we have several goals.

Laura and I will constantly strive to put out a paper that is three things: accurate, fair, and professional.

In addition, the *Phoenix* is now a member of u-wire, a national collegiate media wire. When implemented, the *Phoenix* will have the capabilities of publishing stories from colleges around the country, and staffers will have the opportunity to get their stories published in other college papers. We are also looking into adding color to some of our pages, and hope to have this in place for the next issue.

The *Phoenix* is always eager to increase the size of our staff. If you are interested in working for us, come to our next meeting, Mondays at 6:30 pm in the DMC basement.

Finally, the *Phoenix* is your paper. If you know of an event that is happening that, in your opinion, deserves coverage, let us know and we'll do our best to cover it.

*See related ad for information about campus events promoting National Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Week.*

# GOP Presidential decision 2000

This year the Republican Party has one thing in mind... victory. After suffering through eight years of scandals, bad tax plans and a horrible foreign policy, the Republican Party has a good chance to finally retake the White House.

This November our nation will elect a new commander in chief, there are now four Republicans still going for the office. Four Republicans looking to end the reign of terror brought on by the Clinton/Gore era. The party of the elephant is looking to win big come November because so much lies in the wings.

So, who are these candidates, and who will be our nominee come November? Only four republican candidates are still in the race for our nomination. The race started with fourteen Republicans vying for our nomination. Well, money and/or lack of support have cleared the field.

We are now left with the establishments' choice, the centrist, and two conservatives.

But, can any of these men beat Al Gore? I believe they stand a good shot to end the Clinton/Gore era.

Alan Keyes, former talk show host and ambassador under the Reagan era, is a social conservative. He stands up for an unborn child's rights, and strongly takes all his views based on the constitution and the Bible. He supports making a national sales tax; a system Keyes believes is what the founding fathers wanted for our country.

The liberal media has given him minimal coverage this year, only asking questions about race. Keyes is an excellent debater and outwits all of his opponents. But, with his lack of coverage, and lack of funds, the media wrote him off before he entered the race.

After placing 4th in the first caucus and primary, Keyes hopes seem to be fading. But, look for Ambassador Keyes in the future, perhaps when America can accept an African-American conservative, they can accept an African-American President.

## David Lee analyzes the views of the Republican nominees.

John McCain is the man in the center. McCain is a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, and current U.S. Senator from Arizona. He's coming off a strong victory in New Hampshire, beating Bush by 18 percentage points.

His views are quite controversial, one minute, he will be pro-choice, then the next day pro-life. He reminds me of a certain man who has been manipulating the press and the people for the past eight years.

He has a "Clinton-esque" qualities, but has his good points. He is for advancing our military, and keeping a minimum foreign policy. His tax plan is one of the weakest of the four remaining. He will not push for a new tax code, but will increase the 15 percent bracket for middle class folks. This may help the poor, but will not give much help to the middle and upper classes.

McCain's liberal stance on most issues has him attracting independents and Reagan democrats. But, McCain has shoved aside the right wing in favor of popularity. McCain needs to get key wins in South Carolina, Michigan and New York if he wants to beat "W."

Steve Forbes is a multimillionaire magazine publisher from New Jersey. He is paying for his campaign out of his own money.

His views are very idealistic and could reform this country and its people. Forbes is most famous for his 15 percent flat tax for everyone.

It is fair and eliminates loopholes for large corporations and the rich. Forbes plans to eliminate the Internal Revenue Service and the tax code as it is today.

People will only have to fill out a form the size of a post card and simply mail it in. It is a tax cut for all and could save families thousands of dollars. Forbes is strictly pro-life, and will only appoint pro-life justices.

His revolutionary ideas on So-

cial Security, Education, and Foreign policy could fix major problems with America today. Forbes is a social conservative who has been thrown aside by Bush and McCain.

Forbes is running third in nearly every poll in the nation. This is his third time running for the office; he won two primaries in 1996 against Bob Dole and Pat Buchanan.

Forbes has few problems, but the media picks at them like a scab. Forbes is not the most eloquent speaker, he does not get his strong message across like Bush and McCain. He is also an outsider who has never held public office. But, it is so bad to get away from "politics as usual?"

Governor George W. Bush Jr. the poster child for "politics as usual."

His father is former president George H. W. Bush, and his brother Jeb, is Governor of Florida. Gov. Bush has been the Republican establishment's pick for over a year now. He is seen as the only man who can beat Al Gore. His views are moderate and he calls himself a compassionate conservative.

He is pro-life, and is a strong defender of the second amendment. Bush has been ridiculed by the liberal media for as long as he has been in the race. He is a likable person to counter Gore.

Bush is not the greatest debater, or the quickest thinker. He is an eloquent speaker, when his campaign prepares his speeches. But, in live debates he is not the most influential.

This is his first national election, and has made a few mistakes. His big weakness is Foreign Policy. He has been ridiculed for not knowing current leaders of foreign countries and hasn't really experienced foreign policy before.

He does have a great staff, with great advisors, and more money raised than any other candidate, but Bush is not a visionary.

So, this November, when you cast your vote, vote Republican. Because, anyone is better than Al Gore.

# Report from Rouzer

## Michael Wiles gives his second report on the conditions in Rouzer

For someone who plays by the rules (most of the time), I seem to be accumulating an interesting collection of Campus Safety encounters.

Last Saturday night, around 1:30 am, I awoke to the sound of Campus Safety knocking on my door. I did not know what it was, but something told me it was them before I even answered the door—which is why I did not actually get out of bed.

I quickly went back to sleep, learning that it was, in fact, Campus Safety at my door the next day from my neighbor, who was witness to their visit.

In the end, I guess it was all my own fault: I should have known better than to try to sleep in Rouzer on a Saturday night, and will surely never make any such attempt again.

This story, I am sure, comes as a surprise to nobody. We all know that Rouzer is not exactly conducive to silence and order, nor does anyone expect it to be. However, I believe I do speak for most of my fellow residents when I say that it is expected that Rouzer maintains some standard of sanitation.

Now, I understand that many residents make the journey toward cleanliness an uphill battle, but an obstacle has recently been placed in our collective way by Information Services.

Yes, Information Services. In the ongoing struggle to catch WMC up with the rest of the world, the process of installing

the Ethernet has begun in Rouzer and Whiteford Halls. Now, as any reader of the *Carroll County Times* can tell you, I am as big a supporter of this move as anybody.

I do not, however, support the locking of the trash rooms in order to do this. I understand that the Ethernet control panel for each floor had to be placed somewhere, but by locking the trash rooms, students are literally invited to leave their trash in the halls, not to mention the bathrooms.

And, that is another problem in itself. Despite supposed extermination attempts twice last semester, the bathrooms are still infested with roaches.

Now, I am no expert, but I do not think encouraging students to leave their trash in the bathrooms is a viable option for getting rid of pests. In fact, it would seem that the roaches find the increase in garbage quite inviting, but, once again, I am no expert.

As I have said before, the solutions to Rouzer's problems have got to lie somewhere. I figured we would have found it by now, being February and all, but I guess we will have to wait a bit longer.

In the meantime, I will pacify myself with the notion that I will soon be able to enjoy the advantages of the Ethernet...in March. Until then, I guess I will have to contend with the garbage and disorder that has come to define 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"?

# Correction

The photo of World Aids Day attributed to Karen Pizzalato in the December 9, 1999 issue of the Phoenix was actually taken by Katrina Threat.

# A little boy trapped in a sea of questions and controversy

When Elian Gonzalez was rescued by fishermen on Thanksgiving Day, he had been through a more traumatizing experience than most people can imagine.

He watched as his mother, Elisabeth Gonzalez, and the other members of their party sunk slowly to the depths of the glimmering waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

They had succumbed to dehydration and fatigue from treading water endlessly when their 17-foot boat capsized due to awkward passenger movement and panic when weather conditions off of Florida had worsened.

His mother's last action was to tether 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, parental rights groups, presidential candidates and the Immigration and Naturalization Department, not to mention Castro and his communist supporters a mere 150 miles south of Miami.

Most children his age are busy playing child games, riding bikes, and trading baseball cards, not embroiled in an international controversy.

For the Cuban-Americans, Elian has literally been a poster boy for Cuban refugees. That is because a billboard of his likeness hangs over I-95 in Miami in protest of the communist system still

## Matt Hurff describes the trauma suffered by young Elian Gonzalez.

in place over Cuba. This particular group feels that Elian's mother's dying wish should go answered, allowing her son to grow up in America with boundless opportunity.

Is it 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 as George W. Bush said in the January 17 issue of *Time Magazine*, "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."

Should 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 certainly been through a great deal in his short life. The last thing he needs is to remain in this country as a political tool for Cuban-Americans and politicians alike.

Instead, he should be sent home to his 31-year-old father Juan, a

security guard, who wants his son back, and could certainly stabilize his son's tumultuous young life.

Juan clearly loves his son a great deal, as he is taking a stand and not cutting his hair until Elian returns, a task they usually do together.

Juan claims that Elian was "kidnapped" by his ex-wife Elisabeth. In America, if a child was "kidnapped" in such a parental dispute, he would be returned to his other parent.

Therefore, I feel Elian should be returned to Cuba. Then, once he is older, he could then remember his time spent in America, and contemplate whether he would like to return, or maybe fight to make a change in the communist system in Cuba.



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## Rocker 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 he made are protected by the First Amendment, therefore he should not be punished for his opinions.

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 everything anyone may say, then what protects the people that the things are being

*Edward Schultheis discusses the implications of John Rocker's outrageous racist comments.*

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 so harshly criticized? Certainly, the Major League Baseball Association is attempting to rectify that situation.

While Rocker has the legal right to feel anyway he wants and 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 not speaking as just a regular guy, but rather as a member of the Atlanta Braves organization. This means that he is reprehensible 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 comments about New Yorkers and foreigners stating, "How did they get into this country anyway?"

While these statements are governed by the First Amendment, it certainly does not mean that it is right, fair, or even ethical. I

am completely for the First Amendment, but there are exceptions when a person has no right to speak out in such a manner and in such a public forum as *Sports Illustrated*.

The question of punishment now moves into the spotlight. Does the punishment of one month away from baseball fit the "crime"? Should he even get a punishment from the MLB? While my answer on that is not so clear-cut, I do believe that he should be punished in some form or another. What worse punishment is there than being branded a homophobic, xenophobic, racist, which he certainly exhibited in his statements?

Imagine how the atmosphere will be like when he walks out of the bullpen at Shea Stadium facing the Mets. There is no greater punishment than being hated, which John Rocker certainly is by a vast number of people.

He can hide behind the First Amendment but that only hides him from the law; he certainly cannot hide behind it when it comes to what people think of him.

The reason that the MLB suspended him? So that they were not hated also for letting it slip by with only a slap on the hand. Not a great reason, but a reason all the same.

## Writing Center's focus is questioned by Phoenix

WMC students know they can use the Writing Center as a supplementary source for guidance about papers completed in their classes at WMC.

By simply walking in, or setting up an appointment with a tutor, help is easily available; something that is unique from all the other computer labs on campus.

However, with recent developments within the Writing Center, it appears that its future as a place for students to get individual attention and help with their writing is uncertain.

In our front page story about the dismissal of Mark Honeycutt, it appears to

*The Phoenix discusses possible changes to the WMC Writing Center*

the *Phoenix*, that due to the desires of some, the Writing Center may be shifting its focus to accommodate new technology including web-site design and learning computer software.

While it is always good for students to be able to use the most updated technology, we at the *Phoenix* believe this might not be in the best interest of all students.

This is evident by the 33 percent failure rate of WMC students on the last adminis-

tration of the Writing Competence Test. This statistic shows that current WMC students, especially first-year students, most definitely need the extra help they can receive at the Writing Center.

We understand professors teach multiple sections of the English composition class and assisting all students with their writing skills is difficult. This is why the Writing Center is a perfect complement to any teacher aid.

Improving the Writing Center is a beneficial goal. However, it should not come at the expense of students who desperately need the help it offers.

## You tired of the monotonous winter yet?

Whose bitter about the cold? Forgive me if I was nostalgic when I remember Christmas. It just that all those candles, and foods, and wines, and lights, and conversations, and songs worm their way under my skin and don't leave until the trees start turning green again.

I am left toying with remnants of Christmas long after the happy holiday atmosphere has faded from the department stores and been replaced by pastel pink and purple plastic grasses.

Yes, even after the last burnt-out Christmas lights have fallen from the last ice-encrusted railings of the last house on my street, Christmas stays with me.

But thank God it does. Because a few weeks after the Christmas sales have made way for New Year's extravaganzas, it seems we are punished for our orgies of overspending and gluttony with two months of barren, frozen isolation. January and February are the revenge of a jealous God.

For most of us, January is sandwiched between two intense semesters of schooling, and no matter how many times we go through it, the shift from the holiday-induced chaos of December to the tundra-like wasteland of January is enough to leave even the most misty-eyed winter snow bunnies shivering with anxiousness.

First, we face the dullness of the weather. Leaves have long gone and turned the entire

*Lisa Dale-Van Auken longs for the transformation of winter to spring.*

world a stale shade of brown-gray.

The sun barely looks down on the drab landscape, unless it's to bounce bright, stabbing light off mountains of dirty snow, making driving a painful experience. And the waters of our great land sleep in their tracks to protest the sorry season, like a child holding her breath hoping her parents will give in to her requests before her face turns too icy blue.

And as if that isn't bad enough, there is the dullness of activity. Did you even put a moth in the refrigerator? No? Maybe a glowstick then?

Well anyway, when January comes, it's like the world turns into a giant refrigerator, and it makes us all sleepy and slow, much like our winged friend. People get slower when it gets colder. Or maybe it's just because there's nothing to do.

Shops close early, days get shorter, and the swings of neighborhood parks sway only when gusts of winds blow in from the north. Cabin fever is the only thing that runs rampant. It makes people desperate for activity.

For instance, I'm not exactly sure whose bright idea it was to buy my grandfather a table saw for Christmas, but I wasn't surprised when I heard he was in the emergency

room....apparently, it had something to do with an ice sculpture.....

Yet there is a final affliction that we must all face: Jan. Term. While I can hardly suffer the drudgery of the January season at home, with the ammunition of friends and transportation to help fend off boredom, I cannot even begin to fathom the restlessness of the season if I were stifled in a dorm room.

So I'd like to send a message out to the students who weathered Jan. Term. To those of you who didn't make it: You are justly a martyr, and will not be forgotten. At least not until the leaves come back.

To those of you who got through it: Congratulations.

Although it must have been a long strange trip, you got through it somehow. Is it a coincidence that the local liquor stores thrive in the winter? And just think. Even though we're only half way through the season, there's still room for optimism.

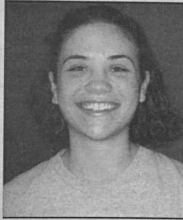
Look ahead. Squint your eyes hard enough peering into the future and you might breed a sweat and think yourself into being warm.

Or just continue to dwell in the cozier memories our forgiving friend December, and stoke your memory fire with Yule logs and bourbon.

As for me....I'll try to get through it by writing commentaries. I'm hoping all this typing will keep my fingers warm.

# 60 Seconds

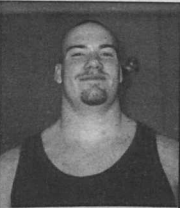
## What's your ideal Valentine's Day?



*"For my boyfriend to send me flowers and take me out to a romantic dinner...(hint, hint)."*

Malisa 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."*  
Julia Kacala  
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by Trang Dam

### S.E.R.V.E / Circle K Auction

Thursday, February 24th  
7 pm in the Forum  
\$2.00 Admission  
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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 the ancient surroundings and viewing the postcard-perfect sites with my own eyes would somehow convince me that I was indeed in Eu-

rope, the Europe 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 home, 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 cafe au lait. 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-crust Hungarian bread to coat with pale honey. The hard, round, French rolls, get draped with butter, jelly and slices of cheese. **-Laurina Gee, October, Budapest**

We came to live in a European city, travel Europe, or try school in a new place. We have learned the normal city things that were foreign to most of us. We can use public transportation, get a good taxi at night, and maneuver through a tight crowd. We don't act like tourists anymore.



A view of the majestic Danube River and Chain Bridge from the top of Gellert Hill in Budapest.

LAURA BETH KELLEY

So we sat together at the party

for hours, talking and taking pictures. We talked about what we had done in Budapest already, museums we'd wandered through, clubs we'd been to, and movies we'd gone to see. Then we talked of what we were going to do still, trips to Paris, Italy, and Amsterdam over Thanksgiving, and the group trip to Egypt with Pam. Later in the night, we talked about the things that we missed: washers and dryers, grilled cheese, our own beds and rooms, cars, pets. Even though we missed these things, it didn't matter so much that we weren't at home for a holiday. We had our own little piece of home.

**-Helen Whitehurst**

Prague looks like a painting.

**-Doug Novelli**

This is the land of Gaudi. Rolling waves of mosaics, high laughter and Español. Well, not exactly Español. They speak Catalan here...

My eyes were drawn to one of many row houses along the avenue. Its facade: smooth, gently curving swells as one corner melts into an-

other seamlessly. Blue-green translucent tiles, a flawless imitation of the sea. A small weather-beaten plaque read: "Casa Batlló—Antoni Gaudí."

He could capture the Mediterranean sea and transform its undulations into walls. ...The Mediterranean lapped at the pebbly beach. Gaudi's inspiration. Stripping off our shoes, we ran to the water. Cold waves licked toes and ankles as we pierced the air with cries of shock and delight. **-Amanda Lesher, after returning from Barcelona.**

Frederic Chopin's birthplace. The Warsaw Ghetto wall. Marie Curie's childhood home. Auschwitz-Birkenau. Though often dismissed as a country not worth visiting, Poland contains some of the most fascinating sites in Eastern Europe. Equipped with accurate information and a well-planned itinerary, one can easily enjoy the country's many historical and cultural attractions, spending an average of just \$15 each day—hotel, meals, and sight-seeing expenses included.

**-Nicole Novotny**

Paris was lonely. I wanted to be with a girl I loved in the city that belongs to lovers. When I thought about Paris back in the states, I thought about lovers atop the Eiffel Tower...

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 open...

**-Kris Sevillana**

I am neither at the beginning nor at the end. I stand here, suspended in the last few weeks of my journey, wondering what it will be like to step foot on soil that was once familiar to me and see it all for the first time. Although I miss home, I know adventures like this one do not present themselves frequently. Time carries us along in its sweeping current, daring us to grab on to something and attempt momentarily to anchor ourselves to the present. I am saddened to know that the end is in sight, and growing ever nearer. But I know, finally, that this is only the beginning.

"We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

—T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

**-Joy Thomas, December**

Compiled by Dr. Pamela Regis

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# First student-directed dance production performed at Alumni Hall

NYKOLE TYSON  
Staff Writer

Mike Lofton drove all the way from Vero Beach, Florida to watch his daughter perform in WMC's first dance production; he and the crowd were not the least bit disappointed.

Nothing but a dim beam of red lighting filled the room at Alumni Hall main stage Saturday night, as the dance production "Welcome to the Movies," made its debut.

The performance, lasting two hours, was enthusiastically embraced by a crowd of approximately one hundred fifty, with ecstatic cheers and screams from start to finish as enormous positive energy filled the air. The production was compelling, interpreting the dress, style and ambience of the particular time period in which a movie took place.

Directed by junior Melanie Cook with assistance in choreography from her sister Janet Cook, the end product of the performance was phenomenally choreographed. The whole performance was captivating and overwhelmed with great energy and a professional, but fun performance.

The dancers acted out graceful steps with bright smiles. The focus of the production seemed more on having a good time than having each step perfect. This strategy resulted in maintaining the interest of the audience and little error during the performance.

The costumes were vibrant in color and exotic in style. However, what made the production such a success was not just the rhyth-

mic 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 is 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 surprisingly speechless after the production was over, "words can't explain how I feel right now; I feel amazing."

Cook's thoughts the night of the show were, "oh my goodness is this going to happen," and after they were "oh my gosh we did it." These feelings of accomplishment were well deserved.

Prior to Saturday night's performance two dancers commented on what they had been practicing and there expectations for the performance.

"We have been practicing since last November, said sophomore Nichole Christman, "but we have been practicing consistently everyday for the past four weeks for three to six hours a day."

She responded, "I can't wait to perform; I think people are going to be amazed by what we do," after being asked how she felt about the performance Saturday night.

A second dancer, sophomore, Jeremy Keil, also commented on the practice and upcoming production, "the experience has been a lot of fun." Keil had never danced a choreographed show before and said, "it is challenging and I am having difficulty with the moves because they are different from swing and Latin dancing with which I am more familiar."

When asked how he felt about performing, Keil responded, "I have never danced for an audience and do not know what to think."

Minutes after the performance Keil said, "I feel pumped and really good about the performance," and pointed out that although he messed up in a step or two, "I can say I re-

covered quickly and don't think that anyone noticed."

Christine Johnson, a freshman commented, "I am glad that my family came and I am happy that our performance is the first dance production. We were successful and proved ourselves; all through the production it was sheer excitement."

Two other dancers, sophomore Nia Clements, and junior Alethea Desrosiers agreed that the production was a lot of work but it was worth every drop of sweat.

Other members of the WMC dance company include: Anna Royer, Jason Fitzgerald, Matthew Gribbin, Kaseia Lantzy, Kelsey Reichard, Stacey Roach, Shelley Sorensen, Christina Starleper, Jeremy Trammelle and Stacey 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 involving with dance and decided that I wanted to do a dance production."

Sophomore communication/theatre major Maya Redfearn, who felt overjoyed, expressed her sentiments about the performance.

"I loved how everyone was sitting on the edge of their seats in anticipation, knowing that what they were witnessing was going down in history as WMC's first dance production," she said.

Redfearn and others hope the dance production becomes a permanent part of WMC.

## "It's all about the music, man" Coffee House offers music, coffee, and low-key atmosphere

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
Staff Writer

"Welcome to professional show business," snickers singer/songwriter Mike Maloney after shouting directions across the room to the man at the sound board. Amid the laughter of children, the rumble of masculine voices coming from the back table, and the scraping of chairs on the tile floor, Mike plays a few more notes and then pronounces himself ready to rock.

I came to the Salvation Army tonight not knowing what to expect, but as one always looking for something new to try, I thought I'd give it a shot. I suppose the beatnik in me can't resist the temptation of a coffee house. Besides, it was only two bucks to get in, plus free coffee and good music.

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 all about the music, man."

In fact, the atmosphere might be a little too simple for some. There's not many people, and I have the vague suspicion that many of those who are here are related to one or more of the acts. Still, the people here are genuinely happy. Even little Katrina, who has been making faces at me from under the table for the last half-hour, is tapping her toes in time to the tunes.

Diedra Eby sits down next to me and in-

troduces herself. Eby is the conductor of the evening's musical motif, which has been going strong since December. "There's a real need for [this] in the community," she says smiling. "[In Westminster] there's nothing to do but bowl."

Eby, who will be playing later with Forgiven, a Christian Rock band, tells me that The Coffee House has been a great place for all kinds of people to come listen to music. "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, ha. I'm allowed to be here too." I laugh.

Eby, however, suddenly strikes a more serious note. She's sad because last week some unknown vandal stole two speakers and an effects box from the Salvation Army. I am disgusted. Taking those speakers is like stealing from the offering plate. Gross. Luckily, New Song Guitar Center was good enough to lend the Salvation Army the equipment needed to carry on with the evening.

So, in case you're interested, The Coffee House starts at 8:00 pm on Fridays at the Salvation Army (across from Walmart) and is two beans. For auditions, call Diedra Eby at 410-239-1587. Youth Night is the second Friday of the month, and will most likely be moved to Saturdays later this month.

## Nasty Nor'easter



Erwood Smith (left) and Mike Devine, members of the WMC Grounds crew, take a break from removing snow in from of Daniel MacLea. Two storms ripped through the area covering WMC with between 15-20 inches of snow. The snow forced classes to be cancelled on January 25 and 26. Classes were also delayed on January 31 due to treacherous road conditions.

## 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.

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The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphases; they are not intended to cover the normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be 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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# 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 luau and anything could be hiding behind the next snowdrift!

**Pisces (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 bug your friends during 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 ravioli 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 luscious 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 Glar 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! Oh and try to stay away from the small furry animals, they can get vicious!

**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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# The Sports View: Weighing in on crime and sports

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
Asst. Sports Editor

You know, it seems like this column is a full time job. I mean, it comes into play in nearly every phase of my life. I always end up being asked for my opinion about the biggest sports stories of the day just because I write a pretty good (I hope) column in the paper.

Now, I do not mean to complain about the act of seeking my opinion. In fact, I am greatly honored that people would think of me when they have a quandary about the ever-changing world of sports.

What I find disturbing are the very questions that abound today. Questions have turned from what a middle linebacker's role in

a zone blitz is to what is a star middle linebacker's role in a double-homicide.

I am not going to lie to you; I am out of my league in the "Law & Order" field. Do these questions need to be asked? Certainly. Should I answer these questions? Absolutely not.

In short, I feel really out of place addressing the police blotter, so I will keep my comments on this issue to what people are innocent until proven guilty in this country, that, and the fact that a certain Ravens middle linebacker should be a little more careful about who he chooses for friends.

Now that is out of the way, let's talk about the new aim of this columnist's venom (hey, the Ravens deserve some time off), the Washington Wizards. Armed with

newly named head of basketball operations Michael Jordan, the Bulls...um...Bullets...err...Wizards moved into a new direction for the 21st century.

Jordan started quickly by firing head coach Gar Heard and hiring former teammate and former Bul-let guard Darrell Walker.

Walker may be a good fit for this club, at least in the interim, but a head coach should be the least of Jordan's worries. The Wizards have most of their payroll locked up in players like Rod Strickland and Juwan Howard who show no want to play here.

In short, Jordan made a smart call in replacing Heard, who had obviously lost his grip on this team.

The real task will be getting rid of Howard and Strickland, who have crippled this franchise finan-

cially and in spirit...

Just a thought on this whole situation though. Is it just me, or is Jordan risking a lot on this club. Jordan banks on his reputation, but personally and financially, thus associating with such a dead-end franchise like the Wizards seems like a real risk.

What happens when all the fans that loved Jordan the basketball player find that they do not like Jordan the businessman? Stay tuned.

It seems that Wrestling promoter Vince McMahon has intention to build a new football league to supplement football fans after the Super Bowl.

The new league, xTreme Football League (that's right, XFL) will be a "faster, more action packed type of football" and will take

viewers "where the NFL is afraid to go," according to McMahon at a recent press conference.

The league is set for ten teams and a ten game season and a four-team playoff. While I think that this may turn out like other pro football leagues have in the past (the USFL comes to mind), the XFL has two positives on its side.

First, is the new league's willingness to work as filler between the stop and start of the NFL season as opposed to working against it.

Second, McMahon, who has shown that he can bring action-oriented programming to TV successfully, will head this league. This should get very interesting very soon.

Until next time, I will see you in the cheap seats

## Men's basketball, 3-15, hit wintery skid

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 Zoulias 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 Adrean Pope, who transferred to Messiah.

Earlier in the year, Pope played very well and was named to the All-tourney 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 63-58 win. He set a record for three pointers made in one game. The previous mark was 6 threes held by Eric Watkinson, Pat Young, and Mike Schmall.

The win snapped the terror's 10 game losing streak in the Centennial Conference and their first conference win in 361 days.

Another exciting game was a January 24 classic against York College. Down 48-41 at halftime, the team went on a late rally to close 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 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 came off the bench after the buzzer sounded to congratulate me. It felt like we were playing for the team and not for ourselves anymore."

Although York out scored the team 12-4 in overtime and won the game, the contest was a glimpse of good things to come for the men in the future.

The loss of experienced players will hurt next year, especially leading scorer Brian Billman, but the team has a good nucleus of experience and youthful exuberance returning next year.

The team should see more frequent and positive moments over the next few years.

## Wrestling scores

MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

49-0 over Lebanon Valley  
56-0 over Gallaudet  
45-7 over Johns Hopkins  
27-15 over Washington and Lee  
25-18 over Ursinus  
54-4 over Swarthmore  
60-0 over Howard  
37-11 over Delaware State

With their recent win over Hopkins, the team has secured itself a share of the Centennial Conference Title, meaning they will be conference champs for three straight years.

Also, senior Charlie Conaway recently broke the school record for career wins, in addition to the record for career pins, which he broke last semester.

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Statistics as of Feb. 6, 2000

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<i>Name</i>	<i>PTS</i>	<i>Asst.</i>	<i>Rbnds</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>PTS</i>	<i>Asst.</i>	<i>Rbnds</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Win</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Brian Billman-	249	15	149	Jill Ibex-	271	19	141	Charlie Conaway	29	- 9	Chris Clemmens	157.25
Sean Pond-	127	10	31	Jen Piccolomini-	185	46	90	Chris McNally	23	- 16	Matt Fields	88.75
Jim Hegmann-	116	16	63	Brooke Brenneman-	139	25	91	Mike Macey	19	- 16	Sumeer Chadra	80.00
Michael Paesani-	106	13	46	Kris Brust-	131	6	72	Jon Pitonzo	18	- 17	Luke Page	79.00
Michael Furey-	97	9	83	Patty Russo-	120	34	41	Billy Bobbitt	17	- 12	Jon Soucy	56.50
Greg Hill-	90	24	23	Sindi Stem-	84	29	32	Scott Taylor	16	- 13	Kara Wnukowski	159.50
Karl Friedheim-	87	12	60	Brianne Bray-	28	6	26	Vinny Pedalino	13	- 3	Christine Joyce	95.75
Jack Kowalik-	74	11	28	Stephanie McPherson-	51	14	33	Nick Alley	12	- 11	Annie Linz	75.75
Erik Larson-	60	20	10	Sommer Chorman-	64	7	23	Rob Johns	10	- 1	Jenny Weddle	61.50
Curtis Miller-	48	37	5	Megan Linch-	24	15	35	Eric Bartzak	9	- 11	Kalli Patentas	54.00

### Calendar of sporting events

<b>M. Basketball</b>	<b>W. Basketball</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>
Feb. 9 vs. Dickinson	Feb. 8 vs. Dickinson	Feb. 12 Tri at Messiah vs. King's
Feb. 12 at Gettysburg	Feb. 10 vs. Elizabethtown	
Feb. 14 vs. Villa Julie	Feb. 12 at Gettysburg	Feb. 18-19 Centennial Conference Championships at Johns Hopkins
Feb. 16 at Johns Hopkins	Feb. 16 vs. Johns Hopkins	
Feb. 19 vs. Washington College	Feb. 19 vs. Washington College	

### Indoor Track and Field

Feb. 12	Bucknell Winter Classic
Feb. 25-26	Centennial Conference Championships at Haverford
March 5	Last Chance Meet at Haverford
March 11-12	NCAA Division III Championships

### Swimming

Feb. 18-20	Centennial Conference Championships at Franklin and Marshall
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## Women's basketball flattens F&M, grinds Gallaudet

DAN GADD  
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 success, 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 Stem, 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 sledging 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 effect 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 into 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 Ibox.

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 aware of her, and having to contain her," Martin said.

Martin believes that there are big things in Brust's future as well.

"Kris is coming into her own offensively, and she's going to be a key factor," she said.

In their January 29 match up against the then conference-leading Muhlenberg Mules (11-6, 6-1), the Terror's youth squad showed a little of everything.

Exciting play, and the ability to compete with the conference's best, and at the same time the mistakes that come with inexperience. In the end, WMC was left with a 61-58 crushing defeat.

"The inexperience kind of shot us in the foot. We are capable, when we are playing well, of playing with any team in the conference," Martin commented.

"When you get into pressure games, and when you play better teams you learn, and you need to learn, that you can't make certain turnovers, and our decision making process out there during that game hurt us," she said.

For the Terror, one inspiring performance did come out of that game, however. Forward Jill Ibox was sick, and said that she felt "horrible". This did not unnerv Martin.

"I joked with her a little bit before the game and told her that I always felt as a former athlete that when I didn't feel well, I actually had better games because I didn't take any puff off of anyone."

Ibox responded by pouring in 25 points, tying a career high.

"I felt horrible so I just went out there and concentrated. I think it helped because I was more focused on what I wanted to do, and how I was going to do it," she said.

While this may have been a banner game for Ibox, it is not far from being consistent with the rest

of her season. The six-foot forward has led the team in either scoring or rebounding in all but one of the Terror's games this year.

"My goal for every game is to play aggressive, and do whatever I can to help the team win," Ibox humbly said.

"She's played behind two of our top three leading scorers in the history of the women's program in her career, and she did well, but she was in a supporting cast role, and now all of a sudden this year, as a junior, she's been asked to become a leader on the court through her play, and I think she has felt the pressure at times," Martin commented.

But I think she's handled it well," she added.

Ibox's performance may have been enough to garner the Terror a win had it not been for Muhlenberg guard Lindsay St. Lawrence's 20 points, eight assists, and clutch free throw shooting. The sophomore hit five of six free throws in the closing minutes to ice the game for Muhlenberg.

"To this stage, this season, I think that's one of the most heartening losses as a coach that I've felt, because I believe that we had plenty of opportunities to take that game and turn it into a win, and we just couldn't quite do it," Martin said.

Just two days earlier, January 27, in Washington DC, they seemed only to have a slim opportunity, but they took full advantage of it. Trailing 73-59 to a Gallaudet (7-9) team that had spanked them 107-62 at home last year, and with only 4:13 remaining in the game, the Terror put on a run that left heads spinning, and a bewildered Gallaudet with an 81-74 loss.

"We started to fight back and we made inroads with the score, and the next thing you know the light bulb came on with the players of 'we can take this game, we can do it,' and they buckled down and you saw the intensity and the confidence in their eyes, and they just wouldn't give in," Martin said.

Brooke Brenneman helped spark the 22-1 charge, coming off

the bench with six points, a rebound, an assist (which came on the bucket that put the Terror ahead), and even a steal.

"She's kind of like the pit bull that comes off the bench. When she comes off the bench she is fierce in that she wants the ball, she wants to shoot, she wants to make things happen, and she is a competitor," Martin said.

"We kind of didn't really know what to do, and she came in and sparked the team and everyone was like 'Alright, we can do this,' Ibox added.

With the strides that the team is making, Martin believes that the team can still extend their season past the February 19 match up with Washington College.

"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 a point 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.



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The Green Terror Women's Basketball Team, in a classic show of hustle and determination.



## 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 two 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

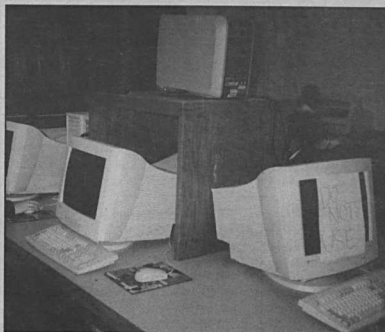
use the college resources in a proper way," said Mathews, "but these students installed programs that can be used to harass people and even harm computers beyond WMC."

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 shut down in 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 inten-



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"Do not use" signs hang on several computers in the Writing Center and in Charlson Lab as a result of recent hacking incidents.

tions.

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

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## 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 Bucey dismissed the sound of running water as a typi-

cal 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 Bucey. "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 Bucey, who was forced to sleep off campus for the week. Meri Songer, Blanche's residence life coordinator, did ask if Bucey and her roommate had a place to sleep, but they already had the situation under control, Bucey said.

Soiled carpets were replaced in less than a week, and although

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## 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.

After the R.A. found her non-responsive, Campus Safety and the paramedics were called.

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

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ERIN OWEN

The theatre department's first production of the semester will open this Friday evening in Alumni Hall. Above, senior Laura Connor (who portrays Adela) and senior Megan Townsend (Poncia) share an intense moment during a dress rehearsal for "The House of Bernarda Alba." See page 2 for the related story.

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# Black Panther Party co-founder shares legacy at WMC

NYCOLE 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.

One might also conclude that the birth of the Black Panther Party was like a revolution all in itself.

This party was founded to assure the rights of self-defense for the black community.

Some of the things this political organization wanted and fought for included: having influence in political issues, better education, the fight for free and improved health care, and the right to a fair trial (including a multiracial jury).

The first Black Panthers were more worried about the content of the organization than the name.

Many audience members held misconceptions of the Black Panthers before Seale came to speak.

"I thought they were a militant group," said sophomore April Epps. "I associated them with black power but I was not clear on their main cause."

Seale's candid approach was well received with bursts of laughter and applause. And, acting out the personality of Huey Newton was most effective in capturing the imagination of the audience.

Giving a lot of credit to his friend Newton, Seale's facial expressions, hand movements, and voice intonations made the audience roar with delight and temporarily enabled them to feel what the 1960s movement was like.



ERIN OWEN

Co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale spoke with conviction and emotion during his February 8 speech.

Freshman Paula Castro commented on her reaction to the speech. "He really sparked an interest within me. I think he is a phenomenal speaker." Castro added, "Hearing him speak really made me proud of my culture."

Asked when the BSU started planning for the visit of Bobby Seale, president Richard Smith said, "we started planning the summer before school started."

The BSU was able to raise \$4,500 to have

Seale speak by writing and sending proposals to various departments on campus.

"I never knew so many faculty members until we started raising money for him to come," commented Smith.

"I felt happy and proud that Bobby Seale came," added Smith.

"Many people learned what the Black Panthers were really all about, which I think broke stereotypes, a goal of the Black Student Union."

## 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.

Before adopting this grading policy, faculty members debated the issue.

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.

Dr. Thomas Deveny, 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.

Deveny 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

"House of Bernarda Alba" opens Friday night

LISA DALE VAN AUKEN  
Staff Writer

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 (Krysta Stacy), the mother of five daughters, is suddenly left to find a way to give her daughters their 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 all 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.

## S.E.R.V.E / Circle K Auction

Thursday, February 24th

7 pm in the Forum

\$2.00 Admission  
Refreshments provided

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## Physical Plant to fix campus water leaks

FRANCESCA SAYLOR  
News Co-Editor

The recent snow and ice may not be the only thing tripping people up lately. Many have noticed that while traveling through Decker Center there is often a bucket or trash can collecting water, especially on the lower stairs.

It tends to happen when there are periods of extreme weather, which happened rather frequently at the beginning of the semester.

However, Joseph Bentz, director of Building Operations and Maintenance, says Physical Plant has arranged for a roofer to come fix the problem during the week of March 21. He estimates that it will cost only \$200 to \$300 and will finally resolve the issue that has "come and gone over the past few years."

There also used to be several leaks right outside the Forum and in Kriel lounge. "That was our most embarrassing [situation]," says Bentz, but they were fixed when the new terrace was put on the Pub about a year and a half ago. Also, new roofs were recently built on the Garden Apartments and on Rouzer Hall. Unfortunately, the skylight

over the stairs is still a nuisance. Bentz says that Housekeeping has been helpful in placing a bucket there or a sign to indicate the floor is wet.

In addition, Bentz says the roofer will look at the leak in front of Carroll Hall that affects problems every once in a while. He says the cause of the leaks there are due mainly to the fact that the house is so old and has an awkward gutter system that recently froze.

There is also a leak in the lobby of Gill Gym that Bentz is hoping will be repaired soon. He says it involves moving an air conditioning unit out of the way first.

While this may seem like a lot of repairs to some, Bentz asserts that Physical Plant has "solved 95 percent of most leaks."

Sometimes being aware of what is wrong is half the battle. "We definitely try to take care of everything we know about," says Bentz, and he suggests that if a Resident Assistant does not put in a work order for a complaint in the residence halls that the student should make their residence life coordinator aware of that.

## Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety documented the following reports which include:

- 2/03/00 at 6:00 pm an arrest warrant was effective on account of interagency cooperation at DoCS Office.
- 2/04/00 at 12:30 am stealing in McDaniel Hall; at 3:17 am an account of disorderly conduct in Blanche Ward Hall.
- 2/05/00 at 12:45 am a violation of residence hall policy in Blanche Ward Hall; at 3:00 am treatment was refused in Rouzer Hall; at 5:03 am unauthorized access to a college facility in Decker Student Center; at 9:32 pm a case of racial harassment in Rouzer Hall.
- 2/06/00 at 10:00 am a towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Rouzer Parking lot; at 10:15 am towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Whiteford Lane; at 2:12 pm unauthorized use of a college facility in Decker Student Center.
- 2/07/00 at 9:45 pm damaging property in Rouzer Hall.
- 2/08/00 at 1:58 pm damaging

- property in Blanche Ward Hall.
- 2/08/00 at 3:00 pm towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Rouzer Parking Lot; at 10:45 pm damaging property in Rouzer Hall.
- 2/09/00 at 9:45 pm a felony-theft in Baker Memorial Chapel.
- 2/10/00 at 3:40 pm a case of racial harassment in Rouzer Hall, at 4:00 pm unauthorized access to a

- glary in Englar Dining Hall; at 11:00 pm alcohol violation due to underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall; at 11:05 pm alcohol violation due to underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall.
- 2/13/00 at 12:05 am alcohol violation due to underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall; at 12:15 am alcohol violation due to un-

derage possession in Blanche Ward Hall; at 2:15 am a property crime in Rouzer Hall; at 2:15 am disorderly conduct in DoCS Office.

• 2/14/00 at 10:32 pm medical treatment rendered in McDaniel Hall.

• 2/15/00 at 12:35 am towed vehicle due to reserved parking space in Whiteford Parking Lot; at 8:53 am towed vehicle due

to excessive parking violations in Harlow Park Parking Lot; at 8:53 am towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Rouzer Hall Parking Lot; at 1:26 pm towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Whiteford Lane, at 5:00 pm a case of sexual harassment in Rouzer Hall.



college facility in Hoover Library, at 11:15 pm treatment rendered in Whiteford Hall.

- 2/11/00 at 10:20 pm treatment rendered in DoCS Office, at 11:00 pm treatment rendered in Albert Norman Ward Hall.
- 2/12/00 at 7:45 pm defacing in Whiteford Hall, at 12:32 pm bur-

## Phi Sigma Sigma sorority recognized

ERIN MCGRADY  
Contributing Writer

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 ten sisters will attend a conference in the Baltimore area during the last weekend in February. Then, in early August, those same women will attend a week-long convention in Tampa, FL. During the first meeting, officers from the national office will train the sisters for the session in August. When they meet again in the summer they



Members of Phi Sigma Sigma pose for a picture during their fall formal. The chapter is one of ten chapters selected for the Vision 2000 program.

will develop ideas for polishing the image of the sorority and then formulate plans to turn those ideas into actions.

President of Phi Sigma Sigma, Gina Rende says that, "For any stereotyped group, it is difficult to overcome misconceptions. Greeks at WMC do so much for the com-

munity and hardly any notices. We achieve academically too, while dealing with a number of responsibilities that other students don't have. We need to publicize these accomplishments, and Vision 2000 is just one more way to reaffirm the goodness of the Greek system."

## Bid Night alcohol poisoning

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resulted in the loss of a pledge class for one full year, and the loss of housing privileges to include the group's clubroom.

For instance, in 1998, Alpha Nu Omega had these privileges revoked for a year after one member nearly died from alcohol poisoning.

So far the student has been questioned once, but Kane says there are other witnesses with whom the college would still like

to speak.

Phi Alpha Mu president Krysta Stacy refused to comment on the situation.

The Phoenix also contacted the woman involved, however, she also declined to comment.

The college is still investigating the matter.

Editor's note: Francesca Saylor did additional reporting for this article.

## A week of observing the nation's obsession

STACI L. GEORGE  
News Co-Editor

Did you know that Americans spend over \$40 billion dollars a year on dieting and diet-related products?

When looking over researched 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 handbook 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 Disorder Awareness and Prevention Week beginning on Monday, February 14 and concluding with a "day off from dieting" on the 18.

This year'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 to a worthy charity organization.

On Monday, guest speaker Joan Jacobs Brumberg invited her large audience of male and female students on a journey through history.

The hour and a half adventure took the audience members from corsets to body piercing. Brumberg included diary entries in her presentation, and it's inevitable that women began opening up more and more to their diaries over the course

of a century. Brumberg also used advertisements to show how women's beauty eventually involved their entire body—the right hair color, the perfect face, the ideal weight, and creativity through body piercing and tattoos.

On Tuesday, students could complete self-reports and discuss their concerns about possible eating disorders with professional therapists.

Thursday's event was a panel discussion with four women with either a professional expertise or personal connection to eating disorders.

One of the speakers noted that girls as young as 10 were already becoming weight conscious.

Dr. Cathy Orzolek-Kronner, a professor of the Social Work department as well as the coordinator of WMC's spotlight on eating disorders, commented, "There's been a significant amount of participation in the events we held. It's nice to see the amount of males that come to help and support a woman they're concerned about."

On Friday, students were encouraged to splurge on their calories, and refrain from worrying about gaining weight.

In closing, here's one fact: the average American woman is 5'4" tall, 140 pounds, and wear a size 12. And the average fashion model is 5'11", 117 pounds, and wears a size 0 or 2.

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## Flood damages *Blanche Ward Hall*

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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.

## Computer labs suffer from hacking incidents

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bombs," which can be sent to email addresses and are used to literally shut down the email system. Fortunately, the students were unable to use the software.

By the time the students were finished, two of the eight damaged computers were completely unusable, to the point where the keyboards would not even work.

Four other computers were so damaged that they could only be used for word processing purposes, according to Mathews.

Currently, all of the damaged computers are clean and currently in use.

The process used to catch the students was "pretty simple," according to Mathews. Information Services first looked at data from the computers that showed the specific times the computers were damaged.

They then obtained the surveillance videos from the Charlson lab, and with the help of Campus Safety, were able to identify the two students who were using the computers at that specific time.

Webster said that the surveillance video is not live, therefore it is unable to project what is on each individual computer screen, and it is only used if there is a need for an investigation.

In order to prevent future incidents such

as this one from happening, Mathews said that she has talked with the makers of Foolproof and fixed the flaw that allowed the hackers to disable the security software.

She also said that Information Services is always examining other safety programs, but "it would be unreal to say that we can make the computers completely secure, especially when systems such as the FBI's can be broken into."

The Charlson lab will continue to use surveillance video for security reasons; however, it is unclear what steps the Writing Center (which does not use surveillance video) might take, if any, to heighten security.

Dr. Pam Regis and Dr. Erin Smith, who are temporarily overseeing the Writing Center, refused to comment on this issue.

As for what punishment the students might receive, Sayre said that the Honor and Conduct Board could give them "anything from a warning to expulsion, and anything in between."

He said that there have been two disciplinary incidents involving computers before.

One of the incidents involved the suspension of a student; however, this is the first incident which involves computer hacking.

## Males "have it their way" at the Alpha Psi V-day dance



STACI GEORGE

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-synched to the Backstreet Boys and serenaded their dates. Alpha Psi members invited theatre faculty members, alumni, and undergraduates who have shown initiative to the theatre department by either acting in or doing technical work for the 1999-2000 productions. WMCRC provided the music for the event. Spring theatre productions include "The House of Bernard 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 6 pm on Saturday, February 26.

Through their fasting, the students hope to help our community realize that while we sometimes complain about Giar 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 help 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.

## Dean Horneff discusses WMC's retention rates

NYCOLE TYSON  
Staff 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 79.9 percent. The current juniors arrived with 427 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 with 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 for them to 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 a grade point 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 to 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 Tekoa Forte, 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 returned to WMC after only one semester away.

"I initially left for financial reasons, but while I was gone I recognized the opportunity I would have at WMC 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."

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 will be my unexpected events that will provided me with the most vivid memories and the best stories to keep my stay in Budapest fresh in my mind forever.



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## Professional sports mired in crime

*Kristen G. Fraser examines the recent criminal activity in professional sports.*

In the olden days, sports used to be about athletes participating in the game that they loved with a select number of fans spectating. Now, the sports industry is riddled with many problems. While some might label this trend the result of business changes, it seems that the true crisis lies within the crime problems that riddle the world of professional sports.

Now, this column perhaps belongs in the sports section, but it speaks more to the problems of the American people who continue to support an industry that is obviously overrun with violence.

In the past two months, two professional football players have been arrested for murder. The first is Rae Carruth, who shot his pregnant girlfriend in a drive-by shooting. She died some weeks later.

The second is more local. Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis is being charged in a double homicide that occurred in Atlanta. His face has been plastered across the headlines for weeks, yet no one is attempting to solve the real problem of this detrimental social trend.

There are many other athletes who could be added to the list. The high-profile life of the professional athlete somehow often leads back to drugs, 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 the nature of professional football for 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 our future leaders?

More importantly, why aren't we doing anything about the problem? 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 most 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 semesters parking problems

*Michael Wiles looks back at the nagging issues of present and past semesters.*

Now that the second semester of the 1999-2000 school year is officially in full swing, I thought it would be a good time to check in on some matters around campus.

As I am sure most of you are aware, The Phoenix voiced many concerns regarding various matters around campus in last semester's issues.

Two of the largest points of contention seemed to be lack of parking around campus and the service (and quality) of the Grill. So, in the spirit of progress and change, I will now review some of the pre-

vious problems and see if the situations have improved.

Let us begin with the parking situation. Last semester, many students expressed their dismay over the fact that there never seemed to be any parking spaces available on campus.

This problem was attributed to the fact that many spaces are filled by cars whose owners do not possess parking permits.

If this is true, then the solutions seem to be simple: issue tickets to the people that do not have permission to be parked on cam-

pus. I know that this sounds unfair to the freshmen who are not allowed to park on campus, but I also think 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,

*This might just be a problem to leave to the ages, much like the smell in Rouzer.*

the snow was pushed in front of the cars, or behind them, making movement very difficult. For \$30 a semester, I think that the school should at least try to make sure students can move their cars whenever they want.

As far as progress goes, there has not been any. This might just be a problem to leave to the ages, much like the smell in Rouzer.

Now, on to the Grill. What does one say about such a place? Although the staff is friendly enough, they still seem to lack efficiency.

I understand that most of the problems that people encounter in the Grill occur during peak times, such as between 7 pm and 12 am (Fourth Meal hours), but I still think that is not unreasonable to ask for an order to take less than 40 minutes to prepare. I mean, more amazing things have happened. Of course, the answer here is to hire more staff, at least during the peak hours, in order to serve the students better. Despite this obvious solution, as it stands, I am sorry to report that there has been little progress in this area as well.

All in all, not much has been done to improve the various unsatisfactory situations in and around this campus. One might wonder why the students complaints have been ignored.

As a writer for the *Phoenix*, I think I speak for my fellow staff when I say I feel pretty inadequate about the whole thing. I guess the only thing for us to do now is to think about our failures as we walk from our parking spaces and wait for our food in the Grill. Either way, we should have plenty of time.

## Quirks: The registration process

*Anne Butler explains the long, tedious registration process to underclassmen.*

I opened the *Phoenix*'s final issue of last semester and was appalled to find several complaints about the registration process by underclassmen.

Apparently, they are upset because they were not able to get the classes they wanted and the process took too long.

Please allow me to point out the following things:

1. You all don't need the classes! Upperclassmen do! In order to graduate on time, upperclassmen need to get specific classes to fulfill that final BLAR or major/minor requirement.

If they can't get that class then, generally, they'll be stuck here another semester and many of us cannot afford it. Would you like to have another senior here for one more semester clogging things up because they couldn't get a class they needed?

2. You have time to take the classes. Seniors and Juniors have a semester or two at most in order to take the class and often its only offered in one of those two semesters.

You all can wait your turn until it comes around again. You can also fill another BLAR or requirement and get that out of the way. For most upperclassmen, they only have that one BLAR to fill.

3. It takes a long time. Well so what? Do you know what they did before the current system? You had to line up on your day. No times were assigned. It was first come first serve. People were often lined up at 5 am just to get the classes they needed. Be thankful that the system now is as smooth as it is!

4. Expand your horizons! Take a class on a subject you don't know much about. I took Media Ethics my first semester because it seemed interesting. I didn't know much about it at the time, but eventually I decided I liked the subject so much that now I'm minoring in journalism.

5. Take a (GASP) elective! Yes, classes don't always have to fulfill something. Try taking sign language or maybe an art course. Already does your Global Perspective? Take another one, learn about even more of the world. Going into business? Take Interpersonal Communication. Most employers rate good interpersonal skills as what they look for in a candidate.

Expand your horizons, and respect the upperclassmen.

Remember, we've been there too, and look how we turned out.

## 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 biggest business of our era.

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

**Edward K. Schultheis**  
*discusses the recent trends in professional sports*

manding higher salaries, demanding incentives, and demanding attention. They certainly seem to get what they want all the time.

Is this the type of role models that we need in our society? What ever happened to the role models of the past, where they focused on the good of society and not the lining of their pockets? Are these role models long gone from our daily living?

This is a noble wish, especially in this day of "When do I get mine?" Heck, I would play in Siberia or even Antarctica for \$10 million dollars.

It seems that athletes today feel they can get away with murder...literally. But really, they keep upping their prices, while still expecting the average fans to be able to see their games. How much does a baseball, a football, or even a basketball game cost nowadays? Just a little too much for the average fan.

So most of us just have to be

*Should sports players be role models anyway? How can some players who are convicted of drug use, or spousal abuse, or even accused of murder be our role models?*

ever. Then there is the \$15 million-dollar man, Kevin Brown. He is going to make \$15 million dollars for the next seven years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, and is in fact 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 use of the Dodger's corporate jet.

You might wonder why this commentary isn't found in the Sports section, but I feel that it has a bigger 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 de-

Perhaps they are residing here, but they are simply overshadowed by the money-grubbing players that seem to grab all the attention today. Should sports players be role models anyway? How can some players who are convicted of drug use, or spousal abuse, or even accused of murder be our role models?

The answer is simple: "When I grow up I want to make as much money as they do."

Other players have other motives, such as MLB players Shawn Green and Ken Griffey Jr. Both players chose a team not based solely on their salary, but rather the fact that they wanted to be closer to their homes.

content with watching it on television or catching the highlights on ESPN.

Until the fans dictate what they are willing to spend to go to these sporting events, athletes are free to jack up their prices way past the point of sanity. So do what you want, pay \$100 for a family to go to a game - just don't complain when you're wallet is empty. Either that or you can take a stand and not pay for the crooked athletes to buy new mansions, cars, spouses, or drugs.

What it comes down to and what I am saying is that no athlete, no matter how good he or she is or thinks he is, worth \$15 million dollars a year.

## A simple "thank you" from a former student

**Jorge del Villar** writes to thank Dr. Julie Badiee for her inspiration.

Dear Dr. Julie Badiee,

I write these humble lines because I'm not sure if I had formally thanked you for having such an enormous impact as a professor in my life.

It is ironic that by nothing else than coincidence, I entered into a 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 in-

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 broadened my perspective of the world and of life.

It opened the door to the eastern hemisphere, of which we know so little of in 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 more 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.*

international students at Budapest. They explained to each student the entire American college system and the content of every class at WMC. 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

With every slide, you make students think and feel, lifting up their souls.

You give students the tools to read, understand and interpret art by themselves. What makes you an excellent professor is merely a reflection of your care towards students.

That became evident in all the invitations you and your husband extended to international students who usually don't have a home nearby to go to.

In the name of all the students whose lives you have changed,

## Alan Keyes: A forgotten man lost in the political shuffle

As you just might be aware of, the American media is ever so 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 ultra-social-conservative 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.

However, over the last month, all we've seen on the nightly news has been the white-haired McCain parading about New Hampshire speaking about breaking some ill-fated "iron triangle" in Washington, D.C.

Before John McCain, Elizabeth Dole tickled the fancy of the American Press by bouncing around the United States with her "exploratory committee," capturing the hearts of the same coffers that helped finance her husband's pri-

mary campaign four years ago. And let's not forget Governor Bush, who the cameras have been following around the country for over a year.

Despite the fact that he never says anything new, each and every one of his campaign events has been covered, recovered, and then covered some more. Yet, the Republican Party's best orator—his

**David Lee** discusses the lack of media coverage for Marylander Alan Keyes.

campaign isn't saturated with PAC-money. Alan Keyes was never implicated in the Keating-Five bailout, either.

He's the kind of presidential candidate the media keeps reminding us that we need—honest, forth-

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greatest speaker and their most moving conservative—Alan Keyes, has been totally ignored by the press. He's out-tasted a number of well-qualified Republicans that sought the party's nomination.

In all likelihood, Alan Keyes will probably finish third in total votes to be the party's nominee. Keyes is very popular among Christians, and has increased his appeal among libertarians by advocating Constitutional judges, supporting a non-interventionist foreign policy, and by calling for an immediate end of the federal income tax.

Alan Keyes is the only remaining presidential candidate that stands firmly by Ronald Reagan's pro-life plank in the Republican Party's national platform. Unlike Senator John McCain, Alan Keyes'

right, decent, and outside of the clasp-grip of the beltway political machine.

Yet the only place you'll see or hear from Alan Keyes is on CSPAN at about two o'clock in the morning. CNN (the Clinton News Network) won't touch him, and the national networks collectively have decided to spike any and all reports from his campaign.

Why is it that the leftist-press in the United States blatantly refuses to cover the Keyes campaign? It's simple, really.

The media is downright AFRAID of Alan Keyes. First and foremost, Alan Keyes is a no-compromise conservative. Conservatives that are so harsh and insensitive to call abortion "murder" deserve no forum in the United States (of course, if you support the par-

tial-birth abortion, that's okay). Another audible conservative, Patrick Buchanan has come under similar attacks. However, it's rather impossible for the nabobs of news to peg those charges against Alan Keyes, especially since Mr. Keyes is black.

There's another reason that the media despises Alan Keyes. He's a black conservative. He can say that

Black-America needs to stop blaming poverty for their high crime rates without being pegged as another white, Republican racist.

Alan Keyes can tell Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and Kweisi Mfume to stop crying "prejudice" because there are so many black males on death row. Since Alan Keyes is black, he can blister the left on issues regarding "race" without giving them their convenient counter-argument of direct racism, and they hate him for it.

Alan Keyes does not fit in with 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. Keyes has taken a sharp sword to the concept of big government, apart from the likes of Jesse Jackson, John Lewis, and Charley

Rangel. Keyes has appealed to the need for "personal responsibility".

Simply put, the American media relies on sensationalistic 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 to be on TV.

Is Alan Keyes the only black Republican to get ignored by the press? No. J.C. Watts, a black congressman from Oklahoma, spoke during prime time at the Republican National Convention in 1996. Guess how much coverage he got? Unless you watched CSPAN, you might not have even seen him. Keyes, like Mr. Watts, represents a danger to the media.

They might let the secret out that there really are Black conservatives in the United States—even black REPUBLICANS. But of course, so far as the media goes, they won't tell if you don't.

# Politics prove that history repeats itself

*Dave Lee discusses past politics and their role in determining future politics.*

It is actually somewhat fun to see, really. About every 25 years or so, a major political party in the United States is due for an internal shake-up.

In 1775, George Washington's "no party" philosophy carried the day. By 1800, every living, breathing American patriot was either a Democratic-Republican or a Federalist.

The Know-nothings and Whigs were both somewhat influential for a few decades, but both faded off into oblivion in short-order. After the American Civil War or, "War of Northern Aggression," depending on what latitude you were raised in, the American political arena was graced with only two major parties. The Democrats, and the Republicans.

And while it is true that Populist movements have erupted occasionally over the past 140 years (from William Jennings Bryan to Ross Perot and Patrick Buchanan), most have burned out quickly, and haven't lasted for more than a decade or two (thus was the case with Robert LaFollette's Progressives, as well).

By the late 1960s, the Democratic Party stood in shambles after riots, protests, and street-fights.

The 1968 Democratic convention was a host itself to a literal "war on the floor," but not over the party's platform.

Beer bottles, Confederate flags, and fist-cuffs proudly displayed the cracks in Franklin Roosevelt's foundation. There was 25 years from the end of Franklin Roosevelt's to the Brawl in Chicago.

In 1968, white-Southerners still voted for Democrats straight down the ticket.

Union members voted for Democrats in droves, and homosexuality was off the table in National Politics.

25 years later, Bill Clinton was campaigning as the "pro-gay" president, union-

members had fallen in love with Ronald Reagan, and George Bush carried the South despite losing his bid for reelection in 1992. In 1965, a Democratic President sent Americans into Vietnam. In 1990, a Democratic Congress fought going into Iraq.

But throughout the 20th Century, the Republican Party has followed the revolutionary rule to a "T," too.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Republican Party had become "hands-off" in just about everything.

Modern libertarians by modern definition.

The Republicans were totally against taxes (as a matter of fact, there was no such thing as an "income tax"), against Government regulation, against just about government anything, really.

25 years later, Dwight Eisenhower, a Republican president, was spending billions of dollars on a federal highway system. There were taxes, more taxes, and even more taxes.

The Henry Cabot-Lodges that had opposed Woodrow Wilson had been supplanted by the Republicans that fell in love with the Cold War, and fell under the spell of the Military-Industrial-Complex in the process.

In 1964, Barry Goldwater and a band of hearty conservatives rose up against the Republican political beast and buried a stake in its heart.

Conservatism became a powerful force in American politics.

Well-organized conservatives lined-up behind Richard Nixon, unlike in Nixon's first campaign against Kennedy.

Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey, and

then beat George McGovern in a landslide.

With Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974 and Jimmy Carter's presidential win in 1976, the future of the Republican Party hung in the balance.

The Republican Establishment lined-up behind former President Gerald Ford, and the Goldwater Conservatives lined-up behind an actor named Ronald Reagan.

Reagan supplanted Ford, and went on to an eight-year presidency.

However, in 1989—EXACTLY 25 YEARS after the Goldwater conservatives had captured the Republican Party—the Republican Establishment gained their party back, with the election of George Bush.

The Establishment, after a 25-year hiatus, nominated George Bush twice and Bob Dole once. Now the Establishment is trying to nominate George W. Bush, governor of Texas.

However, the 25-year Historical "tune-up" is repeating itself this year, and its doing so again in the Republican Party.

In 1976, an antiestablishment Republican named Ronald Reagan ran for president and captivated the hearts of Independents and Democrats.

Now, roughly 25 years later, an antiestablishment Republican named John McCain is running for president, and has captivated the hearts of Independents and Democrats all over again (despite a loss to George W. Bush in the South Carolina primary on Saturday).

If history means anything, we should see the Establishment Republican, George W. Bush, lose a narrow election to Al Gore. Gore will then be one of America's worst one-term presidents, and a more conservative John McCain will become a two-term president from 2005-2013.

That is, if the 25-year theory holds up.

## Bradley's campaign hangs in the balance

*Matt Hurff examines the Senator's chances of winning the Democratic Nomination.*

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 is a man who rose from a small town in Missouri, was educated at Princeton and Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. On top of that, he was a star basketball player for the New York Knicks and longtime senator from New Jersey. His campaign had high hopes, as he was called a reformer with a strong chance of withstanding and winning a lengthy presidential campaign.

Now the tables have turned and Bradley is not attracting the demographics he originally intended such as blue collar workers, women, minorities and young, eager liberals.

In New Hampshire, Al Gore fared far better with those groups than Bradley. Instead, Bradley made a strong showing in New Hampshire with older, affluent men, which does not make up a large portion of the Democratic Party. Unless Bradley can win back his original constituency, he will face problems in the remaining primaries.

Bradley has lost this edge due to the large amount of focus drawn to Al Gore and the impassioned John McCain of the GOP.

Bradley has not been able to replicate the focus and dynamic of the McCain campaign. If Bradley can learn lessons from McCain, he could certainly gain an edge over Gore.

Another major cause for Bradley's decline can be attributed to losses in the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary. These losses have caused major problems in his perception by the media. Apparently, most news outlets feel that two slim losses to Gore mean that Bradley has conceded the

democratic nomination already, leaving him far behind McCain, Bush and Gore in the press attention.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School for communication at the University of Pennsylvania sums this decline best when she says, "The press is functioning as if the Bradley-Gore race is over."

In order to reverse this slide Bradley has drawn more attention to his campaign by gaining the support of basketball superstar and owner of the Washington Wizards, Michael Jordan.

Jordan is now participating in a Bradley advertisement campaign in which the basketball great says: "I know the kind of American I want for my children. It's a place where every family has good health, and no family suffers from the tragedy of gun violence."

It's a place where every child has a bright future, and where skin color or eye shape doesn't matter anymore. It's a place where you can be proud to be an American. It's time for us to believe in something that will give every American an opportunity to succeed and be viewed equally. That's why I'm supporting Bill Bradley for president. Shouldn't you?"

To me, this seems very idealistic and vague. Nevertheless, the words of Jordan should revitalize the Bradley campaign (especially in Chicago and North Carolina) and allow Bradley to elaborate on how he plans on achieving such lofty goals.

Bradley must act quickly to build on this

momentum provided by Jordan by showing a more charismatic personality in addition to elaborating on how he plans to achieve his goals; not just vaguely stating his ideas. Bradley is other powerful supporters such as Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

Al Gore, however, still has the edge over Bradley in this category especially since he still has the backing of the White House.

Bradley definitely has the financial means to withstand the tumults of a lengthy campaign, as he still has \$20 million to spare. Yet, ultimately, what will determine Bradley's staying power is "Super Tuesday."

This day, March 7 is dubbed "Super Tuesday" because 16 states including Maryland will vote to decide 30 percent of the Democratic Party's delegates. The key states on March 7 will be New York and California, where Bradley is currently busy campaigning. These states will be where Bradley can use his remaining funds most effectively, as television ads will be vital to win over such large states where he will not be able to personally reach the entire population.

At the same time, this is an area where Bradley is particularly vulnerable; he has inexperienced people working the campaign trail for him.

Gore on the other hand, has Clinton campaign vets and the labor unions working feverishly by his side. This portion of the campaign is stacked against Bradley, since Gore has can utilize Clinton supporters to his advantage in addition to utilizing techniques which have worked or failed for Clinton. The deciding day will be March 7; time is ticking for Bradley.

## Voice your opinions

*Edward K. Schultheis examines the status quo, and calls for change*

Some might wonder what is the purpose of a commentary section or an editorial page in a collegiate newspaper. Some people might say that many of the issues we present aren't relative or don't really affect that many people. Someone might even say that an editorial can't evoke change.

However, that is a fallacy the student body should not use as an excuse to remain silent. While I walk around the campus, I am sure to hear my fellow students voicing their concerns about issues on campus or even on national issues. Yet I am still surprised that every week, the only editorials and commentaries that I receive are from the staff.

Are people afraid to write anything for the paper, are they not motivated to even write for the paper, or do they just not even care? It seems that this is the question of the ages. Have people just stopped caring about change? Or are we so wrapped up in our lives that we don't care about evoking change?

The answer to the latter is actually the simplest. Someone is always reading the newspaper in hopes of coming up with new ideas or ways to improve something.

True, change won't always come around right away, but persistence is always a quality to initiate change. That is the main reason of editorials in collegiate newspapers such as the *Phoenix* - to evoke change.

The whole idea of the First Amendment is based around this principle. This even seems to be the age of the most frequent usage of the First Amendment, such as John Rocker's statements in an issue of a previous *Sport's Illustrated*. However, it seems that fewer and fewer people are using their rights to their full potential.

There are many things that need change, and while we might be inclined to just sit around and be happy with the present and the way things are, we can't let change go by the waste side.

This is the reason that we have commentary and editorial sections in newspapers.

While some might view the section to be superfluous and unnecessary, it is in fact an integral part of the newspaper.

The only problem is that so many people are content with the status quo, that people can't seem to find time to try to change, yet they always find time to complain about an exorbitant amount of things both on campus and off.

The only difference is that these people don't take the time to make a difference, they just expect it to be made for them.

This could be the only downfall of the First Amendment, because it takes for granted the fact that people will do something about change, when in reality it seems that everyone is able to complain but only a few people can actually make a push for change.

Do something for your fellow human being, and make a push for change, the status quo only works for so long.



# 60 Seconds

## What is the craziest daydream you've had during class?

Words and pictures by Raini Wright

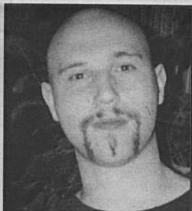


*"I was a star on Broadway singing 'Luck be a Lady Tonight'."*

Tricia Chin-Quee  
Social Work '01

*"I was behind the scenes in Glar playing bass with three of my residents."*

Eric Brind 'Amour  
Art '01



*"Top secret agents decide that I have to go with them because I know something no one else does."*

Dave Hanoyk  
Exercise Science '01

*"That I 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

## "Scream 3": Too much of a good thing

JOAN FAULKNER  
Staff Writer

Everybody likes scary movies. Of course, they're no fun unless you're actually scared. Who cares about some madman stabbing 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 "cheesies"? 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 "I 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 mind you, 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 in 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 alive from the last movie (Neve Campbell, David Arquette, and Courtney Cox Arquette). They converge on the set of the movie, "Stab 3", which is based on the murders that happened in "Scream 2". Dwight "Dewey" Riley (Arquette) and Gale Weathers (Cox) reunite to discuss what went wrong with their relationship.

They are joined by the cast members of "Stab 3" on some escapades to deserted houses, where the killer has an easy "stab" at them. Sidney (Campbell) meanwhile, is in hiding getting weird phone calls. She eventually turns up at the "Stab" set as well, and helps to foil the mysterious killer. Sooner or later, of course, they all meet at a huge mansion where Sidney ends up face to face with the killer once more.

I must admit that 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.

## Stocks soar for "Boiler Room"

KATE ESPOSITO  
Features Editor

Crooked lawyers, evil doctors, corrupt politicians; there is now a new genre for the society-is-out-to-get-us film: deceptive stockbrokers. The film "Boiler Room" is excellent at fueling viewers' paranoia.

The movie stars 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 closes 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 stability of small time crime.

The main reason, Davis takes the job at JP Marlon is to try to make his father proud.

However, Marty Mathis (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 sketchy 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." Unfor-

tunately, 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 likeable 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 conscience. He is also a bit coerced by a certain government agency. Suffice to say, Weinstein's will not be the only scowling face.

This is an excellent film, despite its flaws and sexism it's must-see if you work in the phone center.

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## Garrett on linguistics and life

SHAUNA 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 honeymoon. This woman 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 she 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 Phi Delta 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 it can be very hard.

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 better. She even sought out new textbooks with which to teach the course. She continued teaching until she left Penn.

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



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Susan Garrett, a relatively new addition to the faculty at WMC

is grading compositions. "It's slow and there are so many things to keep in mind. It's so subjective."

On a more personal level, Garrett has two cats, Cartes and Yohualli (which is the Aztec word for midnight). She is a member of the National Puzzler's League along with her fiancé. They both love puzzles and games of all kinds. In fact, her fiancé proposed to her in a puzzle that he created. She now has this puzzle framed, and it sits on the desk in her office.

Another hobby of Garrett's is making soaps. She enjoys this because, "It's fun and fast." She even sells her soaps on-line and in a shop at Cranberry Mall.

One would suspect that as a person who spends a lot of time working with words, Garrett would have a favorite, and she does. The word is "esdrújula," a Spanish term meaning "words stressed on the antepenultimate (third from the end) syllable." She finds it interesting that the word is an example of what it means. And, she added, "it's just a fun word to say."

## Rat's Web by Anne Butler

### A look at Virii, Trojans, and Worms

You've probably heard of viruses, possibly through one of the many e-mail hoaxes that seem to be keeping perpetuated. Maybe you've even been hit by a virus and you know first hand how much damage it can do. 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 just display a message and then let you get back to your normal computing). Others can be more dangerous.

Many viruses can change your files or even delete some of the files that your computer needs to run, preventing it from even starting up correctly. So far only one type of virus can actually damage hardware; that is the CIH virus and its mutations. They can damage the BIOS, or what allows you to communicate with your computer. It only costs around thirty dollars to fix, but can still be annoying.

Macro viruses are a type that is particularly devastating to Word. They can really screw up the operation of the program or delete document files. Finally, there are special types of macro viruses like "Melissa" that sends copies of itself as an attachment to everyone in your e-mail address book. It doesn't do much harm to a computer, but it

can shut down businesses by overloading servers.

Trojans you probably haven't heard about. No, I'm not referring to the condoms or the horse. I'm referring to a program that exists on your computer that allows a hacker with the corresponding program to have access to your computer. They can delete files, steal passwords and credit card numbers, and generally play hell with your computing life. If they delete any files Windows needs in order to run, you will not be able to start up Windows.

A Worm is a special 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 out 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!

#### Weird-Ass Site of the Issue

Kurumi's Humble House of Roadsdom - <http://www.kurumi.com/roads/freeway.html> Are you a road geek? Er, no, I mean REAL roads like with the yellow lines and everything? This guy is.

## Fun times at the Fat Cat Cafe

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On a Saturday afternoon, a friend and I decided to take a stroll down Main Street. Saturday afternoon, however, is not the best time to look for adventure in downtown Westminster. Most places were either closed by 2 pm or about to close within the next few hours. One of the more enticing places to stop that was 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 people there. We arrived right before their dinner "rush" started. Both of us ordered sandwiches and coffee. I personally recommend the Kosher Style Sandwich. This sandwich was excellent - lean corned beef, sauerkraut, and melted Swiss cheese on toasted rye bread with a side of Russian dressing (yum). The 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 portobello mushroom sandwich, just to name two options. Plus, there are always salads - fruit, house, and caesar - to choose from.

Fat Cat Cafe also offers breakfast and dinner. You can get omelets, Belgian waffles or something as simple as oatmeal. Dinner usually starts sometime around 5 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 standard drinks such as soda, hot chocolate, or iced coffee. They also have Italian sodas to fit every taste.

Their desert menu offers such things as muffins, scones, and tiramisu. They have tarts 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 fairly reasonable prices.

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 were we in was small - six tables. The cozy arrangement is nice for a quiet conversation at any time of day. The green marbled tables and chairs plus the rose pink walls make for a soothing environment. Decorating the walls and windows are paintings and sun-catchers, all on sale, that are quite eclectic yet fit in with the decor.

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 Sundays. On Friday and Saturday extended hours extend to 10 pm for dinner.

It's reasonable prices and excellent food make for an enjoyable experience. Their lunch-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 strolling down Main Street with 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.

## Locust Books offers atmosphere

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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 need only take a short walk down Main Street. There you will find Locust Books.

Although this store is no Borders or Barnes and Noble, whatever it lacks in size, it makes up for 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 quotes about love and friendship. There are also handmade cards, bookmarks, posters, and stickers ranging from Hercules tattoos to Pokemon. A perfect gift for a roommate would be the Wubulous World of Dr. Seuss coloring book. They can discover their inner child by coloring a picture of Horton the Elephant.

Another interesting section features books on mythology and philosophy.

There are collections of Celtic parables, books on dream interpretation, and several titles on eastern religions. If you are an education major, or children's books are at your intellectual level, almost the entire back of the store is devoted to the under 12 set. There are paperbacks, board books, and stuffed animals.

The humor section is also excellent. There is a parody on almost every subject, from dumping a guy to a book on how to become a certified idiot-for dummies. The selection does not stop there, however. The most unusual book that I noticed was a thick hard-back written about the history of bookshelves. For the more conservative, regular bestsellers are also available.

There is a bargain section with books at greatly reduced prices for the financially impaired. Unfortunately, those on a low budget must be interested in a book on the movie "We're Back: A Dinosaur's Story" or a biography of Hanson. If not, bring your parents' or friend's credit card.

If you are looking for a specific title, the employees are happy to help you. Foregoing the computer age, all of the books available are indexed in an old-fashioned filing system: note cards. This store is a great place to spend an afternoon, especially since the back connects to the cafe next door.

You can spend an hour or two just browsing with no overt exasperation shown by the clerk if you fail to buy anything. This is also a good form of procrastination if you are supposed to be writing a paper or studying for an exam.

Another exam-related reason to go: there is a large selection of Cliff's Notes.

# Advice from the stars, the animals, and the horoscope goddess

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**Pisces** (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
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.

**Aries** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)  
This is your month to be creative with fruit! You will realize that Red Square would look a lot better with a fruity sculpture of Freud. Ride the edge! Go for it! Your lucky animal is the playtups.

**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.

**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.

**Cancer** (June 24 - July 23)  
Hello Crabs. Don't you guys feel jipped? Your lucky animal is the ANW cockroach.

**Leo** (July 24 - Aug. 23)  
You, the lion, are not afraid of this sporadic weather. GRRRRR You are tough! GRRRRR You are strong! GRRRRR! It's friggin cold out

here! Your lucky animal is the lamb. Not just any lamb, Maa from the movie Babe".

**Virgo** (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)  
This month you will float too close to the horizon. Beware that your balloons of purity do not pop from the exertion! 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 porcine.

**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.

**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.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
Do not live in fear of the future! Chinese Fortune Cookies will not hurt you! Much... Your lucky animal is the capybara: a four foot long web-footed South American rodent.

**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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## 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.

In the spirit of Black History Month several WMC students were asked to give their opinions about what they felt was the sig-

nificance of this month-long celebration.

Here's what they had to say:

"To promote and learn about positive black history"



Aleya Horn '01

"Respect and recognition of African Americans' role in American history"

Penelope Miller, '03

"Education"

Mithona Dan '02



"To heighten awareness in the community"  
- Joe Lucas, '00



"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 educate people that don't know about black history, to make people more aware, to reemphasize history"  
- Shaiah Gady, '02

"Tries to make up for the lack in our existing educational framework"

- Camille Cooke, '00

## 9:30 Club hosts V-Day Love Out

MIKE YESTRAMSKI and CHRIS 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 Splittsville 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 Splittsville. Splittsville is quickly becoming one of our favorite bands,

due to their combination of high energy sound and their witty and sometimes puzzling stage antics, and this show only helped to reaffirm that belief.

The opening adrenaline shot of "The Misfits" to the last sad refrain of "Yearbook," kept the crowd going from start to finish. The high point of the show was during "The First Thing About Regret," where they brought an audience member on stage to play the cow bell with them. This typifies the unpredictability that makes a Splittsville show one to remember.

Finally, Mary Prankster came on stage, sporting her bright red cowboy hat as well as her red leather "rocker pants" and launched into a raunchy rendition of her hit "Valentine." After a slight introduction of herself and her band to the audience, Prankster played hits off of both her debut album "Blue Skies over Dundalk" and her recent release, "Roulette Girl."

Although most of the die-hard fans in the audience enjoyed the performance, we felt that Prankster lacked the energy that was such a crucial part of the evening for the other acts. This might be due to the fact that the songs off of her new album lacked the spirit and sense of rebellion that was so prevalent on "Blue Skies over Dundalk."

Overall, the show was a hit. Fans of any of the bands did not leave disappointed.

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## Selecky pursues NFL dreams

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At the current time Selecky has no trouts lined up, but believes that they will come.

In the mean time he continues to train everyday, and is currently putting together a highlight tape from his WMC days for his agent to distribute.

He says he considers the Arena League a good starting point.

This is the same league that produced this year's Super Bowl MVP

Kurt Warner.

No matter where Selecky's pro football career takes him, the former sociology major says that he does plan to return to school to finish his degree.

He is one full year away from graduation because he did not take the spring semester of his sophomore year.

No matter how close Selecky is to graduation, Keating is uncertain of Selecky's return to school.

"I think that if you look at it historically, it's a very difficult thing to do, coming back, finishing your degree," he said. "There's so many other things that occupy your life," he added.

But Selecky is obstinate on this point.

"I will return to school," he said.

But whether or not Selecky does return to school, one thing is certain, he will not be returning to Western Maryland. While he loved

his days here, both on and off the playing field, he says that being here full time would be too painful.

"I don't want to be there and not play," he said. While he most likely won't graduate from WMC, and he may go on to bigger and better things on the football field, one thing is clear, Tommy Selecky was more than just a football player, or a student at Western Maryland, he was a personality, and he left an in-

delible mark on the WMC community.

"I like to remember Tommy on the football field, and the passion and the passion that he had in going after the man that he was to crush, and he talked about that to the press, but I think that the Tommy that I'll always remember is the one with the smile on his face and the glint in his eye," Dean Horneff said.

## Selecky faces scare

DAN GADD  
Staff Writer

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 than 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 that on hold one night so that he could be with a friend who was heading back to Penn State the next day.

The night went to a crowded bar. Their last 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 on one. But when 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

now 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.

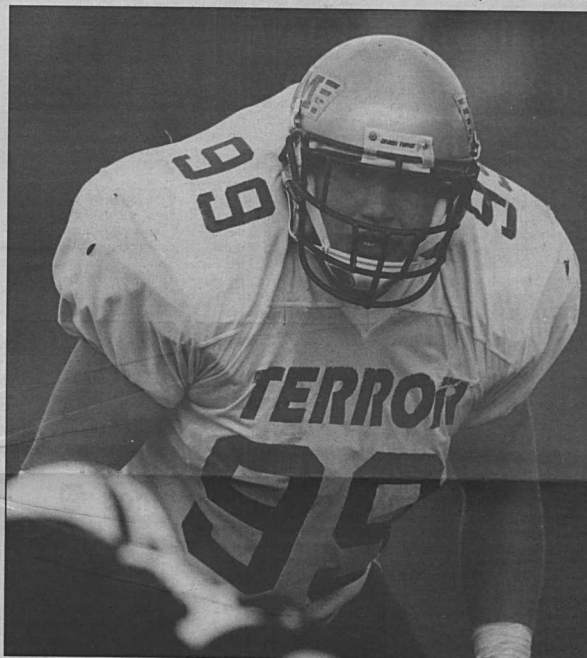
The injuries left Selecky with a lot of scarring, but other than that he has made a full recovery.

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 is 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.



Tommy Selecky prepares to attack during a home football game.

SPORTS INFORMATION

## 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 (1-11, 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 Johns 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. Af-

ter 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 Hill and 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 lead 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 they beat last month, but a breakout 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 foul shots 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 have 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 it won't be long until the Men's basketball team will be competitive and winning once again.

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# Sports View: The question of sports life versus real life

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
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As I sit here and type this column, I begin to think of how I spend my hard spent tuition money at this fine institution of learning. In short, I wonder if it is all really worth it.

I mean, I bust my 'ss in a number of classes, and if I am successful, if I truly do well, I may end up with a high five-figure salary pushing paper past my desk and aggravating an ulcer.

I recall the sense of adventure in my youth when it 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 this my actual 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 severe 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 trouble. To, in a word, be immortal. Well, that's where you would be wrong.

Rae Carruth was not above the law. I am willing to bet that Ray Lewis wishes to God right now that he were not held on such a pedestal.

Payne 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 than you or I.

They make millions and have thousands of fans. They also are the first ones that we see on the news for drug possessions 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?

I do not know the answer, and frankly I do not want to know.

You can not judge yourself by the things you have not done, only for the things you have.

Let those who lead that life worry about themselves. I have a hard enough time just writing this column.

P.S. If you hate this column, or for the three of you who actually read and enjoy this little slice of life, e-mail me your comments and questions at cma002@wmde.edu.

I will be more than happy to answer any question or piece of hate mail that I get, and I may even use it in a future column. Later.

## Women's basketball falls just short of reaching playoffs

DAN GADD  
Staff Writer

Western Maryland's playoff bubble has burst.

Despite recent optimism, 12 midnight has struck for the Western Maryland women's basketball team, and maybe just a little too quickly for the team that was seemingly improving every week.

Needing just to beat Washington College (10-14, 4-9) at home on February 19 to force a tie breaker game with Franklin and Marshall to decide the Centennial Conference's final play off berth, the Green Terror (11-12, 7-6) were upset 66-54.

Washington, who hadn't beaten the Terror in five years, 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 earlier this season, refused to fade away.

Trailing 58-41 midway through the second half, WMC rattled off 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 trailed second place Franklin and Marshall by one game in the Centennial Conference standings.

With F&M playing at last place Dickinson that same day, it seemed that the best the Terror could do was hold the distance at one game.

With this in mind, WMC 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 can't 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 seven, but with 1:14 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 it, 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 guard Jen Piccolomini ('03), and with 11 seconds remaining she drained her fifth three of the game, knotting the two teams at 54 apiece, and sending the game to overtime.

WMC jumped out early, scoring the first bucket of overtime, but it was all down hill from there. The more experienced Hopkins team went on a 13-2 run to ice the game, 67-58.

"It was just unfortunate. Down the line in the last five minutes, Hopkins has been there a few more times than we 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 went back to the locker room to let her team know that they were still alive.

"It was like being on a low from knowing that we could've beaten Hopkins, to a high on, we can still play them again," WMC guard Jen Piccolomini said, recalling her re-

action to Coach Martin's news.

The loss to Washington three days later ended that possibility, however.

Piccolomini finished the game with 17 points to lead the Terror and Jill Ibe ('01) added 16 to go with 13 rebounds and five blocked shots.

The big game was nothing new for Ibe, who was named the Centennial Conference's Player of the Week two days prior to the Hopkins game. Her week included a three game tear against Dickinson, Elizabethtown, and Gettysburg in which she scored 57 points, and pulled down 33 rebounds.

"We can always count on her. Even if she's not having a good shooting night she still does so many other things for our team, if it's rebounding, or if she gets herself to the foul line, she makes big plays for the team, and she did that all week long," Piccolomini said.

This was certainly true of the then crucial February 12 match-up at Gettysburg (12-9, 6-6).

With both teams hoping to find a place in the conference tournament, Ibe pulled down 11 rebounds and scored five of her 15 points from the charity stripe in helping the Terror to a 69-56 victory.

Ibe got help from fellow co-captain Patty Russo ('01) who poured in a season high 16 points in the win, and Brust, who added 15 points, and more importantly, 15 rebounds.

The Terror controlled the game throughout, but the Bullets tried to make it close, pulling to within six midway through the second half. WMC, however, squelched that advance by going on a 6-0 run and never looked back. The win was the fourth consecutive Centennial Conference victory for the green and gold.

Western Maryland was not fortunate two days earlier, however, when a very talented Elizabethtown (17-4) team came to Westminster. Despite a well fought first half, Elizabethtown eventually pulled away and handed the Terror a 69-

49 defeat.

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. Elizabethtown, 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 played an excellent first half, offensively and defensively. In the second half, I think that the skill, and the composure, and the experience of Elizabethtown 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 Abbie Fabian ('01) was a good example of this talent, as she lit the Terror up with 16 points, five assists, and an amazing nine steals, tying a WMC opponent's 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 Elizabethtown's 24th consecutive against the Terror.

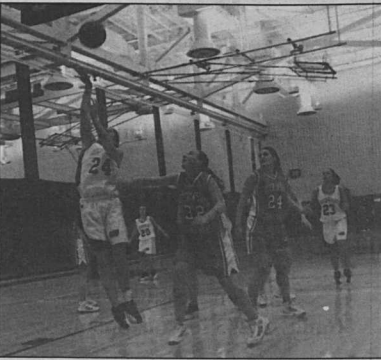
Dickinson must have felt the

same way playing at Western Maryland on February 8. That's because the Terror tandem of Ibe and Piccolomini tore through Dickinson like a pair of tornadoes through a trailer park. Piccolomini scored a Terror season high 26 points to go with five rebounds, four steals, and three assists.

Ibe added another 24 points, as well as blocking four shots and grabbing 13 boards. Her 13 rebounds gave her 459 career rebounds, placing her in Western Maryland's all time top ten. Dickinson was not 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, when they sagged in on Jill to try to contain her, we were able to go outside 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 started a 13-0 run that buried the Red Devils, and WMC went on to cruise to a 86-68 victory.

While Western Maryland finishes with its first losing season in six years, a bright future appears on their horizon with all five starters returning next season.



Jen Piccolomini shoots for two in a recent home game.

ERIN OWEN



**The****GREEN  
TERROR****Scoreboard***Statistics as of Feb. 20, 2000*

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Pts.-Assts.-Rbnds.</i>		<i>Name</i>	<i>Pts.-Assts.-Rbnds.</i>		<i>Name</i>	<i>Wins-Losses</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Points</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
B. Billman	297-21-183		Jill Ibox	361-23-196		Vinny Pedalino	17-4	C. Clemmons	223.75	K. Wnukowski	208.00
Erik Larson	103-15-46		Piccolomini	259-60-125		Jon Pitonzo	23-18	Luke Page	122.50	C. Joyce	132.25
Greg Hill	143-36-33		Kris Brust	183-11-111		Mike Macey	22-18	Matt Fields	118.25	Annie Linz	101.25
J. Hegmann	155-24-83		Patty Russo	154-43-57		Billy Bobbitt	19-15	S. Chadra	116.50	Jenny Weddle	73.00
Mike Furey	135-11-103		Sindi Stem	125-50-53		Rob Johns	13-2	Jon Soucy	68.50	Kalli Patentas	66.50
Sean Pond	135-15-34		Brenneman	143-30-100		Scott Taylor	20-15	Martin Wisor	63.50	Brooke Pierce	62.25
Mike Paesani	129-19-59		Brianne Bray	28-6-26		Eric Bartzak	12-13	Balasz Szidor	3.00	Ellen Miller	51.00
K. Friedheim	107-16-73		S. McPherson	54-15-39		Charlie Conaway	34-9			Kelli Rostkowski	43.50
Curtis Miller	61-5-46		S. Chorman	68-7-23		Chris McNally	27-17			Alice Litsinger	15.50
Jack Kowalik	91-11-33		Megan Linch	24-15-35		Brian Jones	2-2			Melissa Grimmer	7.25
Jeff Myers	85-44-28		Dena Morgan	34-21-19		Nick Alley	12-11			Sara Gregg	2.7

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# Green Terror Sports

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## Wrestling wins league championship, sends 4 to NCAA

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Sports Editor

The Terror wrestling team continued their trend of dominance, that has been so prevalent this season, this past Saturday at the Centennial Conference Championships, held at Johns Hopkins University, by walking away with 10 place winners and 9 medalists.

This is the first time since the school joined the Centennial Conference and only the second time in school history that the Terror has had 10 place winners.

The Terror won the tournament title with 102.5 points, which set a conference record for margin of victory.

Their closest opponent was Gettysburg, who finished with 68 points.

"This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for us," said recent Centennial Conference coach of the year award winner John Lowe.

"We are very young and things just weren't clicking at the beginning of the season, so we just went back to basics.

The freshmen and sophomores just went on a tear after that."

Senior Charlie Conway won the gold medal at 184 lbs. for the second year in a row, flattening his first two opponents in 57 seconds and 1:06, respectively.

Conaway won the final with a 14-4 major decision, bringing his school record totals for pins and victories to 58 and 110, respectively.

Conaway won both the outstanding wrestler award as well as the first ever Chris Clifford Memorial Award.

The Clifford Award was made to honor the memory of Chris Clifford, a Gettysburg wrestler who was killed in an automobile accident.

The award is given to the senior who was amassed the most points in the Centennial Conference Tournament over their career.

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 (197 lbs.).

Conaway said that he is "real proud of the team. They did an excellent job."

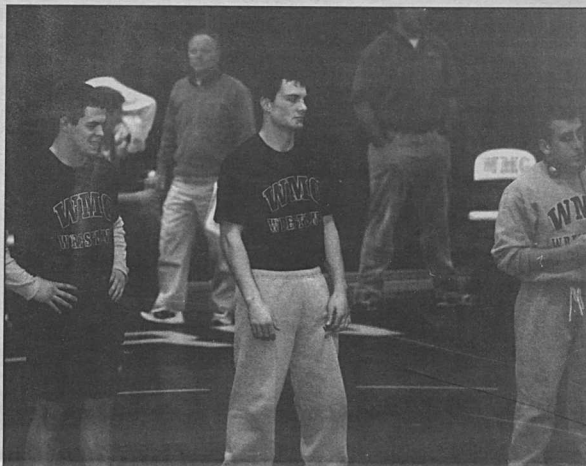
He's also very happy that the school is sending four people to the national tournament.

Having four NCAA qualifiers is a Western Maryland College record.

Johns, a sophomore transfer from Wagner College, also completely dominated his weight class by pinning his first two opponents in 2:10 and 45 seconds.

He scored a 15-6 major decision in the finals.

Sophomore standout Vinny Pedalino made his second career trip to the conference finals and came away a winner this season with an 8-5 decision.



Captains Charlie Conway, Scott Taylor, and Jon Pitonzo cheer on their teammates

Pedalino lost last years final on a controversial call in overtime.

McNally, who spent his freshman season backing up junior Scott Taylor, made the most of his starting opportunity by winning an 8-6 decision in the finals.

Sophomore Mike Macey (141 lbs.) came up just short in the finals, losing a heartbreaker 4-3.

Taylor (165 lbs.) and fellow junior

Brian Jones (275 lbs.) both finished third, along with senior Jon Pitonzo (133 lbs.) and freshman Eric Bartzack (174 lbs.). Freshman Billy Bobbitt (149 lbs.) finished fourth.

The Terror finished the dual meet season with a share of the dual meet Centennial Conference Title.

In the words of Lowe, "[the team is] rebuilt now."

The Terror defeated Kings 23-15, but lost to Messiah 27-18.

Despite the loss to Messiah, the Terror finished with their best record in thirty years and their third best record ever.

The Terror also finished the dual meet season with a share of the dual meet Centennial Conference Title. In the words of Lowe, "[the team is] rebuilt now."

## Former linebacker Selecky faces long journey to pro's

DAN GADD AND GREG LEDERER  
Staff Writers

Former Western Maryland standout linebacker Tommy Selecky 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 became 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 lifelong 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 experience 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, realizing your individuality is every bit as important as finishing a college 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 something 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 anything else that he sets his sights on, he has tunnel vision on accomplishing 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 quick to point out "It's impossible 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 tenaciousness with which Selecky goes after things puts him in a position 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 football 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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# Phoenix

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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.

Keller 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 of campus."

"It's sad that I have to call this 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*.

Much of the information in this article was obtained from the March 3 edition of the *Carroll County Times*.

## 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 College 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 urinated 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.

Students like Rachel Spencer were "disgusted" when they heard the news. Spencer said she was supposed to receive a Papa John's gift certificate. She said that "more than anything else it was a hassle" because she was going to give the certificate to another student as a Bingo prize. She feels like she is letting her fellow stu-

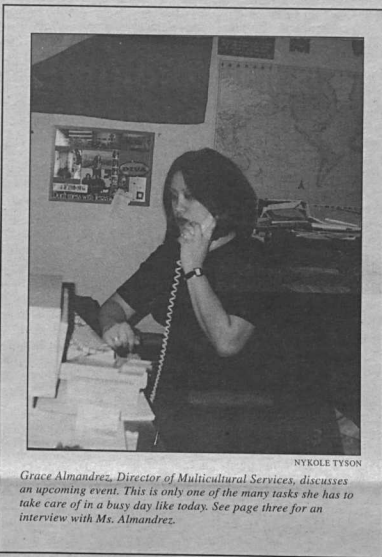
dent down by making him wait, even though it is not her fault that she will have to go through the whole process of getting another one.

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.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, said there are no suspects at this point. He also stated that since there are usually only two officers on duty at a time, it makes it difficult to prevent such an occurrence. He is still unaware of why the perpetrator(s) would have done this because "it didn't inconvenience anyone but the postal workers." Webster said it is often the case in crimes of vandalism that the person mainly affected by the act is the janitorial or maintenance person who has to clean it up, not the college or a particular individual, so he sees it as rather "juvenile."

One postal worker said an incident like this happens every year around Spring Fling when students are drunk; however, he speculates

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Grace Almadrez, Director of Multicultural Services, discusses an upcoming event. This is only one of the many tasks she has to take care of in a busy day like today. See page three for an interview with Ms. Almadrez.

NYKOLE TYSON

## 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 re-

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## Students react to Ethernet in dorms

STACEY M. MEYERS  
Staff Writer

system has been extremely positive, but surprisingly low.

"I'm very excited," says freshman Jenny Wetzel 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 hookup 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 per-

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## Sounds of Silence hosts Deaf Awareness Week

KRISTEN 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

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sponsible.

The offense is a violation of proscription six of the Honor Code. According to Phil Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, the Board recommended that the student be suspended for two semesters, pay the college in excess of \$6,000 for damages, serve fifteen hours of community service with the Department of Campus Safety upon his return to the college, and live off-campus upon his return to Western Maryland. Sayre said the outcome is being appealed to Acting President Joan Coley, and the final result will not be known until March 8 or 9.

Concerning the computer hacking offenses, the first decision of the Board was appealed and the final decision, which did not vary from the first, was released by Sayre on March 6. While the two students were originally charged with violating Proscriptions one, two, three, and 12 of the Honor Code, they were only held responsible for violating one and 12.

The students will pay the college restitution in the amount of \$742 for the approximately 36 hours it took Information Services

to fix the computer problems, and will serve 100 hours of community service each with the Department of Housekeeping.

In addition, Sayre said one student will be placed on disciplinary probation for the rest of his college career while the other will be on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the spring semester.

Despite the serious health issues involved in the alcohol poisoning, the student was not brought before the Honor and Conduct Board because it was a first offense and she was over 21, Sayre said. However, Scott Kane spoke with her on Feb. 15 and the issue was handled through the college's disciplinary system, Sayre said.

Because he is concerned with the issue of the Phi Alpha Mu sorority's involvement in the incident, Sayre met with an advisory group on March 6 to discuss it.

The group consists of two students involved in Greek leadership, two faculty Greek advisors, Assistant Director of College Activities Betsy Chimock, and Health Education Coordinator Bonnie Bosley. The outcome will not be known until Mar. 8 or 9.

## Seventy freshman take advantage of Ethernet

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cent of the students in Whiteford and Rouzer have personal computers, so a response rate of only 23 percent seems quite low.

So what is the problem? Some people, like Samantha Bain, do not feel it is worth the investment. "I am not currently using Ethernet because it was a waste of money for just two months, and I do not want to go through all that trouble installing it," she says. "Timing was a problem. Maybe if they had it up and running right after break I would have got Ethernet. Plus, why should I have to pay for Ethernet when I have to still pay for the data phone which I would not be using?" Bain wonders.

Others, like freshman Craig Johnson, just did not read the notice. Even though he cannot use the phone and the Internet at the same time, he says he's "satisfied with the current connection - pretty much - but the Ethernet would be better. I wish they'd send out another notice," he adds.

In addition, there are about twice as many men using the Ethernet as women, Mathews comments, although she notes that the men seem to have more trouble getting the system hooked up. Usually, however, the setup has gone very smoothly. "Once the students turn their forms in, we've been able to get the system activated within an hour or two," she claims.

WMC has finally joined the information age with the new Ethernet connection, but the benefits are not just for freshmen. The upper-class dorms are next on the list, and according to Mathews, will be done as soon as possible, hopefully by the beginning of fall semester.

Soon, all WMC students could be echoing Judy Ollery's response to the Ethernet. "It is a lot more convenient for me because I can quickly get on the net and I don't have to wait in line to connect to the school server," she says. "I love it!"

## 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 Ensor Lounge!!!
- Watch out for a possible 50 day party.
- Questions? Call Kelly Dunnivant x8010.

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

If you have questions call Steve Sharkey at x8646

Class of 2003

- 4v4 Basketball Tournament in mid-April
- Revival of Mr. WMC contest
- Class meeting Monday March 6th @ 8 pm in the bottom of Hill Hall.
- Questions? Call Jamin Bartolomeo x8421

-Issues about Residence halls and campus activities

Meetings every Tuesday 9 pm in the Pub

Public Relations

Meet 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 a. - 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 SGA TO BE SOLVED ON THURSDAY MARCH 23RD IN THE FORUM.

FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MATT GRIBBIN AT X8222

## Basement room of Lewis no longer remains a mystery

RICH SUCHOSKI  
Distribution Manager

Many rumors have circulated about what the sub-basement of Lewis Hall of Science was 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 nuke attack, which is why the elevator does not go all the way down. When a squad of Soviet bombers were launched, the secretary would be escorted here to WMC and descend into the shelter to wait out the nuclear winter. This is not feasible, according to Ted Gup 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 Fallout 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 Lying*. In it, the entire story of the sub-basement of Lewis is disclosed.

The sub-basement was created back in the 1960s when the second addition was being added with Lewis Recitation Hall. Its purpose was to house the United States Office of Censorship, created during the Eisenhower era, and was only to be established in times of national emergency.

Because the word "censorship" sounded

too unpleasant, the organization's name changed during the Nixon administration to WISP (as in whisper), the Wartime Information Security Program.

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 news 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 other strategic locations.

As if this view of war is not scary enough, this book was printed back in 1973, yet the US government relinquished their lease this 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 285 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 mentions, 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 30cc bottle of ephedrine, two shortwave radios, lots of green-screen computers, two soundproof rooms, blueprints dating back to 1957, and a big brown bottle of rubarb 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 happens 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 mostly computer labs for chemistry and other



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On Wednesday, March 1, a Black Woman's History program called "A Woman's Nia; Sisters United We Stand Divided We Fall" was held at 7 pm in the Forum. This is the first program of this kind, but many hope that it becomes part of an annual tradition. It was directed and performed by sophomore Maya Redfern along with WMC students Angela Chapman, Yolanda Hill, Nykole Tyson, Rasheeda George, Shaiah Gaddy, and Tonya Condell. The program was also part of the month-long celebration of Black History Month, sponsored by BSU, which encouraged women to love and support one another by standing united. -NT

SGA

Campus Life Committee

## Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety reported the following incidents:

2/16 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 9:30 am lewd conduct in Englar Dining Hall.

2/19 at 3:35 am damaging in Blanche Ward Hall.

2/20 at 5:15 am tampering with fire preventions in Whiteford Hall.

-at 11:45 am low velocity impact vehicle accident in Whiteford Parking Lot.

-at 7:10 pm theft of a motor vehicle under investigation in

Whiteford Parking Lot.

-at 7:23 pm a smoke detector on Pennsylvania Avenue.

-at 10:45 pm towed vehicle due to excessive parking violations in Harlow Pool

2/21 at 2:47 pm stealing campus wide.

-at 6:10 pm rendered treatment at Harlow Pool.

2/22 at 12:50 pm a towed vehicle due to multiple factors in Rouzer Parking Lot.

-at 9:05 pm tampering with fire preventions in Rouzer Hall.

2/23 at 11:50 pm refusing to furnish in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/24 at 8:11 am damaging in Decker Student Center.

-at 9:55 am failure to comply to security personnel campus wide.

-at 10:00 am defacing in Rouzer

lating for excessive speed in Rouzer Parking Lot.

-at 11:25 pm a case of treatment not rendered in Blanche Ward Hall.

-at 9:00 pm stealing in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/27 at 12:05 am alcohol violation for underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall.

-at 11:15 pm stealing in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/29 at 5:09 am unauthorized use of a college facility in Alumni Hall.

-at 2:00 pm unauthorized access to a college facility in Rouzer Hall.

-at 5:15 pm treatment rendered in Pennsylvania Avenue.

-at 10:25 pm harassment/intimidation of an individual at 2 Campus Wide.

-at 11:15 pm stealing in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

3/01 at 9:15 pm defacing in Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot.

3/02 at 12:30 am harassment/intimidation of an individual.

-at 10:37 pm visible smoke on Pennsylvania Avenue.

2/28 at 12:10 am failure to comply to security personnel in Hoover Library.

-at 12:47 am low velocity impact vehicle accident off campus.

-at 10:00 am a confirmed fire in McDaniel Hall.

-at 7:38 pm panel trouble in Lewis Hall of Science.

-at 9:40 pm misdemeanor theft in Lewis Hall of Science.

2/29 at 5:09 am unauthorized use of a college facility in Alumni Hall.

-at 2:00 pm unauthorized access to a college facility in Rouzer Hall.

-at 5:15 pm treatment rendered in Pennsylvania Avenue.

-at 10:25 pm harassment/intimidation of an individual at 2 Campus Wide.

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3/01 at 9:15 pm defacing in Albert Norman Ward Parking Lot.

3/02 at 12:30 am harassment/intimidation of an individual.



Hall.

-at 4:4 0 pm violation of residence hall policy in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/26 at 1:57 am parking/traffic vio-

12:10 am alcohol violation for underage possession in Blanche Ward Hall.

-at 1:00 am disorderly conduct in Blanche Ward Hall.

### More vandalism on campus

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that this incident may have had something to do 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 mini-mums 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, though. "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.

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## Campus looks forward to Reel Big Fish concert

STACI L. GEORGE  
News Co-Editor

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 9:00 pm. Along with Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities, and Dave Meckley, the CCC chairperson, everyone involved has been working hard to plan and organize this event.

Junior Jason Bhargava was selected as head of security the day of the show. "I'm a big fan and have seen them in concert before, and I can't wait until the concert,"

Bhargava said.

Sororities and fraternities were also sent a letter inviting their organizations to volunteer to assist with security, set up, and clean up. They were also asked to help with ticket sales the day of the show.

With only a little more than a week left until the concert, the March 25 concert ticket sales have started to increase. Students can purchase tickets from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm outside of Glar all this week and also the week of March 20-24.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert. Tickets are \$12 for WMC students and faculty.

The opening band will begin at 8 pm and Reel Big Fish will start around 9:15 pm and perform for more than an hour.



The band members of Reel Big Fish have been entertaining ska fans since the early nineties. JEFF BENDER

## 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 is currently working on and what goals she has for her position.

Almandrez came to WMC November 1998 after graduating from the University of San Diego 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? And of them what is your top priority?*

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 five projects I'm currently working on for this semester are: Phenomenal Women Recognition Luncheon (March 9), Minority Student Weekend (March 24-26), Diversity Conference (April 2), Diver-

sity 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? Are they or do they seem more culturally aware or interested?*

ALMANDREZ: I've 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 concerned about curriculum changes (e.g., pushing to have Deaf Studies, making African-American Studies a strong 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've 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 his/her multicultural 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 an take part in trying 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) doing crosswords!! 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: My goal is to earn my Master's of Science degree in Human Relations Development in two years. So, in order to get my degree and make significant changes on campus, I would like to stay at WMC for at most three more years. I think in that time I would have accomplished many of my short-term goals, while paving the way for my long-term goals.

*Ten years from now what do you hope to be doing?*

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 also 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.

*Do you have any specific long range goals for Multicultural Services?*

ALMANDREZ: I would like the office to actually expand to a whole Multicultural Center with a staff which would include an Assistant Director, graduate assistants and student workers. Furthermore, I'd like more contact with other departments, including athletics, [and] the academic skills center...

Additionally, I would like to see more institutional support on both a student (Multicultural Services position in CAPBoard/SGA) and administrative level.

## Deaf awareness heightened on campus through activities sponsored by Sounds of Silence

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people telling stories and 40 people there. I was very impressed for a Sounds of Silence event."

Tuesday evening was marked by a special game night, running concurrently with the Sounds of Silence weekly meeting. The meeting is normally held at 8:30 pm on Tuesdays, and last week was no exception.

However, this game time was much quieter with the only noise emanating from the games themselves, not the signers.

Wednesday evening featured an event co-sponsored by CAPBoard. The Oscar-winning movie *Children of a Lesser God* was shown in the Pub.

This movie portrayed the love story of a deaf woman and a hearing school teacher, starring Marlee Matlin and William Hurt. Due to technical difficulties with the television, the movie was shown without

sound. However, this added to the experience of being deaf and using closed captioning.

Thursday's event was a panel discussion entitled "ASL as a foreign Language at WMC."

Sounds of Silence members, as well as many in the graduate Deaf Education program support the labeling of ASL as an official foreign language, like on some other college campuses.

The panel contained Becky Carpenter, a WMC faculty member who sits on the curriculum committee, Celia Stroepe, a junior planning to enroll in the graduate Deaf Education program, Lynn Ballard-Weiner, a WMC ASL instructor, Associate Dean Henry Reiff, Penelope Miller, a deaf freshman, Dr. Judy Coryell, head of the Deaf Education, Matt Burger and Sarah Mitch-

ell, representatives of the SGA, and moderator Mitch Alexander.

American Sign Language (ASL) discussion was entitled ASL as a Foreign Language at WMC. Sounds of Silence and the Deaf Education department are among the proponents of ASL being accepted as a foreign language at WMC.

Many students had strong reactions to the panel. The main opponents to ASL becoming a foreign language were not present at the discussion.

Junior Rasheeda George says "It made me upset that there were people on this. But, they were not there to speak their opinion about it."

Burger stated, "SGA supports Sounds of Silence. They should continue to bring ideas forward and use the SGA as a forum."

Friday's event was a silent dinner. The

students met in GLAR, and communicated only through sign language. These dinners provide a way for students to practice their skills, in an environment with other students.

Overall, Sounds of Silence viewed the week's events as successful. "We had 150 people in attendance. I think that it heightened general awareness and having 150 people, with such a small college, is significant. This will be good to continue our presence on campus and we hope to continue it into the future," said Lucas.

Their work is not entirely finished. The students are planning to distribute information about American Sign Language at the next faculty meeting. Recently, a Deaf Studies minor was approved by the Curriculum Committee. However, the faculty will need to approve a decision made by the committee.



# Hackers threaten school reputation

WMC is an institution that generally does not encounter serious crime. I am proud to say this, and 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 network, damaging systems in both the Charlson 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 Sayre, 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 should not be notified, despite 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-

## Michael Wiles examines the recent computer hacks and their implications.

come public information, some sort of black cloud would befall the school. I see it quite differently. In fact, I see it the other way around. By not reporting these students to the police, WMC is in effect, protecting two criminals, which is no less than a shame, if not much more.

There is no question as to the guilt of these students. Not only did they fail to carry out a mission that, however illegal, most anyone could have achieved, they also had the intelligence to attempt it in Charlson Lab, which is well known to utilize surveillance equipment. For this alone, these students should be prosecuted.

What is more, Information Services makes the seriousness of this sort of crime known to all students, as is its part of the agreement students with school e-mail accounts are contractually obligated to uphold. Now, one could argue that these students do not have school accounts 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 with their crime, if not to themselves. "The Defining Moment" has come.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi

I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS... I DO MY BEST THINKING INSIDE THE BOX...



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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 here, although it does affect 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 fee requirement to receive a 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 problems that keep resurfacing involve, finding a place to park, the weather, road work and safety concerns.

As you arrive to school, perhaps ten to fifteen minutes before your first morning class you are confronted with the arduous task of finding a parking spot. This undertaking is a mission in itself.

A familiar scenario is as follows: 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 Enforced" sign.

By now you have become quite frustrated, 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,

## Tammi Slater discusses the everyday problems of commuting and parking.

As you pass other fellow commuters your aggravation is eased as you remind yourself that you are not alone in this struggle. They, too, express their frustration and lack of patience on their faces.

Additionally, we faced the winter weather months which entailed yes, that pretty white stuff, that proved to be not so pretty after all for commuters. Shortly after returning from the winter break, more snow visited the Westminster vicinity. As the snow fell, and painted the scenery white, resident students as well as commuters, found the white stuff plowed behind their cars. Not only did this evoke anger in the students, but the action was simply illogical.

The general consensus among the students, was that apparently no one was supposed to leave campus due to the weather, so why not just ensure that students cannot depart and plow them in! However, for obvious reasons, this method was not well received nor was it necessary or helpful. Students who had to get off campus to go to a job, the store, or wherever simply could not.

Furthermore, commuter students were left with even less of an option and chance of finding a parking place due to snow pushed into open parking spaces. Weather only intensifies the parking dilemma here at Western Maryland College.

This in turn leads to yet another issue at hand with parking-road work. Road construction does not

pose nearly as great a controversy as the weather implications do; however, they should be addressed as well. At the entrance of the lower parking lot located by Winslow Center, it seems that the same section of the road has been fixed numerous times within the past few months.

Although the complications are unknown to us passerby's, it does leave one to wonder. As stated earlier, this event does not create a larger problem, but it does place a time delay on students when time is what we do not have.

Parking worsens as well when special events are held on campus. Every year the high school state wrestling competition finals are held here at Western Maryland. The event was held over the first weekend of March this year. The event attracted participants and spectators as well, but further deepens the predicament of the parking issue. Students that live on campus, and have access to a car as well, claim that they refuse to move their car on this weekend due to the large amount of attention it receives.

Although their choice means spending the entire weekend on campus, students remain adamant in their decision to risk of losing their parking place for days following the event.

In general, the parking concerns on campus can be improved due to some changes and adjustments within the college, but in the meantime, students are left with no choice other than to grin and bear it. Until then, good luck in your attempts, remain hopeful for amendments in the near future, and hold onto your parking spaces!

# Glar: Still serving people indigestion

Chris Anastasia looks at how Englar Dining Hall has evolved lately.

After a long day of classes and studying, any self-respecting student likes to head down to Englar Dining Hall for a fine meal. When one goes to the dining hall, that student expects to find any number of different kinds and varieties of food. This is of course a good idea, but sometimes this variety is used at the cost of some of the more traditional types of foods.

You would never know that Glar is lacking in any kind of food. Just looking at the sandwich line and seeing every different type of bread imaginable would make someone think that this dining experience would be great. Of course, I hope nobody would be looking for... white bread. Yes, regular, generic, bleached white sandwich bread. This seems a

Why does this bother me so, you ask? Well with all the money I spend on this fine institution, I sort of expect normal food in return.

I mean variety is a fine concept and one that people tend to appreciate in moderation. Sometimes, though, one looks for simplicity in their dining choices. Glar, unfortunately, does not offer that.

Of course, they do try to appease us with one evening a month of steak and shrimp. Recently, this too has gone away. (I, for one, do not consider day-old London Broil steak in any way) With an average of about seven and a half dollars spent per meal by students who have the 220-meal plan, regular food staples should be found in our dining establishments.

Heck, under this kind of system, you would think that napkins would be replaced with a prod-

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little too simple for our school to stock.

Moving down the sandwich line, one will find any number of cheeses, ranging from Swiss to Muenster to Provolone. Of course, if you were looking for normal American cheese, well, you are out of luck.

This is not just a problem that exists in the sandwich line. Go to the main line and you can get a heaping portion of...Mexican lasagna? Now, this is not to be confused with traditional Italian lasagna, which uses tomato sauce, instead of...salsa?

that is most similar to toilet paper in our dining hall. Oh, wait, that already happened.

My point is that we pay a large sum of money to eat at this fine dining establishment. If you live on campus, you must have the 220 meal plan. For all that money, the least we should receive, no...deserve regular food.

Of course, this is the same school in which it takes at least 10 minutes to get a (flaming hockey puck) hamburger, so I guess we will just have to grin and bear it. Or just go and get another salad.

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## The new reality for a new millennium

*Edward K. Schultheis discusses the new reality that has become the mainstay of today's society.*

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 my 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 destruction 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 metaphors." 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, years 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'm supposed to be writing 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 that is destroying that existence...I see children shooting other children, I see an environment being destroyed by pollutants, I see so many things that darken my perspective on an ideal world.

So as you can see, I may be looking for a utopian life, or perhaps I am even looking from a pessimist's perspective, but what I do not understand is why we continue to do such horrible things.

Just this past week, there were numerous shootings around the United States, including one where a 6-year-old walked into school with a gun and proceeded to shoot 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 not help.

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 meandering over to 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 as being perfect, and that it's great and nothing needs to change...These are probably the same people that believe politicians nowadays...oops, there is that cynicism again.

We sit at home, we talk on the computer, we spend 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 have not 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 it comes down to is that I'm a realist, in that I realize that the world is so good, but sometimes, that pure wholesome goodness is destroyed by our selfishness.

Oh well Dad, sorry, at least I tried. I never realized it would be so hard, but then again, maybe mom is right...Maybe I just have become a cynical person.

## Do "special" months segregate us further?

*Brian Griffiths examines the implications of having special months for people and groups.*

I am sure most of you know by now (especially since the media has been reminding everybody every chance they get) that February was Black History Month.

And I am sure some of you know that March is "Womyn's Herstory Month." And if you are anything like me, you should be outraged that two such months exist at all.

(And as a side note, what person dreamt up the spelling of "Womyn's Herstory Month?" I mean really, if you're going to have a special history month, at least have the common decency to spell the names right. I understand that hardcore feminists do not like anything with the word "man" in it, but these words are derived from the original Latin. Please respect the spelling that the world has used for the last one thousand years.)

Don't get me wrong. I believe that women and blacks have done very important things in the history of this country. I believe that our children should learn about their accomplishments as much as those of people of other races based on their importance to the history of this country. But there are serious flaws with the creation of these months.

Anybody notice the Womyn's Herstory Month bulletin board next to Glar? Notice it is approximately 25 percent filled up with pictures primarily of models?

First off, let me give you a hypothetical example. I am a WASP male. If there existed a white history month, I would be pretty mad. Why? Because it would seem to me that white history would have been deemed unimportant and irrelevant except during this one month that comes every year. That people should only be forced to learn about white history during that month of the year. I have several female and black friends who believe the same about these two respective months.

That the history of blacks and women respectively are so irrelevant that they are dealt with one month out of the year while the rest

of history gets top nod.

My second point deals with curriculum. Public schools in the state of Maryland are supposed to, and I quote from the Anne Arundel County School Schedule, "devote an appropriate amount of time to exercises respecting certain holidays, including Black History Month."

Now what does that mean to John Q. Public's kid? It means that lessons contained in the regularly planned curriculum are shunned in lieu of Black History Month lessons.

Black History and Womyn's Herstory Month's are just microcosms of a much bigger problem. I know that I'm going to get labeled as a racist for my comments, since it seems that any time anybody points out the ludicrously of such things like this, they obviously can't be for equality. And that is just what the problem is. The liberals in the press have decided that separation of the races is a good thing.

This is why such moronic programs as Affirmative Action 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 a pilot for a specific route. The field of candidates was whittled to two: 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.

Does anybody else see a problem here?

Being forced to hire candidates based on race or gender? Condensing all of the history of blacks and women into separate months each? Does this outrage anybody else nearly as much as it does me?

While I am at it, multiculturalism is a big problem too. I respect the fact that everybody 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 Americans.

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 or 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 Strom 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 equality for all races, creeds and sexes. We remember that the Declaration of Independence has a phrase in it that you might have heard of: "All Men are Created Equal." It is Liberals who insist on keeping programs and promoting ideology that makes them unequal.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his most famous speech, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." That was nearly forty years ago.

With the continued existence of such things as Black History Month and Affirmative Action, we still have a long way to go.

## 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 homed.

Sleeping is extremely personal. And one is very vulnerable while asleep. All right go rent a trailer, you'll thank me later.

Next topic-stress. Everyday I hear people whining about stress. People griping about papers and roommates and laundry and the whole nine-nine.

I was working 15 hours a day

and still taking classes and keeping up (sort of).

You didn't see me smoking anything but toothpicks.

One day I woke up with rock solid abs because the whole night I was flexing them subconsciously. I was so tense.

Relax, your freshman composition paper will be a synch. Don't stress yourself.

All right go rent a porn, you'll thank me later.

Let me share some more wisdom. Every semester I use to get stuck in classes I didn't like so I pondered what to do.

This is what I came up with. If you need 4 classes, sign up for 6. Then during add/drop sign up for 2 more classes. Now you have a total of 8 classes.

Then from here you can prioritize your wants. Do you want a class that is interesting, easy, difficult, or has a small workload? Do you want a seasoned professor, a demanding class, a class with the girl you are stalking, etc? Whatever you want you can pick it.

Hopefully out of those eight classes you can find four that you like.

## Quotes of the week

*"The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."*

-Walter Bagehot

*"Sometimes I have believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."*

-Lewis Carroll

## Corrections

In the February 24, 2000 issue, the article on page one entitled "Vandalized pipe floods Blanche," incorrectly attributed quotes said by Susan Werley to Mindy Bucey. The article also stated that it "took some time for Joseph Bentz to arrive on the scene to turn off the water," however, it did not mean to imply that it took an extensive amount of time for Bentz to arrive. The *Phoenix* apologizes for any harm this may have caused.

In addition, the article entitled "Physical Plant to fix campus water leaks" incorrectly stated that roofers were scheduled to fix Decker leaks during the week of March 21. However, the problems were scheduled to be fixed on February 21.

The *Phoenix* regrets the errors.

## Pro: The new weighted grading system should be implemented

*Matt Hurff approves of the weighted grading system and calls for action.*

While many fear their GPA's dropping severely, I do not feel that the drop will be drastic. That's because people must consider the rise in value of all the plus grades which will offset any drops. For example, a B+ will cause a slight rise in GPA from the B's they once were equivalent to.

Therefore, I agree with the

*If the weighted system were intact for everyone, then it would certainly be fair.*

Western Maryland College staff in Tammi Slater's article which was printed in the February 24 edition of the *Phoenix*. The staff feels that in many ways "students will benefit as much, or even more from the graded systems."

This change in grading policy has been implemented at other colleges and has been viewed in a positive light because it allows for greater precision in grading and sufficiently reflects a student's work

in the long run.

After all there is a great numerical difference from a B- to a B+, but until the system is revised and the technology is updated, they are equivalent. I found this to be true when I spoke with high school friends over winter break. They feel that the systems at the University of Delaware, Princeton, Drexel, Rowan and the College of New Jersey are all just fair. They also feel that they benefited from the system.

Upon arrival at Western Maryland College, I thought that the current grading systems was inaccurate, for it allows for a large margin of error. I was accustomed to the weighted grading system along with the students mentioned above because it was standard at our high school.

We concerned that if the weighted system were intact for everyone, then it would certainly be fair. Therefore, if the upperclassmen are concerned over the new system, the weighted system should only apply to their future grades, or maybe it could be set up so that their grades are exempt from the new system.

It is said that the two systems cannot work at once-I find that difficult to believe.

## Con: The current grading system is adequate enough for students

*Jessica Fitzgerald applauds the current grading system.*

While one might argue that this would mean that some students would get a GPA above a 4.0.

If that is the case, let them have their higher GPA!

If the point of the weighted grade system is to distinguish those students who try a little harder, then it should not stop only at those who receive A's and below.

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weighted grades would still hurt more students than it helps.

Under the weighted grades system, only certain classes are even rewarded.

While a student who received a B+ would receive more points than usual, a student who receives an A+ is not affected.

This hardly seems fair.

Why is an A+ any less deserving of a reward?

A+ students worked very hard to achieve those grades, and if students who work hard to receive a B+ are going to be given additional points, the same should hold true for A+ students.

This aspect certainly isn't fair in the revised grading system.

It is true that a weighted grade system would help to raise some students' GPAs.

However, it is also true that many students' GPAs will fall if the weighted grade system is enacted.

We must stop and consider if it is worth helping a few students when so many who struggled with a subject and managed to pull off a B- will lose GPA points.

It would be so frustrating for a student who fought for their grades to suddenly be penalized, even after all their hard work.

This would be especially frus-

trating for those students who are considering graduate school.

After four years of studying, to have a students GPA fall over a weighted grade system would be highly unfair.

If the weighted grade system is enacted here at WMC, the student body would be hurt more than it would be helped.

When hard working students end up being penalized for minus on their report cards, then it will end up lowering the aver-

age GPA at our school, and most likely, end up hurting us all.

The *Phoenix* welcomes any feedback regarding the new weighted grading system. To have your letter to the editor published, place text article on a disk and include a hard copy with your name, extension, and year of graduation in the green box at the information desk in Decker College Center.



## Republicans McCain and Bush appear on two popular late night talk shows

This past week, both George W. Bush and John McCain made questionable appearances on late night television. Bush appeared on "Late Night" with David Letterman via satellite relay from St. Louis.

His appearance was meant to prove to Letterman and his viewers that he is not a "pinhead," which is a running gag on the Letterman show. However, in my mind, Bush merely reaffirmed Letterman's suspicions.

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 Bush was contemplating Letterman's questions for quite a bit of time, making him seem very dim witted.

His attempts at jokes were obviously forced, and not funny, while his one ill-advised attempt at improv aimed at Letterman's recent heart surgery, was met with boos by the "Late Show" audience (what's so funny about heart surgery?).

That sounds like a line from Jerry Seinfeld. "I mean really, what's the deal with cancer?" Seinfeld didn't receive much applause from his fake television audience on that one either.

Near the end of the interview with Letterman, Bush held up a T-shirt he created for the host which had "Dweebs for Bush" inscribed on it.

## John McCain: The right man at the wrong time

Eight years ago, Bill Clinton won the presidency from incumbent George Bush by supporting a moderate platform that focused upon fixing national problems like the economy, poor schools, and raising unemployment.

Clinton rode a wave of change all the way to the White House and won re-election in 1996. Now, with the 2000 elections looming, a different situation has occurred. The U.S. is in the best shape it has been in for quite some time. The economy is at an all-time high while crime and unemployment are 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

**Matt Hurff looks at the effects each candidate had during a lighter time of their campaign.**

Needless to say, Bush really did not endanger 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, swaying the vote to Kennedy. Thus showing that appearance on television is highly important in modern political elections.

How 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 be exposed to him through such appearances.

McCain on the other hand, fared better on "Tonight" with Jay Leno. Leno seemed much more apt to building up his guest, rather than mockery like Letterman. This was apparent in Leno'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).

**Chris Anastasia examines the reasons why McCain is not the man for this election.**

to even pick a nominee. Most conservative party members favor Texas Governor George W. Bush. Bush has been the projected nominee since he announced his intentions to run, due mostly to his likability and charisma that he has shown in Texas, along with his obvious name recognition to the party faithful.

It seemed that Bush would have the nomination with no trouble at all, but then along came McCain.

John McCain, Arizona senator and one of the few major politicians to favor campaign finance reform, has shot into the na-

He also used these discussions to introduce some brief plugs for his universal health plan and his goal to break up the "iron triangle" of Washington politics as usual.

However, neither candidate was as effective as former Nebraska senator Bob Dole's appearance on "Tonight" (Saturday Night Live) several years ago. Too bad for Dole, he appeared on this late night parody show after his campaign had already failed to Bill Clinton.

During his appearance, he mocked Bob Dole impersonator, Norm MacDonald for his stereotypical impersonation style; a truly hilarious sight.

Don't get me wrong, by no stretch of the imagination do I feel that presidential candidates should appear on late night sketch television, nor do I find it totally appropriate, since it likens them to actors just trying to promote their new movies in order to earn more money.

By far the presidency is much more important than a film, despite the fact that many of the happenings in the White House could be made into a film, but that is beside the point.

If a candidate feels so inclined to make such an appearance on such shows however, they better make the best of it, loosen up, and be somewhat funny. Otherwise, you may look like George W. Bush.

tional spotlight with his message of fixing the problems of government and taking the big money interests out of Washington. McCain has gained a majority of support from independents who are disillusioned with the political process. He has also gained support from Democrats who want a change from the scandal-ridden Clinton years.

If this were the General Election, McCain would be running a dream campaign. With a good economy and a lack of social problems, McCain's focus on removing special interests from lawmaking will be a key campaign issue. His moderate stance, like the one held by Clinton eight years ago will prove to be beneficial to gaining across party-lines support in a General Election.

## Super Tuesday Predictions

**Edward K. Schultheis predicts the winners for the upcoming Super Tuesday.**

While I know that by the time this story comes out next week Super Tuesday will already have come and gone. I am merely using this as a way of seeing if the waves of this week, carry over to the primaries of next week.

Over in the Republican race, Bush and McCain are battling it out for the frontrunner status, but after last weeks bashings in Virginia, and Washington, Bush has clearly established himself as the frontrunner once again. These wins came in the wake of Senator McCain's wins in Arizona and Michigan.

It has been hard for either Republican to actually gain the necessary momentum to actually make a move on the delegates who are holding the primaries in the balance. I predict Bush to win the majority of the primaries on Super Tuesday.

On the Democratic end, since Gore has had a commanding lead for most of the race, I predict him to win the majority of the primaries.

There is only one problem with this idea. You have to win your party's nomination first.

In his campaign so far, McCain has shown his moderate side and thus is losing support to Bush among Conservative Republicans. Since these conservative voters will in fact decide the nomination, McCain will need to gain these votes to earn the nomination.

On the other hand, the Independents and Democrats that McCain has garnered support from will be necessary for whomever the Republicans nominate if they are to win in November. So, in a hope to select their favorite in George Bush, Republicans may in the end cost themselves the election by not backing the majority's choice.

## Quirks: "Talk" with Robert broadened horizons

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 a three day convention of anime fans in Virginia (it was called Katsucon).

I had a lot of great experiences at Katsucon, but the one that stands out most in my mind was meeting Robert.

See, some of us fans met each other and decided to go to McDonald's. There I first talked with and got to know Robert. Er, well, I guess talked is not the right word. You see, Robert is deaf.

While I always knew it was technically possible for there to be a deaf anime fan, I never knew that some actually existed.

Thus, I was surprised to meet Robert and learn that being a deaf anime fan is actually pretty feasible.

After all, a whole lot of anime is subtitled and there would be no problems reading manga (the comics anime is often based on), so one does not lose out on much of the actual anime.

Talking with Robert did take a little do-

**Anne Butler discusses her "chat" with a deaf man, and her pride in the ASL program.**

ing. He didn't read lips much because he felt he wanted people to deal with his deafness on his terms.

He did have a notebook that we passed messages back and forth with.

Now because I worked in the computer lab and often have to help the deaf students I learned a few signs from a friend, Penelope.

Even the few signs I knew helped immensely and allowed our exchange to flow more freely.

Why am I telling you this?

Well, Robert was surprised that I knew any sign language. Indeed, he told me that often many people don't even know existence of deaf culture at all (which has been echoed by others).

I felt a surge of pride that I went to a school that had allowed me to learn my few signs so readily, and I proudly told him of our college's thirty-year-old deaf education program.

I'm not sure I'd 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 we're that in touch at all.

Sure we do have the decades old deaf education program, but that's really only for graduate students.

And yeah, we do offer several levels of American Sign Language (ASL), but it doesn't count for anything, not even a foreign language.

I doubt the majority of students know any sign language. Even with as little as I know, I think I'm in the minority.

Still, if ASL actually counted for something then probably more students should take it.

It's now only an elective and most people have to set it aside in order to take some other BLAR.

A Deaf Studies minor is being formed, but I don't think that's enough. We need to let ASL fill the language BLAR.

It's as complex as Spanish or any of the other languages. But the argument is that it cannot fulfill the requirement because it is

not "foreign."

I wonder if the proponents of that argument have ever watched deaf people communicate with ASL?

It certainly seems as foreign to my experience as two people speaking Spanish does.

Knowing ASL is also a highly useful skill, just look at me, even with the few signs I knew, I was able to hold a conversation with Robert.

Who knows what we could have discussed if I had taken a semester of ASL?

Are we going to squander one of the great things about this college by not allowing more people to learn about deaf culture?

Was I wrong to be proud WMC during my dialog with Robert?

Should I instead have felt shame about how we're preventing the hearing students from learning from the deaf ones?

I actually do feel shame about the opportunities we're wasting. I wonder if those who oppose ASL as a BLAR aren't the real deaf ones. Maybe if they had an encounter like I did then these people would, for the first time, begin to truly hear.

# 60 Seconds

*You've just won one million dollars on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Where would you go for Spring Break?*

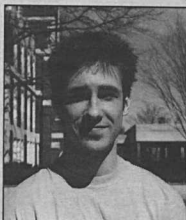
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*"Someplace very warm where there are lots of people, like Florida or Cancun."*

Devon Potoczniak  
Exercise Science '01

*"Go to London or Paris."*  
Chris Dietzel  
Communication/English '00



*"Travel to the other side of the world and visit different countries."*  
Camille Cooke  
Biology '00

*"I'd probably end up going to Europe and just traveling around."*  
Martin Wisor  
Communication '00



*"Home to Boston."*  
Maria Portuondo  
Biology '03



## Ward is the hero of Student Affairs

RYAN SEAVOLT  
Staff Writer

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 out 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 noticed 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."

## Spring Break: Where will it take you?

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Most students pack up their cars and head to the beach for spring break. According to several websites, students all over the country flock to various spots in Florida, including Daytona Beach, Key West, Panama City, and Orlando. Other popular places include Myrtle Beach in South Carolina, South Padre Island, Texas, and Cancun, Mexico. In a random survey, students on campus were asked where they are going for spring break this year.

Two girls will spend their break in South Korea with the family of one of the girls. They are going to be busy with sight-seeing, as well as many family-oriented activities.

Another student will find himself in the Bahamas with his mother. He plans on doing nothing but swimming and relaxing.

One student is going to avoid the beach scene altogether and go camping for a few days in North Carolina with a friend.

Also, about a dozen students are

going on the fishing trip to the Florida Keys with Dr. Herb Smith.

Other students will travel with friends to places such as the Outer Banks in North Carolina, Ft. Lauderdale, Philadelphia, and Atlanta.

In the same survey, students were asked what they would do during spring break if they were offered an all-expense paid trip to anywhere in the world.

The most unique reply was a female student who said that she would want to go to Tom Cruise's house on a hot day and watch him garden in really tight pants and no shirt.

Another student would want to go to Cancun because "they have hopping spring breaks." One student said he would go to the Caribbean somewhere because there is nice weather and lots of girls. Additionally, a student said that he would go to Amsterdam, Holland for a wild and crazy time.

Australia and New Zealand were also popular answers among students as several expressed a desire to travel down under.

One student would enjoy going to New Zealand because he's heard it's a very beautiful place, plus he said, "it's summer there right now."

Another student would choose Australia as his destination because it, "sounds awesome to him." He also said that he wants to see a kangaroo in the wild. Others would like to go to Australia because they just like it and everything they've heard about it.

Other places people would want to go include London, Paris, Barbados, the Galapagos Islands, Jamaica, Hawaii, and the Cayman Islands.

It may be too late to start planning for this year's spring break, but it's never too soon to start on next year. There are many websites available to check out to help plan your spring break.

They have hints about where to go, places to stay when you get there, and tips to use to avoid getting cheated out of your money. Two of these are [www.studentadvantage.com](http://www.studentadvantage.com) and [www.realcollegelife.com/travel](http://www.realcollegelife.com/travel).

# Cheazy-E goes Hollywood in a John Waters feature film

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Staff Writer

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 producer 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, "Cracka 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 hav-



COURTESY OF ERIC BARRY

Eric Barry poses with his co-star Melanie Griffith during shooting of his upcoming movie, "Cecil B. Demented." 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 pluggin' on the Cheazy-E."

For more information on Eric Barry and upcoming events, visit his website at [www.chirprecords.com](http://www.chirprecords.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 are actually 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 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?

"Only 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 to love, to hold, and cherish each other begins long before marriage is even an issue.

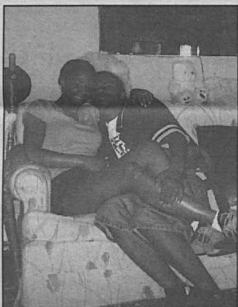
So how does the game of love work? Do you start out as friends? Is it love at first sight? More questions than answers seem to exist on this subject.

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 dining hall during the first week of November 1998.

"I can remember the exact thing he was wearing, how he was sitting, everything," said Werley of O'Dell.

They started dating eighteen days later. "The night of the meteor shower, Susan and I went out on the golf course," said O'Dell. "I took a blanket out," and beneath the stars, "I asked if she would be my girlfriend."



COURTESY OF MARCUS HELTON

Marcus Helton and Aleya Horn (left), Helen Whitehurst and Doug Novielli (middle), and Susan Werley and Mike O'Dell (right) found love while students at WMC.



LAURA BETH KELLEY



COURTESY OF SUSAN WERLEY

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 friends 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? When, where, 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 empha-

sis on culture 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 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 worth having you have to take a chance."

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# "American Beauty" looks at the American family

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Are you interested in seeing a film that can make you laugh out loud? How about one that can make your brain hurt as much as studying for a stat exam? Watching the movie "American Beauty" can satisfy both of these desires.

It is a contemplation on life and the American dream masquerading as a dark comedy. On the surface, the plot is about two middle class suburban families with more than their fair share of serious issues.

Family one consists of Lester, Carolyn, and Jane Burnham. They are played by Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening, and Thora Birch respectively.

Lester is the narrator of the film who begins it by saying, "In less than a year I will be dead. Of course I don't know that yet, and in a way I'm dead already."

The plot advances as 42-year-old Lester has a mid-life crisis and decides that he needs to rebel against something, though he is a bit old for it to be his parents.

With the help of Ricky Fitts, who lives next door, he gains a new perspective on life and is whisked back to his teen years in the 70s.

Continuing in this theme of new found youth, he also falls for a 16-year-old friend of his daughter. Angela, played by Mena Svari, is a wannabe model with an ego the size of several small countries.

The wife in family one, Carolyn is a career hungry real estate agent who is too married to her job to care much about her husband. However, she is especially friendly to a certain male competitor.

She also goes through a mid-life and decides to "no longer be a victim." She then begins to carry a gun in her handbag.

The unfortunate victim of all of

## Escort service introduced

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What kind of service is that? Where can I get it? Well, Jason Bhargava, member of the future service organization, Alpha Phi Omega, is in charge of this new escort service. The service is open to the whole campus Monday through Saturday, 9-12 pm.

If you ever need an escort, call campus safety and they'll gladly provide the proper people to give you the service.

Any Hickman, a sophomore biology major commented, "it's a good service because it promotes a good mood and a safer feeling for all students on campus."

Although we don't have the biggest campus, students don't always feel safe walking back to their rooms late at night. This is one of the easiest ways to get into unsafe situations. Nights in the surrounding Westminster community are not too safe and having an open campus is the perfect combination for trouble.

this is their daughter Jane who is significantly more mature than either of her parents. She feels alienated from her family which is completely understandable when both of your parents are crazy. To the dismay of her friend Angela, she becomes fascinated with the creepy boy next door.

This boy, Ricky Fitts (played by Wes Bentley) has his first significant role in the movie as Lester's drug dealer. He is also the scary boy that films everything and finds beauty in such things as plastic bags and dead people.

Eventually, he and Jane fall in love. He tells his mother Barbara (Allison Janney) that he and Jane are going to run away together. Her response is, "Okay, bring a raincoat."

This is one of her few lines in the film. She is usually seen staring straight ahead, though never at anything. She can be categorized as "not at all there."

Married to a woman like that, you can imagine that Ricky's father also has issues. Colonel Fitts (Chris Cooper) is a ROTC boy-gone bad. He tries to regiment all factors of his son's life. It turns out that his rough exterior is all a mask to hide his secret.

This leads me to the stat-like aspect of the film. It can be deeply analyzed which led to its popularity. It is a satiric take on the American dreams, surface appearances, and the true meaning of beauty.

All of the characters feel inadequate in a way, which is why they act the way they do. From the beautiful Angela who fears she is ordinary, to the soon to be dead Lester who feels that his life is going nowhere.

To discover more deep meanings buried in this film, see it ten times and write a paper. Until then, just see the movie, at least once.

Campus Safety is always striving to keep students safe, but they are often busy patrolling the campus and regulating dorms.

While Campus Safety is busy keeping order, volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega will cater to the needs of any student who feels unsafe walking alone on campus and would like an escort. Trouble will be prevented before it starts and students will hopefully not be hesitant and fear the surrounding community by having this service.

The future service fraternity has both male and female students escorting students, so you can choose whoever you comfortable with, a male or female, to walk you to your destination.

The escorts have radio contact with Campus Safety at all times, so if anything happens help is on the way. Take advantage of this service if you ever need it by calling Campus Safety (x 202) as fellow students help to make our home a safer and better place to live.

# Fishy horoscopes for the Spring

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**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
People who 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'll 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 flowers bloom and they will show you the way.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)**  
You may wander, but you are not lost. And remember the heart is

are your best guide to the future.

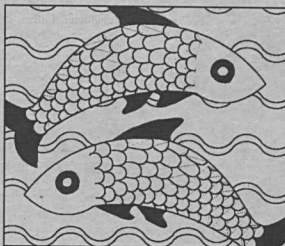
**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 23)**

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 (Oct 24 - Nov 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.



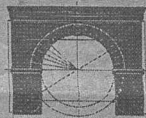
wiser than the brain.

**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

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# “The House Bernarda Alba” captured audiences’



The daughters of Bernada Alba wrestle their senile grandmother (Alison Smith) after she escaped from her confinement. ERIN OWEN

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When one first sees “The House of Bernarda Alba,” which was performed at Alumni Hall February 25-27 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 in, 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 “proper” mourning period.

Bernarda doesn't let them have any freedom at all. She scolds them for crying and demands that they obey her or else she will very likely inflict her cane on them. Although she loves her daughters, she is more inter-

ested 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 plot is the examination of the effects of that punishment.

Krysta 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. The actresses playing the daughters also had difficult roles, trying to portray the horrible repression and yearning for freedom in their lives.

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 most productions) because he saw Pepe as poetic to the play and wanted to “make him into a dream figure.”

All the daughters yearn for Pepe, although no man could ever bear the weight of what these poor women have conjured up in their minds for so long.

Adela (played by Laura Conner), the

youngest and most passionate of the daughters, does not care about disobeying her mother if it means that she can spend time with him. On the part, Conner commented, “It’s more than [freeing herself]. She’s in love with him and obsessed with him.”

The play was extremely well acted, and had a very intense emotional core. The actresses portraying the daughters keep their behavior and feelings toned down and showed little emotion while they really had so much passion just waiting to explode.

The roles of the two servants, (played by Megan Townsend and Faye Ingram) were used to convey the inner turmoil of the outwardly normal home.

They used the beginning scene to introduce the audience to this very unusual house, allowing them to see what really goes on inside it as opposed to what everyone in town thinks.

Since they see what goes on in the house, but do not actually interact with the household, they are there for the audience to know that the outside world is still sane, just the household isn't.

The entire cast and crew obviously put a lot of time and energy (viewed by audience as lack their of), into making the play a very emotional experience.

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

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On the 23 of February I saw Irene Lewis's version of Brendan Behan's “The Hostage” 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 fascinating atmosphere at least made the play tolerable.

The characters emerge from the crowd to take the stage, joining in an Irish jig for good measure. The music dies and we begin to learn the many facets of each character. Pat (Peter Rogan), a crippled veteran of the Anglo-Irish War is the owner of the brothel.

He tells a few stories of the good old days, and gives his charity to Monsieuer, his senile compatriot in the war.

Meanwhile, his girlfriend, Meg Dillon (Caitlin O'Connell), dresses the beds, serves the Guinness, and shares some tales of her own.

Rio Rita (Tom Flynn) and Princess Grace (Kyle Primous), frequent one of the many rooms located in the brothel, yet still have enough energy to assault a communist and sing a catchy tune about their sexuality. Miss Gilchrist (Jennifer Smith) rounds out the notable elements of the brothel with her religious hypocrisy.

The central story arises from Pat's war



Peter Rogan (L) and Willy Conley star in “The Hostage” at Head Theater

connections. As the gallows are being prepared for the hanging of a young Irish boy, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) responds by kidnapping a young British soldier (Reese Madigan).

The brothel is commissioned to detain the soldier until the authorities free the Irish teenager. With this twist, Irene Lewis's brilliance comes forth again with her use of Irish sign language.

She incorporates an IRA associate (Willy Conley) who is deaf and uses sign language to communicate. It is another remarkable idea that gives the play so much potential.

The story continues with the British soldier endeavoring himself to the brothel with his stories of the orphanage and cricket. Lewis's ingenuity emerges once more as Meg Dillon breaks out into song and then supposedly sings an extra verse about the brutality between the Irish and the British.

The cast breaks out of their roles and accents, proceeding to lambaste each

other on their respective inadequacies. Unfortunately, it reduces down to a mere novelty like the open bar and the sign language. They are good ideas, but they really do not present the play in any unique fashion.

The play ends. I know that much because we all clapped, the lights turned on, and they graciously allowed us to leave. Other than that, I have no clue how it ended.

I know tiny specifics like who shot whom and all that rot, but I do not know what happened. I took a friend along and she did not know either. I even asked other people and listened in on several conversations, yet all of us were oblivious.

Maybe there is a third act. I imagine it is possible that I left during the second intermission. Or else it was one of those choose-your-own-adventure type of plays where you make up the ending yourself.

“The Hostage” is just plain disappointing. The characters are superficial and lack any emotional pull. Perhaps, if the perfor-

mance was a few hours longer we would care more for the nearly two dozen important characters. However, I do not think I could handle Miss Gilchrist much longer with her acidic personality and generally annoying character.

I was most displeased that she was not shot at the end. That might happen in the third act, I hope so.

Anyway, in the current production no one emerges from the ensemble. Each character emerges from the plethora of cast members on stage for a short moment and then returns without leaving the slightest impression. All I see is a bunch of people drinking and getting it on in grand fashion.

Refrain from viewing this play. Irene Lewis was stellar in her direction of Oscar Wilder'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 Rogan'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. Branhan's original work was written in Gaelic and was quite serious. No doubt something was lost in the translation.

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# Terror baseball team feels the power of aluminum bats

DAN GADD  
Staff Writer

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 of 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 be-

came 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 eight in '98.

But in the process, Brent Fuchs' 1.01 ERA broke a team record for single season ERA with at least 50 innings pitched.

For Seibert, there can be no other reason for decrease in offensive numbers.

"I think the only difference in the game last year was simply the

bat. That's the only reason the pitching stats got better as far as I'm concerned," he said.

The new bats did more than just reduce the offensive statistics, however, they changed they style of play in the Centennial Conference.

"The wood bats definitely made changes. We had a lot of one run games, especially down in Florida (where the team plays during spring break every year), we played 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 slugfest," 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 boast (if you can

truly call it that) the oldest infield in the league.

This 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 Wil 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 injury-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 lineup are not unique to the infield. Top pitching prospect Calvin

Maduro will probably wilt in Triple-A while journeyman Pat Rapp 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 resigned to letting 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 season is 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 in 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 142.80.

The sociology major said that this season was "my personal best season in my swimming 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 to meets 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."



ERIN OWEN

Junior Chris Clemmens broke two school records at the Centennial Conference Championships this season

## 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 four-

teenth 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 berth since 1980.

The team lost that year in the semifinals of the conference tournament to Muhlenberg.

Over the last two seasons, the men's identical 4-20 records were among the worst in school history.

Compounded with absence and injuries of key players, heavy criticism has fallen on the program and much of it on the coach.

While many of the players had confrontations with the coach such as former point guard Adrean Pope, some players stood by him.

"He's a great guy and coach and I wish him well," said freshman swingman Adam Hynes.

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.

However, many supporters want to bring in a whole new coaching staff so many of the assistant coaches jobs are up in the air.

Presently, Selby works as an academic advisor in the college's Academic Skills Center.

"He's the new guy right now and we are behind him 100%," added Hynes of Coach Selby.

## 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 semesters. Also, with the help from Keith Reitenbach, 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, planning 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.

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# Men's lacrosse slaughters Stevens Tech, 27-1, sets record

DAN GADD  
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 campaign 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 eight goals, and Brett 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 toughest 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 nation's top six teams 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 less than winning every game," Reitenbach said. "We may not go undefeated, 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 friendship 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 this spring.

The new bats will have to meet some new criteria to be certified by the NCAA, such as a reduced barrel width of 25/8 inches, down from 23/4 inches, and a length to weight ratio of minus three, meaning that is 33 inches long can weigh no less than 30 ounces.

The bats must also be tested for exit velocity, as this number must now be below 97 miles per hour.

Most, however, do not feel that these modifications will change the performance of the aluminum bats.

"I think the aluminum bats now and the aluminum bats before are very similar. I don't see that much of a change from hitting with them. I think the stats are going to go back to where they were before," Legge said.

While the verdict is still out for Seibert, he believes that things will return to the days of old.

"I'd like to see the aluminum bats become more like wood bats, which is what they supposedly have done, although I don't know that I agree with that. We're using aluminum bats now that have to be certified, and

If the Terror are going to have a magical season, however, they are going to have to overcome two problems-inexperience and a lack of depth.

With only 13 players returning from last year's squad, nine of the team's 26 roster spots are 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, Tomas Urbano '00, 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 in his defensive rotation, and says that it compares favorably to those of the '96 and '97 teams, which had a combined record of 21-7.

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 face-offs, guard the opposition's top attack men, and be part of any special defensive 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.

I'm not so sure that they're going to be down to wood standards," he said.

Although from a hitter's standpoint Legge prefers using the aluminum bats, he feels they may be bringing an element of danger back to the game with their return to the Centennial Conference.

"I've seen a lot of pitchers get hit throughout my years of playing, and it was getting worse as the bats were getting more high tech," he said.

Although the new bats have to meet the new criteria for certification, he isn't sure that will make them safer.

"They're just going to keep finding ways to get around these standards and make the bats more high tech," he said.

He points to the practice of some companies who have added weight to the knob of the bat, below the grip, in order to meet the weight requirement.

This actually increases a hitter's leverage, allowing him to hit the ball harder. Legge said he feels that the NCAA might someday have to switch to wood bats permanently to solve the problem.

One thing is for sure, however, with the power that aluminum bat makers have in the bat industry, and the long term inexpensive nature of aluminum bats, that day is a long way off.

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 goalkeepers 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 goaltender."

Also making a return to the team after a year off is midfielder Anthony Burgos '00. Burgos brings the type of speed to the team that will cause havoc for slow footed defenders.

In fact, Reitenbach proclaims Burgos to be the "fastest man playing Centennial Conference lacrosse."

But as Riley points out, Burgos 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 Burgos 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 that can make a lot of 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, and 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 wrecking 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 be able 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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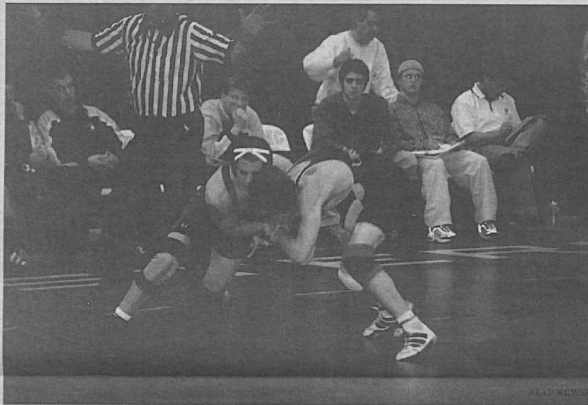
The Terror wrestlers walked away from the NCAA Division III championships at Ohio Northern University with three all-Americans and a 17th place finish.

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 Brenner.

This season was supposed to be one of rebuilding after the losses of Josh Ellin, Brenner, 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



Sophomore Vinny Pedalino takes down an opponent en route to yet another of his many victories this season

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 Ter-

ror was sophomore Vinny Pedalino, who finished fifth at 125 pounds. The newer 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 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 four 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.

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.

"This just wasn't my time," said McNally. "I was pleased with how I wrestled however, especially considering I was a third string wrestler last season. I was glowing to just being able to go to nationals."

"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."

The Terror will have a difficult road ahead of them next season with the losses of Conaway and fellow seniors Jon Pitonzo and Scott Taylor, but Lowe isn't worried. "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 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.

## Terror Baseball hopes to build upon last season's success and win conference

GREG LEDERER  
Staff Writer

In the history of baseball at Western Maryland College, there have been many great teams and moments.

The 2000 squad promises to follow in their illustrious footsteps.

The experienced and senior-laden roster is looking to have another great season.

In his 20th season as manager, Dave Seibert returns 21 lettersmen from last year's team that went 18-13, 12-6.

They missed winning the conference title by one game.

A former Maryland's College Coach of the year winner in 1995, Seibert is "cautiously optimistic about this year's team."

However, Seibert added, "we have good experience and leadership."

With a well balanced lineup with speed and power, this year's team should be tough to handle for the opposition.

The team will need strong play from captains Tim Smith, Brent Fuchs, and Mike Wolfe.

A honorable mention all conference last year, Smith lead the league in RBIs with 25 and lead the team with a .354 batting average.

The senior third baseman is looking to have even better numbers this season.

A fellow honorable mention in the conference, senior pitcher Brent Fuchs will lead the staff on the mound this year after posting a team leading 5-2 record and 1.01 earned run average.

Junior Mike Wolfe will help patrol the infield at shortstop this spring.

Big contributions to the team are also expected from senior Barrett Gugliotta.

A second team all conference selection, the 6-2 pitcher and designated hitter was second on the team in batting average, hitting .306 last year.

On the mound, he went 3-3 with a 2.45 earned run average and threw a one hitter in a game against

Washington College last year.

Other seniors Sean Giblin, Ryan Legge, Marc Alegi will cover the outfield while Jon Vadernat will catch for the team.

The pitching staff will be anchored by Fuchs, Gugliotta, Alegi, and Eric Winkler.

The senior-dominated staff has experience and should be very tough this season.

The team is also looking for production from the incoming freshman class this year.

"I'm reluctant to [comment] about them now, but they look promising," Seibert added.

The younger players should gain experience from the many seniors on this year's team.

A change from last year, the team will use aluminum bats this year.

As opposed to wooden bats of the past, teams can expect higher and longer hits with stronger bats.

With a strong and experienced pitching staff, the Green Terror should have an advantage over less experienced pitchers when adjust-

ing to the new rule.

The team's main goal is to win the conference title which they fell just a game short of last year.

Seibert said "we should do very well, if we avoid complacency this season."

The team faces a tough schedule this year with a spring break trip to Florida to begin the season.

After spring break, the Terror faces a very competitive conference, with defending league champion Ursinus, Johns Hopkins, Gettysburg, and Muhlenberg all very strong again this season.

In the early part of the season, the team chemistry has been very good, according to the coaching staff.

Seibert added "the chemistry is excellent so far."

Falling a game short in a loss to the league champion Ursinus last year, the combination of experienced veterans with promising youth may very well get the team another championship title.

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## Former Aryan Nation director warns campus

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Speaking with urgency and passion, Floyd Cochran came to WMC last week bearing a warning for all people, especially youth between the ages of 11-25.

As an ex-member of The Church of Jesus Christ Christian and former Director of Propaganda for the Aryan Nation, Cochran came to speak of his experiences being part of a hate group, his difficult mental detox, and his concern that hate-group activity is spreading rapidly throughout Pennsylvania and into Maryland.

According to Cochran, Pennsylvania is currently the capital for hate group activity in America, and the number of hate groups is growing. Ten years ago, said Cochran, there were six hate groups in Pennsylvania, but now there are more than 45 which are active in encouraging hatred and violence against Jews, people of color, gays and lesbians, and other minorities. Despite the growing number of hate groups, Cochran said that people do not take the growth seriously.

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## Faculty and students debate January Term

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January Term. It all began in 1969. It is a program that WMC borrowed 31 years ago from Eckard College, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The question is, has it outlived its purpose?

The concept "sprang from that radical 1960s idea that learning can be exhilarating and challenging," says Dr. Herbert Smith, chair of the political science department at WMC. Smith, after teaching only his second consecutive Jan Term since the 1970s says he has been "reborn into the program!"

Unlike Smith, most full-time professors choose not to teach Jan Term courses. In fact, according to Dr. David Herlocker, professor of chemistry and member of the Curriculum Committee, less than half of the courses are being taught by

full-time professors.

If full-time professors are not teaching the courses, then who is? Part-time professors, other campus staff, and outsiders are currently teaching the majority of the courses, says Dr. James Lightner, semiretired math professor and director of the Jan Term program until 1984.

Professors used to be required to teach a Jan Term course every other year, says Lightner, and they still needed outsiders to teach because the overall student interest was so vast. When the student requirement went from two Jan Terms to one around 1986, teaching became optional for professors. Now they need the outsiders because interest from faculty is diminishing, says Lightner.

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Guest speaker Floyd Cochran addressed students on his experience with Aryan Nation and other hate groups on March 25th in Hill Hall.

## Main Street area closed

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By this time next year, Western Maryland College will have received a face lift. The area of West Main Street that runs between Main 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

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## The mystery of campus recycling

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As you gulp down the last sip of Diet 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, 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 20% to 14% over the last six years. Mel Whelan, the building services coordinator on campus, says this has occurred because "there is a big lack of student interest. [In the recycling bins] students put potato chips, pizza, snack bags, and garbage.

Students are doing very little."

However, this lack of student interest in recycling was not always the case. In the mid-1980s, an environmental affinity 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. Then they sold the cans collected as a fund-raiser.

In 1991, the senior class raised \$8,000, and donated it toward the purchase of a large dumpster near the water tower, according to Dean Sayre, vice president of student affairs. This dumpster is where the campus and community can deposit aluminum cans, paper, glass, plastic, and tin cans.

The same year, the club SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) was formed to promote recycling. SEAC, which lasted at least five years, involved a lot of activities, including a march on Annapolis that focused on environ-

mental issues, says Sayre.

The club also organized committees that dealt with the recycling efforts of silverware, recycled paper, and water and electricity conservation. Then, in a 1991 issue of Time magazine, WMC student Megan Ziolkowski was named environmental student of the year.

Though these clubs prospered for a while, the interest died when the club leaders, most recently David Seydel, graduated.

So now, instead of student groups organizing the recycling, and thus cultivating student-body interest, the responsibility has fallen to the housekeeping staff.

Charles Biggus, or Ippy as most people call him, acts as the foreman of housekeeping under Whelan. Biggus says that housekeeping "gets lots of recycling from the dining hall, the administration buildings, and newspaper."

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Reel Big Fish performed at Western Maryland College on Saturday, March 23 along with opening act Beat Soup to a crowd of over 500. See pages eight and nine for more information and crowd reactions.

## Relationship between DoCS & WPD defined

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After last issues' stories about college vandalism and underage drinking, many students have been questioning exactly which incidents the college reports to the Westminster police and which ones it handles through the Honor and Conduct Board.

The answer seems to vary based on who is answering the question. In the last issue of the Phoenix Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs, is quoted as saying

that the college does not have a "very strict schedule on if this happens then these are the consequences" as far as college policy on offenses is concerned. He said the consequences are determined on a case by case basis by the Honor and Conduct Board.

However, he, as well as Campus Safety Director Mike Webster, says that when it comes to drug use the matter is immediately turned over to the Westminster police. Webster says that underage drink-

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# Road construction on Main Street causes traffic congestion for the college and local drivers

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of West Main Street. Currently, West Main is a considered a state highway, so the responsibility of tearing up the pavement, replacing the old water lines, sewer lines, and storm drains falls into the hands of state contractors.

The construction going on in front of WMC now is the last phase of this 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 inconvenience. They've made an effort to schedule the construction so as to not 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 in 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 from West Main onto Uniontown Road, where drivers could then bear right and rejoin West Main.

Here is where the college comes in. The city also owns Uniontown Road and is planning some future renovations 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 anyone anything. The new park 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 about \$250,000," explained Seidel. "The trustees thought there were better ways to spend that money."

Unfortunately, the construction is causing some problems 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 Whiteford and Garden Apartments parking lots will be off of Pennsylvania Avenue, says Webster. "I think that's where most students come in anyhow," he speculates.

The State Highway Administration could not be reached for an interview.

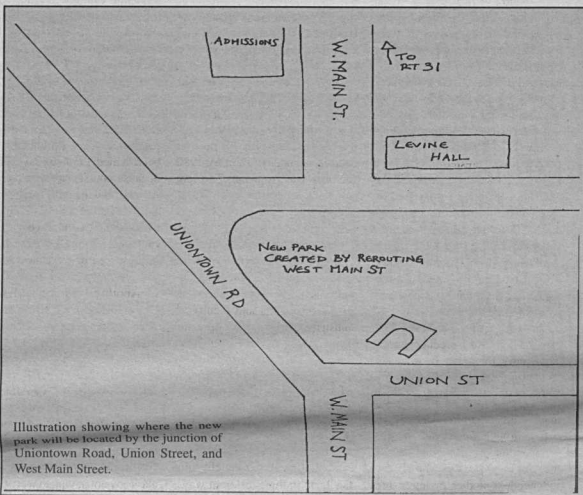


Illustration showing where the new park will be located by the junction of Uniontown Road, Union Street, and West Main Street.

STACEY MYERS

## Sleeping under the stars

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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 stand up for what you believe about justice and equality? Have you ever wanted to be a part of something that could make people believe that students today are not apathetic, that we care about the world around us and that we can still make a difference?

As a senior social work major here at WMC, 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 a soup kitchen. And I have learned a lot more than just how to serve soup or supervise a shelter or give people supportive counseling.

I have learned that people in this country are not as 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 was lucky. I happened to be born to 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 drugs and alcohol. I have not had any health problems that were not covered by our insurance, and I have not needed treatment for a mental illness or for a 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 - who were not as lucky in the hand they were dealt - without noticing how similar we all are as people.

In the United States today, children make up the largest age group of people who live in poverty. Poor families with children are the fastest growing population of people who are homeless. A person working at minimum wage would have to work 103 hours a week in order to afford a two-bedroom apartment for their family. And one half of all women and children who are homeless are fleeing from violence.

I am not telling you all of this just to scare you or upset you. I am telling you so that you'll understand why we're going to have a sleep-out on Saturday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in Red Square to stand up for social justice. It is going to be a good night. Speakers are coming from places that serve 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'll provide tarps and lanterns so all you need to bring is a sleeping bag or blanket and an open mind. Please come and give it a try. I think you'll be happy you did.

In the next two weeks, I'll be giving presentations about poverty and homelessness in different classes and for different organizations. If you would like to come and hear more about all this before sleeping out, there will be one that's open to everyone on April 3 at 8:30 pm in Hill Hall, Room 110.

Thanks so much for taking the time to think about all of this. I look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, I'm at extension 8309.

## Speaker Floyd Cochran discusses why he left the Aryan Nation after twenty years

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Citing an "if we ignore them, they will go away" attitude, Cochran warned students against blowing off the activities of white supremacy groups, such as the Klu Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, and The World Church of the Creator.

All of these groups have bases in Pennsylvania. Because most people think that no one takes hate groups seriously, and that they constitute a small, inconsequential percentage of the population, the groups have had 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 vehem-

ently against racism, a collective prejudice and even hatred of gays and lesbians is 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 after 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" (ABC), and "Good Morning America" (NBC). 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, Office of Student Affairs, Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Phi Mu, Phi Kappa Sigma, Hispanic Latino Alliance, College Activities, and the Office of Multicultural Services.

For more information, visit Cochran's website at [www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/7701](http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/7701).

## Controversy arises regarding the effectiveness and purpose of Jan Term

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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 and research obligations," says Dr. Gregory Alles, chairperson of the department of philosophy and religious studies.

Another 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 Lemieux, assistant professor of communication and chair of the Curriculum Committee. Finishing a course just three days prior to starting the spring semester does 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 Terms have not changed from \$800 for study tours and \$1500 for on-campus courses in years, she says.

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 with Smith's comment. 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 \$1600 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 advisees...in workload," says Horneff. However, there is a minimum enrollment of six students in a Jan Term course, or it gets canceled, she says. In fact, Horneff recalls canceling her husband's first Jan Term course in 1996.

One should also keep in mind that the faculty has changed quite a bit since the Jan Term program was adopted at WMC. Since the program started 31 years ago, it is possible that some new professors may not understand the philosophy behind it; therefore, they might be less inclined to offer courses for it, suggests Lightner.

Not only has the faculty interest gradually declined over the years, but so has the student interest. According to Lightner, when the program was started neither of the two required Jan Term courses could be used to satisfy a BLAR or major requirement.

Aside from it being a requirement for students, Lightner says Jan Term used to be packed with events. He would type up a calendar of events, and each block would have something in it for the students to do. One activity he fondly remembers is the Monday afternoon coffee-times in McDaniel Lounge. Students and professors used to come

in from the cold and enjoy time together drinking coffee or hot chocolate. He describes Jan Term as a time for the college to be "a unified whole" for three weeks.

With all that effort being poured into the program, it is no wonder that enrollment was up. Lightner says the student enrollment percentage during the 1970s was about 85 percent. The remaining 15 percent was most likely freshmen who wanted to spend their first long break at home, he says.

So what happened? Lightner recalls the calendar consistently changing. In 1970, the Jan Term was actually from Jan. 19 to Feb. 6 since first semester did not end until mid-January. Then by 1980 the term was from Jan. 7 to Jan. 30, because the first semester courses were completed before the holiday break.

Not only was the calendar changing but the very purpose of Jan Term had begun to evolve. Initially, the purpose of Jan Term was to give "students and faculty an unusual experience." Breadth and depth remain vital components of the liberal arts education as well as the third dimension of "intensity" which should ideally be provided by Jan Term.

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" an area 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 "exploration" in their field or another one. For all students, it is a time of "concentrated 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 purposeful? "In theory, yes. In practice, maybe not," says Alles, who taught one Jan Term in 1990. He senses that many students expect little to no "academic content" in a Jan Term course. He knows faculty who refuse to teach it because they felt that "when they did, students weren'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, Lemieux believes that it still serves an "excellent purpose," that is to "round oneself out." He believes that the program will have its high and low points, and it will never be altered over time, but even "axed" altogether.

Senior Susuma Rajapaksa has only praise for her experience in a course called The Game of Mah Jongg, taught by Ms. Susan Milstein, a business and economics professor. She says that since she had to be on campus for her job as a resident adviser anyway,

the course was worth it and "a lot of fun."

With Jan Term comes a dramatic range of courses. A student can satisfy the one-term requirement with anything from *Fly Fishing and Star Trek to the History of China*.

One may begin to wonder whether all Jan Term courses have academic value. According to Lemieux, each professor must submit a form with the course they wish to offer explained in detail. The forms then go before the Curriculum Committee for approval. They look for an academic element as well as a level of diversity. In his experience on the committee for the past three years, no courses have been denied, Lemieux says. That is because courses are usually well-defined, and the professor's "rationale" and "purpose" is clear. Occasionally the committee has asked to be modified or explained further, he says.

Another student, sophomore David Kemp, describes his Jan Term experience as "extremely beneficial." He took *Mime and Mask: Movement for the Actor*, taught by Dr. Elizabeth van den Berg, assistant professor of theatre arts.

As a dual theatre and communication major, Kemp says the course gave him a chance to "focus on the acting concepts of the class" by not having to worry about work for any other courses at the same time.

Several sophomore students who have not taken a Jan Term say it is because they have not found one that interests them.

Nearly every student questioned, with or without a Jan Term

experience, said the one thing they would like to see changed is the amount of courses offered.

The enrollment at WMC has consistently grown in recent years, so one would assume that the course offerings would also increase. According to the Jan Term catalogs, that is not the case. In 1970, 38 courses were offered; in 1980, 54 courses were offered. That makes sense. However, in 1990 and 2000, only 29 courses were offered, which shows a significant decline.

Horneff believes that the written philosophy is still very much a part of Jan Term. However, students are choosing to take more internships and independent studies.

Last January there were 574 students enrolled in the program. Of that number there were 26 independent studies and 66 internships, the most Horneff has ever seen. Although the interest in those types of Jan Term courses has increased and they are often very productive ways to satisfy the requirement, Horneff would still like to see more on-campus course options available.

Junior Ryan Ewing completed an internship this past January. He described the experience as "neat;" however, he has a few complaints about expenses.

He says, "If you are going to require one Jan Term to be mandatory for graduation, you better do—well make sure that the cost of tuition AND BOARD is free...it isn't right that people should have to give up a money-earning job to pay extra money for food in Glar."

Ewing recommends allowing students to use extra meals they have from the fall or spring semesters during Jan Term. Currently, a

student on campus during January is required to purchase a 36 block meal plan for \$225. Horneff agrees with that suggestion.

In response to Ewing's suggestion, Dr. Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, says, "The pricing structure for board in the fall and spring semesters is constructed so as to break even for [each] semester. Thus, there are no resources left over to allow for free meals in Jan Term." He compares Jan Term to summer school, saying that it is designed to stand alone, with separate charges. There is a "real cost in providing food," he says, "and it needs to be paid for in some manner."

Opinions about Jan Term are widespread. Now the question is, what should become of it? Lightner believes that it has gone from "a mainstream idea" to the "backburner." However, he says that every time it is analyzed the result is to keep it. While he cannot predict the future, Lightner thinks the program might eventually become four-credit courses that can be used as electives requiring more hours.

He says that most of the other schools that had the program, like UMBC, Goucher, and Notre Dame, have "long since dropped it," and WMC may be among a few dozen schools across the country to still have it.

Senior Matt Cribbin, who gives tours for admissions, says, "When I tell families about our Jan Term program they are so intensely interested that you wouldn't believe. The parents always say how much they would love the chance to go back to school and do something like that."

It definitely seems to remain a selling point for WMC.

The WMC Institutional Advancement Office is in

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of student volunteers to assist

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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 Brenton at ext. 258 (rbrenton@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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## DoCS's guidelines and relationship with WPD

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ing is also always reported to the Westminster police and that there were indeed officers present for the Feb. 11 alcohol poisoning, despite the comments made by Westminster Police Maj. Dean Brewer. Brewer does not seem to think the college notifies the police department about to many issues at all, and he says he hears of most instances of crime on campus through rumors.

Yet, Webster views things differently and stresses that some matters may be better handled by Campus Safety while others would be best solved through police involvement. He also states that if there is a non-emergency offense committed on campus that the victim should contact Campus Safety in order for them to call the police instead of calling them directly. Webster says, "other people may have other impressions, but when it comes to college policy of notifying the police, I'm the final arbitrator of that."

According to Webster, any time the college as an institution is the victim, the police are notified. The exception to this is when it is a small offense and the college knows who the perpetrator is. In those cases restitution is handled here through the Honor and Conduct Board. Webster says to involve the public criminal justice system would not change the outcome much in those instances.

On the other hand, when a student is the victim, that individual is offered the option to call the police, says Webster. The only instances where the police are notified in every instance immediately, according to Webster, is for drug cases or when there is an alcohol overdose.

Webster provided the *Phoenix* with a copy of the "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Mutual Assistance and Jurisdiction" between Western Maryland College and the city of Westminster Police De-

partment. It states that it does not exist "in response to difficulty between these agencies" but rather "so that the excellent relationship" between the two "be maintained, and hopefully strengthened." This document outlines the guidelines DoCS officers are to follow when dealing with misdemeanor and felony offenses on campus.

It states that "DoCS policy require the immediate response by WPD to felonies unless the campus safety officer can safely act and time is of the essence to protect life or health." When necessary DoCS officers may "effect [sic] citizen arrests for felonies where the identity of the felon is known as a virtual certainty."

The document further says that "jurisdiction of the campus area will be joint with original and primary jurisdiction retained by WPD" and that "summary statistics are made to WPD Chief Roger C. Joneks monthly regarding campus crime."

When it comes to handling offenses the Memorandum has this to say: "Violent crimes or serious crimes in progress will be the original and primary jurisdiction of WPD. In cases where DoCS is first to the scene, the campus safety officer first arriving will establish a perimeter, controlling and recording access, protecting evidence, and denying all access until directed otherwise by a supervisor of either DoCS or WPD." On the other hand, "misdemeanors such as alcohol violations, minor thefts, harassment, etc. will be the primary jurisdiction of DoCS." Webster said this is because there is a different burden of proof when matters are dealt with on campus versus through the criminal justice system.

"The standard of proof for an Honor and Conduct trial is far more easy to achieve" because it deals with the preponderance of evidence instead of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, says Webster. Chief Joneks was unable to be reached for comment.

## A weekend of fun at WMC

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Staff Writer

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 so 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 stuff about the campus, but the things we want and need to know," said prospective student Natasha Coleman, 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 people and 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, pool party and workshops such as "Finding the Actor Within," "Personal Marketing," "The History of Black Music," and multicultural issues.

Tierra Jolly, from Suitland Maryland, is another student who decided from the weekend event that she will enroll in the fall, "the campus is beautiful and WMC has all the majors I am contemplating."

The weekend was funded by the admissions department and organized by Grace Almandrez, director of multicultural ser-

vices, and Patrick Young, admissions counselor. This program is one of the strategies WMC has implemented to increase the number of minorities that attend the college.

The number of students who attended the program this year has more than tripled from the 12 who attended last year.

According to Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell, admissions has been doing more direct mail contact, sending out invitations out earlier as well as making more phone calls to increase the attendance of more minorities at WMC.

The minority student weekend has been a very small program in the past. "Five to six years ago, only six students attended the weekend and now the number of minorities attending the overnight stay has dramatically increased," commented Dean O'Connell. She added that the application pool of minorities is also up 25 percent from last year.

"Marketing [by] word of mouth is a key factor," expressed O'Connell, "and that factor adds to the success of WMC." From these changes, they have increased the number of minority students that attend the fall and winter visitation days.

Darren Chang, a resident of Greenbelt, Maryland, is another student who visited for the weekend. He relayed his anticipation about the program during check-in in Ensor Lounge, "I am nervous because I do not know what is about to happen, but I am looking forward to having fun."

Asked how many of the students she expects will enroll at WMC in the fall, O'Connell commented, "I am an optimist, so I would say 100%." Realistically, O'Connell admitted she would be satisfied with 75 percent.



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The weekend's participants gather one last time in GLAR.

## Campus hosts first Reunion Weekend

On April 28-30, 2000, Western Maryland will host its first Reunion Weekend. Alumni from 16 different classes have been invited back to enjoy a weekend of activities. The alumni 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 during this weekend, there are several specific activities mixing alumni with students and faculty.

On Friday morning, alumni may be visiting your classroom 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 an experience). On Friday afternoon, there will be groups of alumni touring campus to see the changes in the buildings and admire the recent renovations.

Get jazzed for the Friday night performance. We will be hosting a Mardi Gras-style dinner followed by a WMC jazz concert. This event is open to the entire WMC community. Dinner costs \$17.50 without a meal exchange. As a student, if you want to attend the dinner, you will need to provide your id number and the cost for dinner will be \$15. The concert

is free; however, you will need a ticket. You can get a ticket from the Reunion Programs Office located on the second floor of Elder-dice.

Saturday morning the WMC Gospel Choir will be performing in Alumni Hall at 9:00 am followed by a College update from Acting President Coley. Then the visiting alumni will be scattering around campus to attend workshops, exhibitions, and seminars. This means if you have a work of art on display in The Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show or a poster display in the Science Center, there will be more people admiring your work.

Everybody loves a parade, and we have

one planned for Reunion Weekend. Starting at noon 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 attention. 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.

Saturday afternoon, alumni are invited to cheer on the Green Turret at the home sports events or to explore campus. Then in the evening, they will be gathering around campus and Westminster for individual class celebrations.

On Sunday morning, alumni have been invited to participate in the lacrosse 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 Brenton '86 at x258.

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 '87, Associate Director for Reunion Programs at x255.

Courtesy of Laura Russell

## Mark your calendar

- Thursday, March 30
  - \* SGA Organizational Representative Meeting; Hill Hall 104 at 8 pm.
- Friday, March 31
  - \* \$200 housing deposit due
  - \* Sunday April 2-
  - \* College Clean-up Day; 9-12 p.m.; call Kelly Dunnivant at 8010 to get involved
  - \* Trip to see "Grease".
- Tuesday, April 4
  - \* WMC Wellness Fair; 11:00 am - 1 pm in the Forum
- Thursday, April 6
  - \* First Thursday; Red Square 12:00 noon
- Friday, April 7
  - \* Spring Formal on the Odyssey; bus leaves at 10:00 pm; dance lasts from 11:00-2:30 am
- Monday, April 10
  - \* Last day to register for the Mathematics Proficiency Tests; register by noon.
- Tuesday, April 11
  - \* Fall Class Registration for Class of 2001
- Wednesday, April 12
  - \* Mathematics Proficiency Tests; Decker Lecture Hall of Lewis Hall of Science at 12:00 noon; bring ID and two pencils.
- Friday, April 15
  - \* Fall Class Registration for Class of 2002
  - \* Room Registration
- Thursday, April 13
  - \* Fall Class Registration for Class of 2003
- Friday, April 15
  - \* Spring Fling



## Recycling: the big mystery on the Western Maryland College campus

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pers and magazines from the library."

But Biggus adds that "in certain dorms we have recycling cans, but there's trash mixed in with the cans [so we] just have to get rid of it, instead of sorting through it."

In the residence hall trash rooms, Biggus says, there used to be boxes for plastic, bottles, or glass, but people would come into the dorms and ruin the boxes by filling them with trash.

The Student Government Assembly is trying to get students interested in recycling again, according to secretary Dana Jacobson, a senior biology major. Their goal is to get special bins for recycling, make an incentive program for certain organizations, and in general, Jacobson says, "make people more aware of [the bins] and restart recycling."

Depending on student interest, a new club may be organized to promote and protect the environment. Several colleges near WMC already have some sort of recycling organization organized. For example, at Goucher College the group EARTH (Environmentalism and Animal Rights Together in Harmony) is dedicated to cleaning up the planet as well as making it a safe place for living creatures, according to their website. The club sponsors campus cleaning, community-service projects, and campus tree plantings.

At Villa Julie College, there is an Environmental Club that promotes awareness of environmental issues as well as health-related issues.

Also at Juniata College, located in Huntingdon, Pa., there are collection sites for all types of paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass, and plastic. The college tries to improve recycling on campus by placing more paper and plastic bins on each residence floor and putting more bins in the academic buildings.

All these clubs were found on their college's web page. WMC, however, has nothing on their web site about campus recycling except for a section about the Honors recycling effort at Daniel MacLea Hall. In this program recyclables are collected from each suite every Thursday and taken to the recycling dumpster, says junior Jon Bear. Otherwise, WMC does not make it known that recycling occurs on campus.

Many students feel that to promote awareness of recycling, there

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 cans on each floor, or if not...at least at every resident building. For people that do want 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 devoted recycler. I don't think about it too often so the [recycling bins] help."

Senior Rich Suchoski is one of the few devoted recyclers on campus. He will gladly 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."

Jon Bear, a junior biology and environment major, agrees with Suchoski but sees other reasons why students don't recycle. Bear says recycling needs to be made more accessible in not only the residence halls, but also in Glar and the Pub.

"Recycling programs need to be run by students to encourage the practice," he says. "A concentrated movement with good support should encourage aid from the school [and] hopefully generate co-operation with future environmental programs."

Bear has been thinking about starting another environmental awareness club, but has been

stalled by various obstacles, such as course loads and conflicting schedules.

David Seydel, who graduated in 1999 as an environmental science 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.

Seydel also thinks that the housekeeping staff doesn't recycle the material. "I remember last year doing a petition for recycling," says Seydel. "The largest student comment 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 staff member does not separate the bags anymore, even though they separate paper and trash.

Despite these accusations about lack of recycling, Mel Whelan is adamant that the school recycles everywhere except in the residence halls where there is "almost no recycling being done." As Whelan said earlier, this is because of lack of student interest.

Housekeepers, Kelly Bowers and Kay Glaken, said that they always recycle the paper on campus, and try to recycle the cans when ever possible. Glaken says that she's going to the physical plant to "have [the bins] better marked and more clear."

Bowers says the cans have trash

in them sometimes, but that most of the time, they're taken to be recycled. Also, if there's a trash can with some cans in it, Bowers says, "We usually pull [the cans] and make sure they get put in the recycling bins."

"We need student participation and it's just not there," says Whelan. "If students would get together and start a recycling group, then myself and others would join them."

Whelan points out that if people would notice the dumpster near the water tower for recyclables, and the black-and-white bags around campus that separate trash and recyclables, they would see that WMC does indeed recycle. And sure enough, after noticing the many white bags with paper and the abundance of cardboard, paper, bottles, and tin in the dumpster, it is safe to say that this campus does recycle.

Dr. Esther M. Iglich thinks very highly of Whelan's efforts to promote recycling on campus. Iglich, who has taught in the biology department for 20 years, believes that many people on campus do not know what is really being recycled. "[Whelan] has always been a great supporter of recycling on campus," Iglich says.

Teaching such courses as ecology, environmental biology, environmental health, and botany over the years, Iglich has been supporting student environmental groups for two decades. She's been involved with five major ecology groups during that time. However, Iglich stresses that "it takes the whole community to really get re-

cycling along."

One of the major efforts of a previous campus group was to move the recycling responsibility over to the Physical Plant which Whelan, "very graciously picked up...several years ago," according to Iglich. Because of groups' just dumping garbage, vomit, and everything in the recycling boxes," Iglich says, "I couldn't blame the physical plant people if they didn't have the time or energy to clear it all out."

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 loss of wild spaces in general.

"We tend to only deal with topics that impact us directly on campus," 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 Philadelphia, describes environmental education programs like WMC's in Researcher Environmental Education magazine as "rare when students actually decide, plan, and implement the action themselves."

Jon Bear thinks that, "A group on campus would put environmental issues back 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 full force again.

## Greeks announce awards ceremony

GINGER PARKER

Contributing Writer

The Mu Omicron Chapter of the National Order of Omega and the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Gamma Sigma Alpha at Western Maryland College cordially invite you to attend the 4th Annual Greek Awards Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 in McDaniel Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Please join us to salute the outstanding accomplishments of fraternity and sorority life. Dress is business attire. Wine, cheese, and desserts will be served.

The following awards will be presented:

### Most Improved Chapter

Presented to that fraternity and that sorority deemed to have achieved the most notable improvement between the years of 1998 and 1999.

### Philanthropic Service

Presented to that fraternity and sorority deemed to have achieved their highest potential in the Greek ideal of public service during 1999.

### Outstanding Greek President

Presented in recognition of the fraternity and/or sorority president deemed to have most successfully fulfilled the responsibilities of leadership and advanced the chapter.

### Outstanding Professor

Presented to one faculty mem-

ber deserving of recognition and honorable mention for their commitment to education and the students of Western Maryland College.

### Outstanding Chapter Advisor

Presented to one fraternity and one sorority chapter advisor deserving of recognition and honorable mention for their commitment to chapter advising.

### Outstanding Greek Athlete

Presented to that male and female individual who have achieved the highest standards in WMC athletics.

### Distinguished Service Award Certificate

Presented to members of the WMC Greek System deserving of recognition and honorable mention and who may not be otherwise recognized through the individual awards or chapter executive officer positions.

### Martin Oswiecmka Memorial Award

Presented to that male or female individual who has achieved the highest standards of overall excellence at Western Maryland College. Greek Man and Woman of the Year.

Presented to the male and female who have achieved the highest standards in the WMC Greek community.

\*Nominations for this award

will be announced at the ceremony. The awards will be presented at the Senior Institute.

Chapter Scholarship, Gamma Sigma Alpha GPA Award Certificates, and Outstanding Academic New Member Class will also be awarded.

The WMC campus community is invited to attend this event. Door prizes will be awarded.

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## Honor & Conduct Board

The Honor & Conduct Board adjudicated a case in February involving a student who failed to complete sanctions from a previous incident. The student was fined \$100 plus \$20 each week until the previous mentioned sanctions are complete. Additionally, the student was given an additional 7 hours of community service. Finally, if all sanctions are not complete by May 19, the stu-

dent will not be allowed to walk during graduation.

They also adjudicated a case in March involving a student who scratched a racial epithet on a laundry room door. The student accepted responsibility for the violations and was required to attend a diversity workshop, enroll in a multicultural sensitivity program or course, and issued five hours of community service.

# Don't be a fool on April Fool's Day-read your horoscope

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**Aries** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)  
Happy Birthday you April Fool! Don't let anyone tell you your shoes are untied. Wear Velcro!

**Taurus** (April 21-May 21)  
Remember you are tough, talented, and totally in control. Don't let anyone give you Bull! You are NOT a kitchen appliance!

**Gemini** (May 22-June 21)  
Whoa was that your twin?!? No! April Fools! Don't be confused, everyone thought it would be funny to dress like you for the day!

**Cancer** (June 24-July 23)  
Tomorrow a friend will call you and ask you for advice. A massive identity crisis is underway and people are walking around be-

lieving they are blenders. TRY to be supportive!

**Leo** (July 24-Aug. 23)  
This month your love life will be your mane event. So get going! Jump head first into everything you do. Carpe Diem.

**Virgo** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)  
You will tend to be discontent this month. You hate the rain, flowers make you sneeze, and finals are making you want

to skip town. But think twice before you go chase rainbows. There's plenty treasure where you are. Just look around.

**Libra** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)  
Beware of a mysterious stranger coming into your life. Look out for suspicious people with dark hair, eyes, and legs.

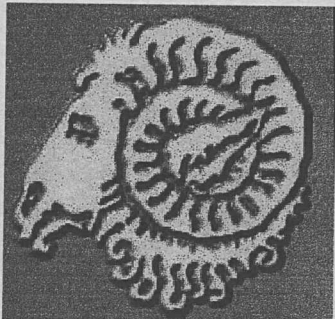
If a friend invites you to a rally that involves credit cards, dynamite, and a vast supply of mountain climbing equipment, it might be a good to pass.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)  
You might be getting spring fever, but stick to the routine and it will pay off in good grades, happy parents, and a windfall.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)  
Are you imagining that there are little green men living in your underwear drawer? You need to start seeing things more clearly. It's time to have your prescription checked.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)  
Seek exotic places; look under your bed for calm and clean up that mess. Just steer clear of anything that glows green.

**Pisces** (Jan. 21-March 20)  
Okay, you are a fish- what do we care?



## Joan Weyers celebrates volunteerism

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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 she showed them what it is like to be a disabled athlete.

Weyers, a resident of Lutherville, MD, has recently retired from teaching full time but still devotes a large amount of time to helping others, from assisting physically disabled children to substitutes to tutoring at a local women's prison.

"I like to take on the cause of the underdog," Weyers explained, "especially if the underdog does not have the ability or the means to help him or herself."

Weyers, a graduate of LaCrosse State University in Wisconsin, joined the WMC staff just after earning a masters degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1963. After

many years of teaching physical education courses and coaching the women's field hockey and tennis teams, she "inherited" the Adapted P.E. course from former trainer Fern Hitchcock.

Dr. Carol Fritz, WMC physical education professor and Associate Director of Athletics explained that Weyers used her Adapted P.E. class as a vehicle for her own interest in volunteerism.

"She got deeper and deeper into helping physically challenged people because of the class, and was always looking to show students how to get involved," said Fritz.

Weyers explained her motives by saying, "My main goal was to teach the students that people with disabilities can have just as much fun playing sports as able-bodied athletes."

Until she retired in 1999, Weyers put her students in the shoes of disabled athletes through a myriad of classroom activities. For example, students were challenged to play sports such as basketball in a wheelchair and golf blindfolded.

Sophomore Marni Schlenker explained, "We were actually thrown into the situation in class, which gives you a greater apprecia-

tion for those who live with disabilities every day. She wanted to make us aware of the disabilities that exist, but at the same time show us that they don't necessarily have to slow you down."

Students were also put to the test each semester by competing against the Maryland Rayens Wheelchair Basketball Team. "It gives them a great awareness and they gain a great appreciation for disabled athletes," said Weyers.

For the past 12 years, Weyers and other WMC professors, along with Carroll County schoolteachers, have worked together to form a day of athletic events for children with physical disabilities, called the "Tournament of Champions."

Each spring a crowd of young athletes gathers on campus along with WMC students for a day of competition and fun. And each year Weyers is found smiling as she coordinates and takes part in the tournament.

She explained that the most rewarding part of the day for her has been, "watching the faces of the athletes as they participated and again when they received their medals."

Now, as a part-time faculty member, Weyers has even more time to devote to helping others. This past fall, she enrolled in the graduate course, "Reading Methods and Strategies" so she could teach others to read.

When people need help Joan is usually one of the first to volunteer," said Fritz.

Since October, Weyers has volunteered one day a week at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in Jessup.

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.

Weyers said that she chose to work with adults instead of children because they are less willing to ask for help.

Although this is true, she has found that many of the women are eager to learn.

Susan Witlin, a special education and reading teacher at the prison, commented, "Joan came into a very different, very new experience and jumped in right away. She is always received well by the students."

"I sometimes think it's more rewarding for me than the person I helped," said Weyers. "You just feel good about having done something."

Volunteering is a large, meaningful part of Weyers' life. "Those of us who have good lives should give back to those less fortunate," she said. "That's why I volunteer."

## Art show gets face lift

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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

**Graphics and Computer Design:** Including graphic arts and design projects, computer design, mixed media, and copier art

**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 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 Coverstone 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 x595.

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# Rat's Web: Trojans & Worms II

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Staff Writer

After an issue hiatus I'm back to present my wealth of Web wisdom to you. Last time I explained what Trojans, Viri, 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 is 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 virus contamination.

If the site is not a from a major company, check to see if they states that their files are virus-free before uploading them. Sites that have such a guarantee include [www.nonags.com](http://www.nonags.com) and [www.otakuworld.com](http://www.otakuworld.com).

If you are going after shareware or freeware from a site that doesn't

have such a policy (such as an FTP site,) be careful. You may be gambling with your computer's life!

Finally, Ware are extremely dangerous (also illegal) and have a high chance of containing a virus or Trojan. Only accept files from those you know and trust. This includes files sent as email attachments or sent by programs such as AOL Instant Messenger or ICQ.

Even if you know the person, they could unwittingly send you an email attachment that contains a virus. A new trick of viruses and an old trick of worms are 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 some

post even more frequently, so keep 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 McAfee's Anti-virus. I have Norton's myself, but I also use a free program called InnoCulateIT as a backup. I keep both up to date.

*Some links to anti-virus programs and other resources:*

Norton's Antivirus - information on the Norton product and its updates:

<http://www.norton.com/nav/index.A.html>

McAfee's Antivirus Centre - info on the McAfee product and updates:

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InnoCulateIT 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.dumbblaws.com/> Hmmm.... It's illegal to throw bales of hay from a second story window in Baltimore. Damn, there goes my weekend plans!

## 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  
Tumpet & Vocals

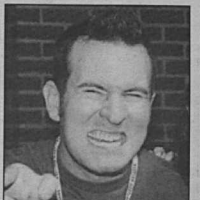


"I like Grover, I've always liked Grover."  
Matt Wong  
Bass



"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

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Assistant Features Editor

They're zany. They're comical. They're loud. They don't always give straight answers because they're too busy joking around. They're a ska band. They're Reel Big Fish.

Within Reel Big Fish, the guys are divided up into "mini-bands." The Backseat Boys are drummer Carlos De la Garza and bassist Matt Wong.

Party Incorporated is trumpeter Tavis Werts and trombonist Dan Regan. Last but not least are Jambo Jambo and Jambo J, a.k.a. Aaron Barrett (vocals and guitar) and

Scott Klopfenstein (trumpet and vocals) respectively.

This band from Southern California has been around since 1991. They got their start at Los Alamos High School. The credit for naming the band Reel Big Fish goes to Backseat Boy Wong.

Collectively, Reel Big Fish list Led Zepelin, Jimmy Hendrix, KC & the Sunshine Band, No Doubt, Sublime, and "love" among their influences.

If they could tour with any act they wanted to, they would tour with Def Leppard, but only in the 1980s otherwise they wouldn't do it.

After pretending as though it was something they'd never heard of before, Barrett said, "it's cool," about the Florida Marlins using "Trendy" as their theme song at their baseball games.

Barrett also said it was cool opening for Kiss, Coolio, The Cure, The Blues Brothers, among others, and playing with Don Ho. "It's cool" seems to be a favorite response of Barrett's. The band also appeared in the Universal Pictures' film, *BASEketball* where they played themselves.

They described the experience as trippy. They also said it was one nonstop party the whole time and they were surprised the movie actually got done. So what do these guys do when they aren't touring? According to Klopfenstein they, "play video games."

When asked why they think they work well as a band when all of them are so different, Barrett replied, "we're all one person." Werts jokingly added, "one really schizophrenic person."

As for what type of crowd they prefer at concerts, they said it's not the quantity of the fans, but the quality that counts. Barrett added, "we like to play in front of anybody."

These guys were goofy throughout the entire interview, but when asked why they oppose 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 show that shit for the football field." Klopfenstein said simply, "violence is stupid."

Right after that they joked, "thanks for the downer question" to get back into the laid-back, more comical mood of the interview.

These days the guys of Reel Big Fish are having rehearsal every weekday because they are working on a new album. The album will hopefully come out by the summer of 2000. This album is the follow-up to "Why Do They Rock So Hard." It was released in 1998.

The band also re-released their album "Everything Sucks" but with additions to the original version. The new version that was released on January 25, 2000 has new artwork, some "lost recordings" and even includes a video, that can be played on a computer, for the song, "Everything Sucks."

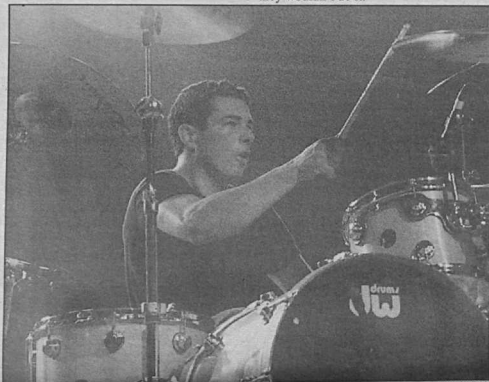
According to the Mojo Records January 25, 2000 Press Release, the members of Reel Big Fish "wanted fans to be able to own a piece of their history at a fair price, rather than having to pay exorbitant prices for illegal copies."

The very random silly moments tended to revolve around Wong who said at one point, "Cheetos are good on Sundays." Later in the interview Wong made a big claw with his hand and then spun his finger around in a small circle.

The rest of the band explained that the gesture means "Bear claws all around." Apparently, the guys like to eat pastry bear claws.

And Reel Big Fish sarcastically reminds us that "everything you read is true." For more information, check out Reel Big Fish on the web at [www.reelbigfish.com](http://www.reelbigfish.com).

Additional information from the *Mojo Records* January 25, 2000 Press Release. Additional interviewing done by Jennifer Sirkis.



Carlos De la Garza drumming hard at the concert

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## Beat Soup brings a taste of ska pop to the show



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(L-R) Dan Cuetaara, Tom Healey, and Robin Haynes of Beat Soup

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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 consists of Tom Healey and Dan Cuetaara on guitar/vocals, John Jackson on drums, Art Cohen playing bass, and the three brass players: Robin Haynes (tenor sax), Karl Schneider (trombone), and John Deane (trumpet).

The band got started in 1991 and the only remaining original members are Cuetaara and Healey.

They attribute this to the fact that some-

times it takes a while for the right mix of people to get into a band. The group of seven now known as Beat Soup have been playing together for approximately two to three years.

This group of Bostonians have opened for groups such as The Toasters, The Slackers, 311 (before they were famous), and now Reel Big Fish.

"We play clubs," Jackson replied when asked if they preferred larger audiences or smaller ones. "We'd rather have thirty people dancing and having a good time than lots of people not," added Cuetaara.

So where did the name Beat Soup come from? The members in the original band all thought of a bunch of names and Cuetaara explained that his Beat Soup was the least lame

of the ideas and so it just stuck.

One of the alternative names was "Love Salad." Do we see a food theme going on here?

When asked what it's like being the only female in the band, Haynes explained that it's fun, and that the guys are a great group work with. "I make them behave," she added.

The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Slayer, Cracker, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones are among the groups which influenced their music.

With so many different tastes in music among the members, it seems to work well and come together for them. They feel their diversity makes them a better band because they have more to draw from.

So with so many different dispositions, who would Beat Soup tour with if they could tour with any other group in the world? Healey's reply was "Madness - in their prime." Schneider said, "I'd go on tour with anybody."

Beat Soup writes their own songs for the most part and according to Cuetaara, "songs just come." He also explained that they, "started off backwards than most bands" because they began with their own songs and started playing covers later on in their musical careers.

Their debut album, *Start from Scratch*, has been out for a little while and the band hopes to have their next album out by the end of the summer. The album will feature a video that can be played on a computer.

Although they have risen in popularity over the years, each of the band members also holds a "grown-up" job. Among them 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.

Schneider explained, "we do it less than part-time," when talking about how much the band is together, both rehearsing and performing. Even though they have regular lives and the band, Schneider said, "some of us haven't grown up yet."

To learn more about the band, hear their music, or to see their performance schedule, check out their website [www.beatsoup.com](http://www.beatsoup.com).



John Deane (L) and Tom Healey

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# satisfy appetites for music

## Poor attendance, positive reviews mar RBF concert

**LAURA 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 WMC

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



Fans in the front row cheer enthusiastically as Reel Big Fish performs "Everything Sucks" (Beat Soup).

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

from the opening band (Beat

Soup). Cameron summed the show up the best by saying, "Awesome. They were awesome."



With lead singer Aaron Barrett masquerading as Superman, the members of Reel Big Fish put on an energetic show

## 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 Quik 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, twitching his right leg while playing the trumpet, and watching the movie "Urban Cowboy" with John Travolta which is his all-time favorite.

### Matt Wong

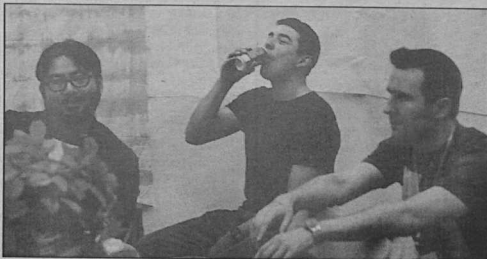
The bassist and oldest member of the group, he hails from Westminster, CA. That's California-so don't scour Main Street trying to find his house. His favorite bands include 311, The Deftones, and Korn. He has many tattoos which he "got out of Cracker Jack boxes."

### 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 "hotie," 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 modelling his hairstyle after him. He commented, "I gotta get it just right. It's very important to me."





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## Letters to the Editor regarding last issue

Mr. Griffiths,

Your article on "special" months segregating us further might be an interesting point but I was having trouble following it.

You started with 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 Terry Dalton's best journalism 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 lecture. In any event, you seem to be as misguided as your "several" female and black friends about this.

Instead of wasting time discussing pictures of models outside of Glar or Conservative thinking, consider this: What essential, crucial pieces of information do we receive about Blacks 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 underscores that these 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 contribution of blacks to a particular field of discipline was when I asked about it. I never ever 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 was largely unnoticed, even to this day, even though his work represented and was more true to American Art Music than just about 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 Brittany 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 that outside of the 28 designated days we have? 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 outrage 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 jobs, who are they using it to? 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 place along with it current and relevant information to support your point of view.

Last time I checked WMC isn't overflowing with a multi-cultural faculty. (I can personally attest to being confused for Glen and Glen for me because of the lack of minorities on campus). Last time I checked Carroll County Public Schools hasn't stepped up aggressive 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 implemented 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 making a mess without tending to the wound and consider this: if we say no to Affirmative Action and/or "special" months, what do we say yes to? What would we replace them with?

Eric Byrd

**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 better, 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

## Money can't buy love or a decent TV show

By now, you've heard the hype and maybe even 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 parade around on 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 male, who happens to be worth about 2 million dollars. The prize? The winner, Darva, got to be married to this nice gentle-

**Kristen G. Fraser discusses the effects of *The TV special, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire."***

ceremony. (The prenuptial agreement that she signed doesn't allow for them to become formally "unmarried" for one year.) She was repulsed by kissing him, according to Newsweek. She didn't spend time with him on their honeymoon, and instead has only one request-that she receive her life back.

Now, before the pity pours out for this poor young woman, I think there are many reasons why she doesn't deserve pity.

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

nally revealed. She could have said no when the judge started to marry them. And most of all, she could have said no when the papers were put in front of her.

Did she really think this marriage would succeed? The current divorce rates suggest that marriage is not an easy task. Additionally, statistics on short-term engagement periods show that those marriages are even more likely to fail.

However, it is doubtful that there are any statistics for 5 minute acquaintance engagements.

She seems like a smart enough person. She's college-educated, and worked as an Air Force nurse in the Persian Gulf.

What would possess a person to partici-

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man, Rick, on national TV, on the basis of him choosing of her.

So, the two were married on TV, whisked off on a free honeymoon, and onto the happy ever after. However, there have been problems.

Apparently, the couple doesn't appreciate the media circus that accompanied their hastened act. And, there is the pesky problem that the groom's ex-fiance has a restraining order against him, and she alleges that he tried to assault her.

Hmm. The plot thickens. Darva regrets marrying him, and can't wait to annul the

show. That isn't brain surgery. The classiness shows that air on Fox should have been the first hint that maybe this wasn't a good idea.

Secondly, the mountain of legal documents should have been a hint. According to testimony from a Maryland contestant who spoke on a local radio show, each woman was required to sign mountains of paperwork, including an additional set of papers for an alternate millionaire if the first bachelor chose to back out.

Speaking of backing out, last time I checked, this woman still had the right to free will. She could have said no when he was fi-

pate in this show? Was she desperate? Was the two million, that she will obviously not receive ANY of, worth it? Was she having self esteem problems?

This production is a mockery of marriage, romance, decency, common sense, and most of all respect for women. This show would have never achieved the popularity that it did had it been with male contestants. Perhaps because there aren't male beauty pageants on TV.

I personally hope this is the end of these shows. A return to financially arranged marriages seems to be in order if not.

# Palczynski and police hold Dundalk's citizens hostage

Well, you can write-off any chances of Dutch "Apple Pie" Ruppertsburger becoming Governor. Or even running for governor, for that matter.

Now all of Maryland (and thanks to CNN, most of the country with Cable Television) has seen what a disaster Baltimore County has become.

Higher Property Taxes, escalating drug sales, rising crime-rates, incoherent sanitation workers, "pothole expressways," Section 8 Housing for criminal miscreants—and, oh yes, a County Police department that's handcuffed by goof-offs and half-wits in the executive branch.

Roger Hayden, come hither... Does it bother anyone else that this Palczynski thing was such a disaster to start with?

The guy gets released from jail two weeks ago after a lengthy record of violence and mental illness and departs from the "authorities" (who they have authority over seems to be a fool mood).

Over the next week, Joe Palczynski murders an innocent couple sheltering his girlfriend, kills their neighbor in the process, takes his girlfriend hostage, and

then kills a pregnant woman in a failed car-jacking attempt a few days later. Over the last two weeks, the FBI, the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms), and the Baltimore City Police invade Baltimore County getting mixed up in a manhunt for "poor little Joey."

Search efforts are uncoordinated, and the presence of federal authorities disallows the Baltimore County Police the authority to shoot-on-site should they have encountered Mr. Palczynski.

That's right, the Federal Government even got involved. From the people that brought you "The Slaughter of Innocent Lives at Ruby Ridge," "The Mass Murders of Innocent Children in Waco," and the "100 Day, \$30,000,000 stand-off in Montana to get four freemen out of a cabin" comes the Baltimore County thriller "the endless search for Joe Palczynski, the guy that frequents the 7-11."

But hey, the government is in charge (surprised?). The Baltimore County Police, knowing that Mr. Pal-nutski had a vendetta against the Whitehead family and their kin FAILS to put any surveillance or patrol on a house which later becomes the scene of a five day hos-

## Dave Lee discusses the results of Palczynski's Dundalk hold up.

tage standoff.

Since Friday, the Baltimore County Taxpayers (i.e., us) have been paying for Joe Palczynski's: bacon, waffles, hamburgers, and french-fries to be delivered by a "special" (i.e., EXPENSIVE) robot.

And while the good folks on Lange Street were put out of their homes, while elderly people were kept from their medicine, and while an entire neighborhood of children had their week at school disrupted, "poor little Palczynski" got hot meals and got to be on the nightly news.

Despite that fact that Joe Palczynski was a murderer, a nut case, a batterer of women, and had taken three hostages, Baltimore County Police catered to this man for nearly a whole working week. Anybody see anything wrong here?

The Palczynski story ended recently when Paramedics declared him dead. He had been shot to death by the Baltimore County SWAT team. Now, I'm not going to say, "I told you so," (even though I did) but the SWAT should have

stormed that place Friday night and ended this standoff then.

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.

Over the last week, Baltimore County has spent millions of dollars (expect a tax-hike) screwing around with that nut-bull. They displaced a whole block of families from their homes, they closed a public school (Remember Glendening's "attendance is important" campaign?), they trapped pests inside of houses (who's gonna pay the cleaning bill?), and they closed streets for blocks and exit ramps coming off of Merriott Boulevard all to accommodate a murderer and a man with a history of mental illness and battering women.

They even went out and bought this vile miscreant lunch, and put it on the taxpayer's tab. The most alarming issue is that three innocent lives were left inside of a house with a nutcase for a span of five days.

At any time, Palczynski could have killed any one (if not all) of them. Leaving innocent people in his hands was a terrible risk, and a

decision that leaves a lot of higher-ups with a lot of explaining to do.

Had the County Police gone in Friday and killed Palczynski (a proposition that I favored then and still favor today), the three hostages would have been less likely to have been killed, and an entire neighborhood wouldn't have had their lives put on hold for this felon.

Now, that womanizer (a.k.a., Bill Clinton) will likely use this example to support his gun-control resolution. So will Parris "Spending" for his "smart gun" program.

The deaths of five people (including the unborn child) and a hostage crisis will be exploited by the left to argue that only people that can steal guns (like Palczynski) should be able to attain them.

God forbid private citizens want a handgun to protect themselves from guys like Palczynski. Wait until the bleeding hearts and do-gooders cry about Palczynski's "unfortunate" death. Wait until we hear the left cry about how "cruel" it was to kill someone that needed "help." And God forbid, wait until we hear about how Palczynski's civil rights were violated. What a load of crap... How typically American.

## Coming to the defense of the Pub

If you are a student, faculty member or involved at Western Maryland College even remotely, you were aware of the rather harsh letter that Tawhess Gribbin, SOA president, displayed outside the Pub on March 20.

His clear disapproval with the Pub's service, preparation, and cleanliness was made outwardly apparent to all. Everyone that is, including the staff workers at the Pub.

As a student at Western Maryland College, I have eaten in the Pub and experienced first hand the service, and food quality.

Never once, have I had a problem with the staff or food in all the times I have chosen to eat there. As a result of being a commuter, I often eat in the Pub, and my experience has been nothing short of satisfactory.

In fact, through visiting the Pub on a fairly regular basis, one begins to run into the same familiar faces repeatedly.

What keeps them coming back? One could only surmise the extremely friendly service, the promptness, preparation and food. The same reasons that I too, find myself stopping in for a quick bite to eat between classes and appointments.

Personally, I found the letter Matthew Gribbin addressed to the Pub workers downright offensive and unnecessary, and I know others felt similarly.

The letter complained that the Pub "is not maintaining high standards in food preparation, cleanliness, nor service." Students felt that they should have the same

## Tammi Slater defends the integrity and reputation of the pub and its workers.

rights in the Pub that they would in a private commercial food service. However, myself and others found the letter inappropriate and wrong. Many students and workers on campus expressed their concern, and disapproval of the derogatory message.

## The pub staff is consistently very friendly to its customers, warmly greeting each person with a smile.

The Pub staff is a bunch of hard working, dedicated, friendly, individuals who take pride in their contribution at Western Maryland College. Naturally, the letter created a lot of turmoil and hurt feelings among the Pub's regular staff members.

Honestly, I don't blame them for feeling offended. These individuals work to serve others, and they do their job well. Whether eating in the Pub or walking by, we will notice the same familiar faces behind the grill every day.

The members work everyday of the week, from morning to night to provide an alternative eating selection to us college students, when the thought of eating in The Glar has been worn out. How students can be critical of this option that we are so graciously provided with is unknown.

The Pub staff is consistently very friendly to its customers, warmly greeting each person with a smile and "Hi, how may I help you today?" Perhaps for those students who feel that they are not friendly, expressing your gratitude and manners to them would change that.

I have witnessed the impatient, rude, and unappreciative students that act as though a simple "thank you," "please" or "hi, how are you?" is a struggle to say.

Students often do not consider the amount of students and orders that the Pub has to respond to. Unlike The Glar, where you serve yourself, and the food is prepared ahead of time, the Pub is different in this regard.

Perhaps, the next time you visit the Pub you will think twice about criticizing their service, staff, and preparation.

March 22, the day following the posting of the letter, a former Western Maryland College student and local resident, Mr. Richard J. Gebhardt delivered a reaction letter telling of his exasperation and strong disagreement to the complaint.

This gentleman expressed his high impression of the Pub on "the quality and presentation of the food and the exceptional, cheerful and friendly manner of the regular staff."

This customer, told of his desire and want to continue to revisit the Pub "for both the fare and the good vibes of the staff."

And if I must say so myself, I could not agree with you Mr. Gebhardt.

## 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.

## Several programs are in progress to solve the drug problems in Westminster and Carroll County.

close by. While many students here at WMC find Westminster to be unbelievably small and boring, I still care a great deal for my little 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, perhaps the recent death of a former WMC student behind Best Pizza will.

As I read about more and more crimes in the Phoenix, it causes me to wonder if Westminster is still safe.

Of course, the vast majority of Westminster is absolutely safe. On the whole, I would feel safe walking at night, never once feel-

ing threatened or insecure. What most concerns me, however, is the few areas where drug deals occur almost nightly, the same places where teenagers get introduced to crimes and, frequently, end up arrested.

Driving down Pennsylvania Avenue around three in the afternoon, I saw groups of middle schoolers walking home with their friends.

As I watched them, I began to think about the illegal activities

that would be occurring right outside those homes in a few hours.

These children are the reason the drug problems in Westminster must be solved. If crimes around their homes can't be stopped, these children could become involved in the illegal activities as participants, or worse yet, as victims.

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 solved through a community effort.

Otherwise, more and more children will be hurt and arrested, and Westminster will never really be safe.

## 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 invasive poster set up outside 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 the 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. Did 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. What is the volume and 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 the Pub staff themselves. Indeed, I don't think the members of the SGA are even aware of just how much pressure is on these poor souls.

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 is not fun, as anyone who has done it can tell you. It's even worse if there is a large crowd (as exists every nearly every night in the Pub). Add in the fact that there is few staff available and the combination of all three can turn even the best worker into a babbling wreck.

There's also the fact that the patrons are

not always the best behaved people either. I call your attention to a *Phoenix* article a few years ago by Eric Barry about his experience as a Pub worker.

He clearly states that the patrons were the worst part of his job; they were consistently rude to him, and treated him as if he were a servant. These people are NOT servers, they are just trying to get their job done in the best way 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, the 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 another reason to shut the whole enterprise down. Do we truly wish a campus without any other dining options but Glau?

If the SGA truly wishes to improve conditions at the Pub they should look into getting Fourth Meal hours extended so that large crowds would be more evenly spread throughout the night. I recommend they also look into helping the Pub to recruit more staff.

Anything would have been better than that 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 distasteful actions our government has taken. Please, let this obnoxious piece of cardboard be removed from outside the Pub with all due haste.

Despite my strong opinions on this matter I wish to be fair and consider the other side, therefore, I am calling on the SGA to use this forum here in the *Phoenix* to answer the questions and issues I have raised in this piece.

## Toilets: A place to read

Eric Barry discusses his problems with public bathrooms and the writing found on the walls.

Who thought up putting those signs with HIV statistics in the bathroom. The last thing anyone wants to read when sitting on a bacteria ridden toilet seat is something about a disease.

Also, I think they could find a more effective place to put these signs. No one thinks about sex while they're on the toilet. These signs belong in the dorms where all the booty shaking takes place. Better yet in the lowest level of the library where my booty shaking takes place.

Better signs to possibly put in the bathroom could be - statistics on how many people contract herpes or crabs from toilet seats.

Speaking of bathrooms, someone please fix the lock on the bathroom door of the common room in the library.

It sort of locks, but it still opens when someone pushes on it. I've already walked in on two people going to the bathroom (not together).

I can't believe some people don't layer the seat with paper before they sit down. I'm so paranoid, I stand up while going to the bathroom. And I mean standing up on top of the toilet seat. This entails removing one's pants. People in the neighboring stalls get nervous when they see my head above the stall wall.

I usually pretend I am cleaning the ceiling, so they don't get scared. It was about time someone wrote an article about toilets.

Last issue there was an article entitled "Escort Service Introduced." I called expecting to talk to a pimp but instead it was some buff guy wanting to walk me across campus.

It wasn't what I expected but I think it's a good idea. Students should take advantage of the service. Good Night.

## 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 a fire?

In light of recent fires at a Seton Hall University dorm, and a frat 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.

While there is a smoke detector, the trash rooms do not contain sprinklers. In addition, trash tends to be strewn throughout the small, poorly ventilated room.

Yes, I realize that the trash on the floor

*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.*

can be directly attributed to the residents of Rouzer Hall. However, unless there is a master plumber in my midst, I doubt that it would be possible to improve the sprinkler situation.

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 (call me crazy).

In addition, as I walk through the basement of Daniel MacLea hall to the *Phoenix* office, it is impossible to ignore the stifling heat.

## A boring 2000 election?

Chris Anastasia towards the upcoming elections with boredom and disgust over the system.

When 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.

It is safe to assume that this election will garner the lowest voter turnout in our history. Whatever hope of an exciting or well appointed election day was scraped when a hopelessly trailing John McCain withdrew from the campaign.

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This has me thinking off our former Cold War sparring partner, Russia. Now, I know what you are thinking, but a KGB hit squad is not the recommendation I would give to fix this situation (as tempting as that concept may actually be).

I have been told that this is due to the many steam pipes that encase the basement, supplying hot water and heat to rooms and bathrooms.

This heat makes the basement very hot and dry, creating a potential tinderbox. Possibly, an improved ventilation system could ameliorate this situation.

Fortunately, Western Maryland College has not major fire for about 10 years now. However, I reason to believe that neither Seton Hall nor Bloomsburg Universities have had to deal with the issue of fire until just recently either.

In my mind, this laissez faire attitude is dangerous.

In the February 10 edition of the *Phoenix*, Lisa Dale Van Auker discussed the current fire prevention measures in tact at Western Maryland College.

In this article, it was said that only Daniel

MacLea hall currently has sprinklers installed because it does not have two exits for its residents.

To be proactive on this issue, I think it would be wise to consider further sprinkler installation plans.

If sprinklers were installed, then costly repairs could be avoided by the system promptly extinguishing any flames that may arise.

This initiative would certainly help contain any future fire, and keep Western Maryland College from receiving any bad, fire related publicity. I hope that I haven't jinxed WMC with this article.

No, actually I believe the solution to our problems is hidden within the Russian electoral system.

It seems that the Russian presidential ballot has, along with a list of Presidential candidates, a box that is marked "none of the above." If the majority of the votes are tallied for "none of the above," then the election is thrown out and the parties must select new candidates to run in a new election.

What a great concept! A system in which you do not have to vote for the lesser of two evils.

Often in our political system, we cast votes not for our favorite candidate but to prevent the other candidate from winning. This is not a good system by any reason.

This year in particular, we need a "none of the above" box on the ballot more than ever.

If we do not like the major parties candidates, then lets throw them off the ballot and get two new candidates. Maybe this is the only way that we will get an actual candidate that is actually worth our time and more importantly, our vote.



## Mens lacrosse wins first ever "March Mayhem" tournament

DAN GADD  
Staff Writer

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 Terror crack the nation's top 20, and end with a spotless 6-0 record.

It didn't come easy for the Terror, however, as they were challenged by both teams they faced.

After trailing for much of the first half Saturday, the Terror managed to tie up the score prior to half-time.

WMC took the lead early in the third quarter, but it wasn't until after a thunderstorm delayed play with just over 11 minutes to play that the Terror were able to pull away from the Mustangs with five straight goals to take the title game.

The Terror won in similar fashion on Friday to earn a spot in that title game.

After going into halftime deadlocked at six with the Messiah Falcons, WMC opened up the second half with five consecutive goals, and never looked back.

Dave Riley '01 led the charge with a career high five goals, and Brett Sweeney '01 dished out seven assists to go with his three goals.

Sweeney had 12 assists in tournament play, earning him the March Mayhem Offensive MVP

award.

The Terror swept the MVP trophies as Gaelen Cross was named the tournament's defensive standout.

Prior to the tournament, the green and gold traveled to Cabrini (2-2) for a March 18 match-up.

The Terror dominated from the start, pulling out to 7-2 first quarter lead, and cruised to a 19-8 victory.

Tom Brown led the team in scoring with an incredible eight goals, the second time this season that the attackman has reached that number.

Brown is currently on pace to break some of WMC's single season scoring records.

Having scored 37 goals in just six games, Brown needs 17 in the season's nine remaining games to break the team record of 53.

He is also on pace to break the team's record for points in a season.

With his 15 assists, Brown already has 52 points. The Terror's single season mark is currently 102.

Brown's efforts earned him the Centennial Conference Player of the Week award for the week ending March 21.

The Terror's biggest victory thus far came in a March 15 showdown with then 24th ranked Virginia Wesleyan (3-1).

Riley got WMC off on the right foot, scoring just 18 seconds into the contest.

The mid-fielder's goal helped the Terror jump 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 Sweeney, Tyler Mercer '01, and Mike Griffin '02 each added a hat trick.

It was the second consecutive game in WMC defeated their opponent by 26 points.

Despite their 6-0 record, WMC has no room for complacency, as the toughest part of their schedule approaches.

WMC's next two opponents are both undefeated: Swarthmore and Gettysburg.

Gettysburg is currently second in the country.

After traveling to Gettysburg on April 8, the Terror come home to take on fifth ranked Washington and Lee on April 12.

They also have a future match with Washington, who is currently ranked sixth.

The type of threat WMC will be in the Centennial Conference, and even at the national level will be decided in these upcoming games.

## Indoor courts lead womens tennis team to a 7-2 fault at Muhlenberg

JULIE DEVELIN  
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland women's tennis team fell to Muhlenberg 7-2 in a Centennial Conference match on March 25.

Winning in singles action for the Terror (3-1) was No. 3 junior Becca Lyter, who defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-2.

The team was forced to play indoors due to rain at Muhlenberg, and according to Lyter, conditions were less than favorable.

"I think mentally [the team] was

not prepared to play indoors, and we didn't get off on the right foot because of that," Lyter said.

On March 23, the team improved their record with an 8-1 win over York College. Leading the way for the Terror were seniors Lara Henderson, who picked up a 6-2, 6-2 win in No. 1 singles action, and No. 2 Alethea Desrosiers, who defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0.

Lyter, No. 5 senior Julia Wiederholt, and No. 6 junior Jaime Connolly also picked up victories in the non-conference match up.

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 Macey also were 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.

## Softball slaughters Swarthmore 2-0, 7-0

MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

The Terror softball team (5-1, 2-0) continued their dominance of Swarthmore (0-9, 0-2) this past Saturday with a sweep of the double-header by scores of 2-0 and 7-0.

Swarthmore has not beat Western Maryland since 1983.

The first game saw freshman Amanda Donaldson pitch a no-hitter in the shutout.

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-hit-in the victory.

Catcher Courtney Wunderlich 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.

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# The Sports View: NCAA basketball tournament troubles and insights into the upcoming baseball season

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
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.

This 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 is just an anomaly that exists in team sports like basketball.

In reality, two major factors have contributed to this most interesting, if not a slight bit irritating tournament.

First, with early defections to the pro's by some of the best college basketball hoopsters has led to a narrower margin between the great teams and the also-rams.

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, on that note, I should give a shout out to the "Final Four" biggest disappointments. They are, in no real order:

1. Indiana: Bobby Knight's 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 trashed in a game against the hot and cold UCLA squad that was ugly.

I do not know of many that thought Gary William's team was Final Four bound, but I don't think anybody could have foreseen this athletic team just being man-handled.

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 Owl's did not do anything wrong in their losing effort.

With their suffocating match-up zone, second round opponent Seton Hall would have to have a su-

perhuman 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 play-off 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 Glandville.

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

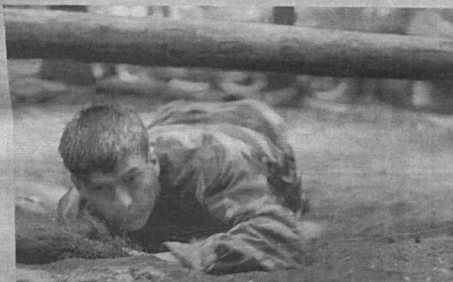
dominance that helped him throw a 20 strikeout gem against the Astros his rookie season.

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 [cm002@wmde.edu](mailto:cm002@wmde.edu), and I will answer them in my next column.

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## Track and Field team breaks school records

MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
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 100-relay team. The other members were Thea Bayly, Aleya Horn, and Stephanie McPherson.

Their time of 49.52 seconds was not only a meet record, but also the third fastest in school history.

Defending Centennial Conference champion Teron Powell broke both a school and meet record with his 45 feet, 11 and 3/4 inches triple jump.

Sophomore Erik Larson won the 400 hurdles with a meet-record time of 55.96 seconds.

Powell and Larson were also members of the record breaking 4 X 400-relay team with Chris Hydorn and Chris Hamilton (3:25.25).

Jen Bruce, a freshman, set a school record for women's pole vault with a height of 7-0. David Hose, a sophomore, set his own school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 83-7.

This past Wednesday the Terror women won the second annual WMC Twilight Relay Meet by winning nine of the twelve events and topping second place York by 11 points.

The men were also victorious, winning eight of twelve and just beating York by a score of 46-42.

Gettysburg finished third in both categories.

Powell and Jeff Groff each played a part in four victories for the men. Hydorn, Hamilton, and Brad Turner each participated in three victories.

Falcone, Horn, and Bayly each contributed to three victories for the Terror.

The all-freshman relay team of Bruce, McPherson, Holly Thompson, and Melissa Merson broke a school and meet record with a time of 2:02.6 in the 800-medley relay.

Christine Johnson teamed with Bayly, Falcone, and Horn to break school and meet records in the 4 X 200 relay with a time of 1:48.3.

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 beat 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 II (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 matched cards by birdieing the final hole.

Western Maryland's John Wheeler finished one stroke back at 72 and teammate Matt Lender two back at 73.

Craig Zabara shot a 74 for the Green Terror and Jason Pyle 78.

Courtesy of Sports Information

## Womens lax loses tough to Washington

Kim Adams scored her first career hat trick and fellow sophomore Erin Mulhern equalled 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.

But the Green 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 Maggie Kilroy matched her for Washington.

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## Baseball bashes competition in Florida, leaves with a five game winning streak and a strong start to season

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Staff Writer

Smoking! It has been a great start for the Western Maryland College baseball team as they finished their early season trip to Florida on 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 basemen'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 inning of junior pitcher Dan Elbaz, the team used Vandernat's three RBIs and Jenkin's first career homerun to register a 5-1 win.

It was also the first homerun 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 RBI 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 basemen 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.

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 16-0 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 offense.

The team was unfortunate to lose their junior catcher Rich Steigerwalt to a fractured knuckle on his right ring finger.

The three year starter behind the plate might miss the rest of the year which is bad news for the team since third string catcher Josh Silver is rehabbing a shoulder problem.

Sweigerwalt and Smith's injuries are a bad break for the team, but players like Vandernat and Sheetz stepped up big on this night.

The team continued to play well in their next games against on March 16, against Richard Stockton and Keene State.

In their first game, the Green Terror played an intense and close game against Stockton that went into extra inning tied at 7-7.

In the extra inning, sophomore Jack Griffith's two-run blast was the difference as the Green Terror pulled out a 9-8 win.

Senior outfielder Ryan Legge had a triple and 3 RBI for the team. It was the second basemen's first career homerun.

In the nightcap, Dan Elbaz continued his good work on the mound with three unearned runs and allowed just three hits as the team registered a 8-3 come from behind win.

Down early 3-1, the team responded with sophomore outfielder Kevin Culbertson's first career homer and triples by senior Barrett Gugliotta and Vandernat in a five run fifth inning.

Playing with tremendous confidence, the team blew away Brockport State, New York on March 17.

Sophomore Guy Sheetz's bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning led to an eight-run rally that finished off the opposition for a 13-1 victory.

Combined with Gugliotta's five

inning of scoreless ball on the mound, the offense used Jenkin's three hits, Paul Oake'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.

Third basemen Sheetz drove in three runs on the day with a double and single and Senior pitcher Brent Fuchs tossed a four hit complete game.

After some bad weather postponed two games, the team had its first home game on March 25, against St. Mary's.

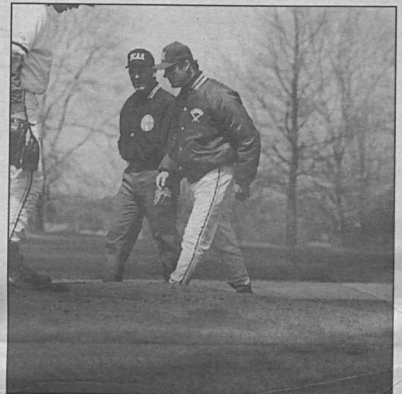
In a tightly played contest, the opposition's pitching appeared too much as the Green Terror were shut out 2-0.

"Brent Fuchs and Dan Elbaz both had great pitching performances.

The team played well, but we just didn't put everything together" said freshman pitcher Justin Raynor.

On a good note, senior third basemen Tim Smith returned to the team after being out with a injured hand.

With key players of Smith and



Coach Dave Seibert discusses a call with the umpire

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Steigerwalt's caliber being out, others players have stepped up for the team.

On the mound, junior Dan Elbaz is 2-0 this year which already ties his win total all of last year.

He hasn't allowed a earned run in over 12 inning of work this season.

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.



Junior Ace Dan Elbaz throwing some heat last season

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# Phoenix

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## Defining Moment campaign reaches goal

STACY L. GEORGE  
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.

In the four-year period, a total

of \$41,118,138 was raised toward the \$40 million campaign goal.

Richard Kief, vice president of institutional advancement, outlined where all the money was spent.

According to Kief, \$10,325,019 went toward paying for the new science laboratory building.

Another \$6,631,933 went toward the renovations of Hill Hall, Peterson, and Levine, and other campus improvements like the wiring of some of the residence halls.

An additional \$14,132,026 went into the endowment, mostly to fund the scholarships.

The remaining \$10,293,160 went to current needs and programmatic support on an annual basis, including support for the library, academic process, lectures, and the college's operating budget.

Acting President Dean Coley said that until now, the largest campaign in the college's history



STACY L. GEORGE

Defining Moment campaign banners have been displayed throughout campus during the campaign. The campaign met its goal on December 31.

## 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 2000 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



ERIN OWEN  
From left to right, David Shribman, Elaine Povich, and Paul West are hot on the Bush/Gore campaign.

politics are a way of life."

On April 5, the Inaugural Resnick Lecture was given by Baltimore *Sun* national correspondent

## 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."

Jo 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

## College reviews OCTA

MICHAEL STOKES  
Staff Writer

No other four-letter word associated with WMC freshman orientation causes recent freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to frown than the word OCTA.

The alcohol awareness program that was first conducted in the fall of 1997 will enter its fourth and most likely final year during freshmen orientation in the fall of 2000. Despite heavy criticism from the student body, the program has remained a staple of freshman orientation during the last three years. 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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ERIN OWEN

Senior Erika Roskowski picks up trash on Campus Cleanup Day. Students also raked leaves, planted flowers, and painted speedbumps.

# The military in print; the media losing the battle

FRANCESCA SAYLOR  
News Co-editor

Do you know who the current Joint Chief of Staff is? If that question is too difficult, how about this: do you know that Madonna is going to have another baby? If you were able to answer the second question but not the first you are not alone. That was the response of most in attendance at John Robinson's lecture on Wed., March 29.

Robinson posed those questions in order to peak the interests of the many students and faculty members present.

As managing editor of *Defense Daily*, where he has worked for the past eight years, Robinson had several thoughts to share about the difference between the public's reaction to popular culture versus their reaction to the military. He feels as if "there's a gap right now between the military and the media."

For instance, Robinson cited a recent Gallup Survey in which 1000 General officers in the military and 1000 members of the media were polled.

It found that 75 percent of those in the military favored prayer in school while only 20-30 percent of those in the media did.

Robinson said surveys find that most people in the military identify with the Republican party, unlike most in the media. In addition, most in the military are from the South and West while most in the media are from the Northeast. The "military is becoming less and less representative of society at large," said Robinson.

Because of this, he said the "military feels more and more disenfranchised" and upset with media coverage since it focuses more on sex issues involving the military than foreign policy issues in the media.

Robinson pointed out that in the U.S. still spends nearly \$1 billion a year in Iraq, with a total of \$300 billion a year on the military in general.

He said there is little interest in military policy discussion and that is due mostly to



FRANCESCA SAYLOR  
John Robinson discussed the gap between the military and the media in his recent lecture at WMC-34

the cultural division between the media and the military.

It "sets up a problematic situation" when the public relies solely on the media for news about the military, especially when the two groups are so different, he said.

"I see these two sides really polarizing," said Robinson.

Although he dislikes how films portray the military's hierarchical society as negative, he also commented that the public and media have a right to be critical of the military as well.

Since he feels as if there is not enough media coverage of the military, he suggests people conduct Internet research on their own to learn more about the military.

Dr. Volker Franke of the political science and international studies department, who organized the event, said Robinson told him later that he was very pleased with level of questions students asked. In fact, Franke said Robinson thought some of them even required that he conduct more research.

Franke said he was impressed with the attendance and is hoping Robinson can be invited back in the future.

## Leaking matters still extremely problematic

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pipng, but it can only be done during the sporadic times when the dining hall is closed.

On another note, Dr. Volker Franke, assistant professor in the political science and international studies department, was present at the dinner and had his own story about leaks to share. This time the problem was in his third floor office in Hill Hall.

When he came to visit last summer he and Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the political science department, decided to renovate the whole office, which used to be Smith's. It was then that he first noticed water stains on the ceiling, but those were soon replaced.

However, there was a small leak in September, and so Franke notified Bentz.

He was then informed that there had been a leak in that office for years, and it seemed to Franke that although the ceiling tiles had been replaced, the leak had not actually been fixed.

His theory appeared valid at the beginning of this semester, when there was a huge snowstorm. When Franke arrived back to school he realized that his entire office had flooded.

"My printer was soaking wet," he recalls. Also dried were the walls, his rug, and everything on his desk, including class notes.

Even more bothersome was that a book, which he had borrowed from a student, was also ruined. He has since replaced it, but at the time he called Tom Steback, director of Human Resources about the damages that had been incurred.

According to Franke, Steback told him the college would replace any WMC property, such as the printer, but that any other personal items under \$1000 was his responsibility and that he should present the matter to his home owner's insurance company. Franke did not see how his homeowner's insurance would be able to help him. Steback was unavailable for comment.

Franke feels it is a shame that he is limited to making his office feel more "personal and cozy" because of this.

He said that after the incident physical plant installed "what looked like a reverse plastic shower drain" to the office ceiling.

## College sponsors journalism speakers

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spondent Ann Lolordo, who was a Middle East correspondent from 1996 to 1999. Lolordo, who began her career in journalism as a copy girl, spoke about her experiences covering news in Israel, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Iraq, and Egypt.

Iran, she explained, is a "bright spot," which is reforming, but a country that is constantly demonized by American media and government. "Unless you go to Iran, you cannot understand all that they have to deal with and all that they face."

The week concluded with the 2nd Annual Press Day sponsored by the WMC Society of Collegiate Journalists. Students from Mount St. Mary's College, Washington College, and Gettysburg College joined WMC students to take part in journalism workshops.

Mount St. Mary's sophomore Esmond Marvay explained that the program was beneficial to students because it "offered both the teaching side and the experience side," with both professors and journalists conduct-

Attached to this was a pipe that directed the water down into a bucket.

Disgusted with looking at the contraption, Franke called Vice President of Administration and Finance Dr. Ethan Seidel about the problem. He said within two hours the drain was removed and the ceiling tiles were once again replaced.

"There were people up on the roof several times, but no one ever explained to me 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 there are not difficult to find.

Senior Lauren Hein, who has several classes there, explained that every time it rains there is a huge tarp with a hole in the center that is attached to the ceiling so that water can spill out if it into a bucket on the floor.

"If you're going to go 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 an old one.

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. "If I know the leak I'm more than happy and qualified to get it fixed," he assured.

He said that the leak on the stairs of Decker College Center should have been 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 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," explained Bentz.

ing the workshops.

WMC Society of Collegiate Journalists president, senior Kristen Fraser explained, "The students were really able to interact with the speakers."

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 Maier, writer for *The Washington Times* *Insight* magazine, Janelle Erlichman, of the *Washington Post*, and college journalism professors.

The keynote speaker, Jake Oliver, CEO of the Afro-American Company, discussed the important role of the black press. "Our role is to stimulate thought and to promote education...so we can have a better understanding of what we do to each other," said Oliver.

Roughly 60 students attended the Press Day, which concluded with a panel discussion about censorship of student publications.

## Spring Fling 2000

Tuesday, April 11

Ventriloquist Dan Horn 9:00 pm in the Pub.

Wednesday, April 12

Drive-In Movies, co-sponsored by SGA, Bair Stadium  
9:00 pm Austin Powers II - 11:00 pm The Matrix

Thursday, April 13

Karaoke Night 7-11 pm in the Pub.

Friday, April 14

Comedian Spanky 10:00 pm in the Forum.

Saturday, April 15

Spring Fling Day: 10:00 am-12:30 pm Gamna Sigma  
Sigma Double Dare Event in Red Square, 3-7:30 pm  
Student Organization Booths open/other activities, 3-4:45 pm Pop Band Apartment Three, Dinner (picnic outside) from 4:45-6:30 pm, 5:15-7:30 pm Top 40/Ska  
Band Public Service, 10:00-2:00 am BSU Pajama  
Jammy Jam in the Forum.



STACI L. GEORGE  
Jake Oliver takes a moment to shake hands with Robert Knight, journalism professor at Gettysburg College.



# 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 bathroom initiative, which will brighten up the bathrooms in Decker and on second floor Blanche, and the information initiative, which will put a Cyber Café in the Pub, including a computer given to each student paid for by tuition, and more.

The goal of the beautification initiative was to make Decker College Center more of a place where students want to hang out. This initiative makes provisions to change the look of Decker by modifying the structures and replacing the furnishings of the Pub, gameroom, lounges, and coordinating the color scheme in all of Decker. These plans also include adding a stairway from the Pub to the Gameroom and remodeling the entire Pub to give it a sports bar atmosphere.

Some of the items listed in the beautification initiative, such as having the ice machines work on both sides of the Pub and a better

turnaround time from ordering to receiving food, started as students' "beef" about the Pub to the SGA. Last semester these complaints became as the Pub and Grille Standards Act of 1999. It was signed by Matt Gribbin, president of the SGA and presented to members of the administration in the fall semester of 1999.

The original plan, explains Kelly, was to have Alan Dolid, director of Food Services, Barry Bosley, director of Facilities Management and Auxiliary Services, and Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance, sign the Act.

This would be used as a written recognition that these are real problems in the Pub, mainly at night during the rushes which the fourth meal plan brings. It was also to signify that steps are being taken to fix them.

Seidel would not sign the Act because he felt it looked like he is condemning the workers in the Pub, who ultimately work for him. However, he invited the SGA to talk to him about problems they see or hear about in the Pub. Dolid and Bosley took the same stance, blaming not the workers but the space in which they work.

The current size of the Pub was adequate for the amount of business done before the fourth meal plan was introduced. Originally it was to have one feature per night, but this was changed to having access to limited quantities of the entire menu. When first implemented the fourth meal was offered

from 10pm-midnight, causing a tremendous rush during that time. It was then spread out from 7pm-12midnight, but the 10pm rush remained.

The only way to correct this rush, as Dolid points out is "to increase 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 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, planned out the March of every year, so the changes are not going to happen even by next spring. If plans are started now we could see changes by the 2001-2002 academic year.

Seidel says "80-90 percent of the statements [of the Act] are self evident" and did not need to be posted in this "inflammatory" manner.

Dolid agrees and adds that even though it is only a list of expectations, it hurt the workers, making them ask themselves, "What are we doing so wrong here that they don't appreciate us?"

The most forceful objection to the posting of the Act is a letter from Richard J. Gebhardt, class of 1961, which was posted alongside the Act and by the main register in the Pub. Gebhardt raves about the "[fair] and good vibes of the staff"

while receiving his food and drink in a timely manner "both in the morning and evening". However, he does not indicate if he has been in the Pub at night to witness the effects of the fourth meal rush.

One of the reasons the SGA felt the Standards Act had to be posted is because the reasonable expectations outlined in the Act were not being met and nothing was being done to correct these shortcomings. Only recently have changes to fix these problems occurred, possibly because the contract between Sodexo-Marriott and WMC is up for renegotiation in a few weeks.

Kelly admits the presentation of the Act on the board without an explanation is a bit harsh. There were plans to put a letter out to the campus and a decorative art board presenting the Act before the break, but the resources to do so fell through.

There have been changes in the Pub though. Within the past couple of months new tables and chairs have been added to the porch section at a cost of \$6,000. In addition to a new ice machine and a

new freezer for the back. Lastly, the fryer was rewired so it will not break down during fourth meal rush. Future renovations will include a new cash register, a new freezer under the counter, a larger hood, and more fryers.

The other reason the SGA felt it needed to post the Act is because they do not have an effective link back to the general student body to inform students of the changes brought about by the actions of the SGA. This will hopefully change with the SGA website moving to the student server, found at [stweb.wmcc.edu](http://stweb.wmcc.edu).

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 Gribbin 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."

## Mark Your Calendar!

April 12: CAPBoard Drive-in movies; Room selection.

April 13: SGA meeting Hill Hall 110 at 7:30 pm; Karaoke Night in the Pub at 7 pm.

April 16: Spring Awards Ceremony in McDaniel Lounge at 4 pm.

April 20: Passover  
April 23: Easter Sunday  
April 25: Madrigals concert

in Baker Chapel at 7:30 pm.

Wed. April 26-Sat. April 29:

Marat/Sade; Alumni Hall at 8 pm.

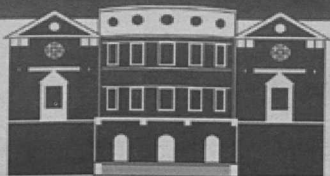
April 27: Gospel Choir Concert in Baker Chapel at 7:30 pm.

April 30: Band concert; Alumni Hall at 7:00 pm.

May 1-2: Student Ensembles in Baker Chapel at 7 pm.

May 3: Brass ensemble, Baker Chapel at 7:00 pm.

## STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF...



## Get Back TO WHERE YOU ONCE BELONGED!

Some students, faculty and staff will be participating in activities on this weekend, many have volunteered to help, and all are invited to ...

*"Get Jazzed!" at the Mardi Gras Jazz Concert, featuring the styling of WMC's own jazz performers led by Bo Echard, on Friday, April 28, from 9-11 pm in Gill Center.*

**YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT!**

Tickets will be available in front of Glar on Wednesday, April 19 & Thursday, April 20 from 11 am - 1 pm.

Questions? Contact the Reunion Office at ext. 254.

Ever thought about what it was like to be a student at WMC in the '40's, '50's, '60's, '70's or '80's?

Wonder what celebrating a reunion is all about on the Hill?

Want to meet some interesting alumni who are returning to campus to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship?

If your answer is "yes" to any or all of these questions, join us as we celebrate **Reunion Weekend 2000, April 28-30!**

## Administration discusses the OCTA agreement

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on alcohol awareness, and I thought that this was a real solid program," said Bosley.

"In order to make a decision, we thought that we should experience OCTA first-hand," said Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs. "So we went through the program, which at the time was the full seven hours. There were some doubts about the program, but we thought it contained really good information and we decided to go with it."

The college then signed a four-year deal with the Prevention Research Institute, a not-for-profit organization who developed the research-based OCTA program.

Why did the college lock in a deal for so long? Mainly because "the program offered \$35,000 worth of free training," said Sayre.

The only thing the college had to pay for was the student manuals, which the freshman orientation budget covered.

Another reason that Sayre ultimately decided to go with OCTA was that "we felt that we could adjust the program to better fit WMC."

The original program, was mainly based on a lecture format. OCTA presents the four phases of alcoholism, it gives lessons on tolerance, it provides guidelines on how to drink responsibly, and it deals with the long-term effects of drinking.

"That is one of my criticisms of the program, that it deals too much with the long-term effects," said Sayre. "There is not as much immediate impact on students because it doesn't focus on the 'one night problems' that so many students have."

Another criticism that Sayre has is that the program was too repetitive. Many students who were first to take the program agreed with Sayre, and after OCTA's first year, the program was cut in half. Since that time the program has been revised again, mainly due to student criticism, according to Sayre.

"We have tried to pay attention to OCTA's criticism and respond to it, and I think we've done that," said Sayre. "We could have gotten out of the contract and ended the program," he said, "but we've been changing it enough so that we are relatively happy with it."

But are students happy with it? An informal poll recently conducted by the *Phoenix* proves that in no way are students satisfied with the program.

Out of 15 freshmen, sophomores, and juniors polled, all agreed that OCTA was a waste of time. Freshman David Johnston, a communication major, said "No one really took it seriously. It was too long and too boring."

Only one student had something positive to say about OCTA, and he didn't even participate in the program. Kelly Dunnivant, a senior theater major, said, "Even though people hate OCTA, the fact that they know about the material they teach is important."

Bosley still sticks up for the program, saying that "It is a good program, but we are never able to successfully present it. Students want to be entertained, they don't want to learn, and the way we teach OCTA in a three hour lump contains too much lecture and it rushes the presenters."

Scott Kane, assistant dean of Student Affairs, agrees with Bosley that it is a good program, and "there are parts of it that are important to students," he said. "However, the strength of the program is its instructors, and in order to gain the full benefit we need to become better teachers, especially myself."

Kane, unfortunately, will probably only have that chance for one more year. "In all likelihood, this is probably going to be the last year OCTA is taught to first-year students," said Sayre.

He has several reasons to support his decision. "For one thing, OCTA still gets a lot of criticism," he admits.

Sayre also cites that a change in what you are teaching every couple of years is good, and that the teachers of OCTA are probably getting a little bored with it.

Bosley said she is actively looking to replace OCTA with a new program.

Sayre believes that one possible replacement program is Alcohol 101, a computer-based program that is currently being used to deal with students with multiple alcohol violations. "By the end of the fall of 2000 we will know exactly what program we are going to use," said Sayre.

## English course offerings reduced next semester

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ing a full-time professor when Dr. Panek, English department chair, leaves on sabbatical for the 2000-2001 school year. Dr. Panek would normally carry a full course load, teaching three classes per semester.

Instead, Dr. Pam Regis will be filling in as department chair while Panek is away. However, she will not be able to take on his course load, so that will still leave the department short three classes.

Second, the department is offering more first-year seminars than ever before, says Dr. Mary Bendel-Simso, assistant professor of English.

"It is the faculty's responsibility to make sure the seminars work — and we're making a contribution," claims Panek. Because of this commitment, the English department will be offering six seminar courses to incoming freshmen: two sections of Great Works of the Western World, three literature classes, and an Introduction to Journalism class.

The freshman seminar program has grown since it was started in 1995, says Bendel-Simso. Originally, the seminar was optional, and WMC only offered between eight and 15 courses across the entire campus. However, the seminar became mandatory in 1997, and now WMC offers about 32 courses from which first year students can choose. The large number of seminars being offered does tie up the full time professors' schedules.

Since the English department has an adjunct staff of six, it would make sense to have some adjuncts teach first year seminars, thus allowing the full time professors to spend more time working with the English majors. However, while the department has excellent adjuncts, says Bendel-Simso, "[we] want to avoid the situation where a student's first intro [to WMC] is with someone not attached to the college."

"We wish to have students relying on people who will be here . . . [because it] builds a better relationship with the college," Regis adds.

Finally, the department also has a responsibility to provide Composition and Reading to all students who need it. "With 420 incoming freshman, we really need to offer between 18 and 22 sections of this

class, depending on how well the students test," states Bendel-Simso.

The English Department will be offering 20 sections of Composition and Reading in the fall of 2000, which significantly impacts the number of higher level courses that can be offered. In reality, claims Bendel-Simso, only 16 literature courses can be taught by full time professors in a semester, not including any honors, journalism or grammar classes.

According to college policy, the faculty must give half their courses to majors, which accounts for eight courses, and half to first year service courses. However, between first-year seminars and Composition and Reading, the course load tends to shift in favor of the first year students. Although they do try to keep things balanced, Panek remarks, "it's difficult to serve all things equally."

Another shift in the scheduling for fall is the disappearance of Professional Communication, formerly known as Technical Writing. Because Composition and Reading places such a high demand on the Writing Center during the first semester, Professional Communication had to be moved to the second semester, Panek explains.

Although most of the English majors interviewed said that the lack of course offerings is not causing them serious problems, they did express dissatisfaction with the fall schedule. "After a spring semester that offered 16 different courses to English majors, I am disappointed in the lack of variety of classes being offered," says sophomore English major Erin Clarke.

English major Jared Miller agrees. "[It's] slim pickings," he remarks.

True, this does not seem to be too big of a deal — with nine courses being offered, statistically there would be less than ten people in a class — more than enough room for all.

But what happens if the courses offered are not the ones one needs? "We have ultimate control over whether or not someone graduates," says Regis, encouraging disgruntled students to talk to their advisers about scheduling problems.

"Nobody is going to go without the studies they need to graduate," adds Panek.

## Students cannot share IDs as Glar tightens security

MICHAEL STOKES  
Staff Writer

Recently a WMC student named "Johnny" was very hungry. He was a commuter student without a meal plan, who yearned for one of the infamous Glar lunches. So, "Johnny" borrowed an ID card from one of his on-campus friends, and attempted to gain entrance into Glar on that fateful Wednesday. After checking the picture on the card, the dining service attendant denied "Johnny" entrance into Glar.

Luckily for "Johnny," Campus Safety was not notified about the incident, and he was able to eat at Glar by way of a friend's guest pass for three dollars and fifty cents.

This incident upset "Johnny" and many of his friends because they felt that, as adults, they should be able to use the meal plans in whatever way they desired. They felt that if "Johnny's" friend wanted to "treat" him to lunch at Glar, there should be nothing wrong with that, since Johnny's friend pays for his own education, including his meal plan.

Why is the meal plan policy so strict? Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, said students now have a lot more freedom with the meals than in previous years.

"Twenty years ago when you attended this college, you came here and you had the only and only meal plan. You paid for room and board, which was meant to provide for each student's needs. That was it."

Sayre said that students now have more options with their meals, including the number of times they can eat in a day, the hours they can eat, the number of meals they have, and even the fact that they can use some meals to eat in the Pub. "Four years ago students didn't even have those options," he said.

As for the school's strict policy of not sharing ID cards for the use of loaning out meals, Sayre said that the cards are like credit cards, which are only to be used by the bearer. "I see where those students are coming from [those who believe it is ok to share meals], but it is very difficult to balance the system. It is in place as security for the students, so that people don't go around stealing others' cards for their own benefit."

Sayre added that Western Maryland College is "an extremely well-behaved campus."

He does not believe that if students were allowed to use other students' cards for meals the campus would turn into a crime haven.

Barry Bosley, director of Facilities Management and Auxiliary Services, is the primary overseer of the ID cards. He said that the cards are strictly for personal use and are mainly for protection for the students, saying that checking the cards at Glar's entrance is like "checking ID's in a bar." Bosley went on to say that the practice of borrowing cards is not ok, and that if students want to gain access to Glar they can use other options, such as using money on their declining balance or using a guest pass.

"How do we know that the student gave permission for their friend to use their card," said Bosley. "Why even have pictures if you're going to change that plan? We have an obligation as the college, and security is the biggest issue."

Alan Dolid, director of food services, agreed with Bosley. He said overall there has been "improved customer satisfaction" among the students concerning their meal plans over the past four years, and that a lot of the changes have benefited the students.

"A lot of the changes that come about are initiated in the food committee, which students are encouraged to be a part of," said Dolid. "Lately, there has been almost zero

participation by students in the committee, and if students want to change something, they need to be a part of it."

If security is the biggest issue, then what would be the problem if "Johnny's" friend was standing next to him at the entrance of Glar, asking that the card be swiped twice? Both Dolid and Bosley said that it all boils down to a security issue, and "that practice is in direct violation of school policy."

Sayre, however, said "I don't see it being a security issue if it's your card and you're standing there inviting a friend in."

As for the punishment for this offense, director of Campus Safety, Mike Webster, said that the incident would be referred to one of the residence life coordinators, who will then deal with the matter. Webster said that they have documented a couple of those violations this year, and that he considers the incident to be a "minor theft."

Can this policy ever be changed? According to Sayre, Bosley and Dolid, yes it can. "Anything can be considered," said Sayre. "It's up to the students. They have to challenge the policy."

So for all of you "Johnnys" out there, go to the food committee meetings.

## WMC community triumphs over \$40 million success

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paign Western Maryland College over conducted was for \$8 million for Daniel Maclea renovations.

"This was a large endeavor. We were 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.

"Honestly, the trustees were magnificent, simply magnificent," she added.

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

Switzerland right now. He's probably more ecstatic 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 mirror the initial celebration when The Defining Moment Campaign began in 1996, according to Debbie Learner, coordinator of Donor Relations.

The celebration kicks off at 4:15 pm on Friday as students eat in the Forum, instead of Glar.

The menu includes herb chicken, Pizza Hot pizza, chicken wings, and tacos.

In Englar Dining Hall, there will be a Trustees' 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 campus community and the Westminster community are invited to join the Trustees for an illuminated tour of the campus.

The tour begins in Ensor Lounge and ends at Ward Arch.

A sparkling elder 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, Skytech, will be responsible for the lasers and computerized lights that will be viewed by the trustees and all who attend the lighting ceremony of those buildings affected by the Campaign.

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 tours.

"I have to believe that when people see the beautiful buildings, and they see how much we've been able to do here 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.

## Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety reported the following incidents:

3/17 at 1:02 pm a smoke detector in Lewis Hall of Science.

3/21 at 4:00 pm a low velocity impact accident in Winslow Parking Lot.

3/22 at 5:16 pm trespassing in Garden Apartments on PA Avenue.

3/23 at 2:59 pm stealing in Englar Dining Hall.

\* at 11:15 pm obstruction of other college activity in Decker Student Center.

3/24 at 1:53 am treatment rendered in Daniel Maclea.

\* at 1:32 pm tampering with fire prevention equipment in Rouzer Hall.

3/25 at 12:00 am damaging at Rouzer Parking Lot.

\* at 1:55 am stealing in the Blanche Parking Lot.

\* at 4:00 am failure to comply with security personnel.

\* at 4:30 am misdemeanor theft in Whiteford Lane.

\* at 4:45 am driving under the influence at Gill Lane.

\* at 9:35 am fire code violation.

3/26 at 5:39 pm theft in Daniel

Maclea.  
3/27 at 10:25 am tampering with fire prevention equipment in Rouzer Hall.

\* at 8:57 pm disorderly conduct at Whiteford Parking Lot.

\* at 8:59 pm disorderly conduct in Blanche Ward Hall.

3/28 at 7:52 am obscene conduct in Decker Student Center.

3/30 at 11:22 am treatment rendered in Rouzer Hall.

3/31 at 1:30 am treatment rendered in Blanche Ward Hall.

\* at 7:21 pm treatment rendered in McDaniel Hall.

\* at 10:04 pm tampering with fire prevention equipment in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

4/01 at 5:15 pm gaining access to college building in McDaniel Hall.

\* at 8:00 pm tampering with fire prevention equipment.

4/03 at 7:39 am underage possession of alcohol in Rouzer Hall.

at 10:00 pm treatment rendered in DoCS Office.

\* at 11:01 pm a low velocity impact accident at Whiteford Parking Lot.

4/05 at 12:50 am failure to abide by Residence Hall Policy in Albert Norman Ward Hall.



## Minority student retention improves after 11 years

NIKOLY 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 career.

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 the school'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 Marsel Spears, an African American, will be transferring next semester to the University of Maryland at College Park. "WMC does not have my major. I do not like the location and I feel subtle racism in the math and computer science department."

Spears said that these problems are 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 emphasizes with the fact that 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 1987 and graduated in 1991 is 45 percent.

During those four years, 58 African American students entered WMC and 26 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 53.9 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 attendance 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, vice president and dean of Student Affairs, says WMC is more focused now than ever during his 16 years here in the recruitment of minorities.

He says WMC provides more financial support to Multicultural Services office for more programs, and there is a more deliberate program to retain African American students by Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services.

These changes have been made but what else can and needs to be

done?

Sayre suggests that implementing more clubs and programs of interest of black students is important.

Reiff additionally notes that there needs to be a change in the curriculum and its Eurocentric focus.

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 can 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 semester.

"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.

Year	# Enrolled	Yr Graduated	# graduated	Retention rate
1987	10	1991	1	10%
1988	14	1992	4	50%
1989	8	1993	4	50%
1990	11	1994	3	27.3%
1991	15	1995	4	27%
1992	8	1996	4	50%
1993	20	1997	7	35%
1994	13	1998	4	30.8%
1995	13	1999	7	53.9%

curriculum we might attract a more diverse faculty," resulting in the attraction and retention of more black students.

Commenting on diversity on campus, English professor Becky Carpenter says, "College years are a time of thinking and growing. It helps to bring other students of



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## Letter to Editor

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 skeptical 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 "incoherent sanitation workers" and why are they incoherent? 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 reasoning behind the SGA's actions

We have all seen the Pub and Grille Standards Act of 1999. If you have not, I invite you to stroll in front of the Pub, take a few seconds, and read it.

It is very simply stated, in a non-critical manner, the expectations of the student body in regard to the performance of services in the Pub. Many have said posting this act is inconsiderate and even wrong.

Ask yourself, would someone write a commentary on the ineffectiveness of the SGA or bad conditions in the Pub had the SGA not taken an 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.

Take 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 Dolid, 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

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 involved armed law officials storming a location in order to apprehend a wanted person; with disastrous results.

Yet this is precisely the course of action that you prescribe when you state "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. In the cases of the Montana 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

### Jeremiah Kelly discusses the reasoning behind SGA's Pub and Grille Standards Act.

SGA achieved that), establish student expectations, and, in partnering with Food Services, sign the Pub and Grille Standards Act of 1999.

Well, the director of Food Services declined to sign the document, citing it was already fulfilling these expectations.

With little improvement seen, it was decided to post the students' expectations in hopes students would assert their right to receive quality performance of services in the Pub as outlined in the Student Guide and Date Book.

You can be critical of the SGA with respect to educating students about issues such as these and not informing them properly of actions taken.

You can not, however, criticize the SGA for not getting information or meeting with the right people.

The SGA crosses it's "it's" dots it's "it's" in that category, unlike the *Phoenix* writer who criticized the SGA for not contacting anyone involved but who, also, failed to contact the SGA for information herself.

I have had the privilege to be an SGA member for three years now, and while I may not speak on behalf of the SGA in any way, I do feel the need to defend the SGA when it is being wronged.

In being wronged, I have seen the SGA evolve from an organization which had no input or power to help its student body to an organization that has influence and an "in" when it comes to decisions made that will affect us all. Along with this evolution, there is still progress to be made.

The SGA has been able to take student concerns, formulate policy, and effectively seek and receive change.

The SGA's next step in that evolution is to communicate that information back to students. You have no idea how much the SGA does for all of us behind the scenes.

Picture twenty of the most caring and mo-

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 safety and life then do so, if otherwise then do not complain about the cost in having these operations.

I would like to add that name calling in the course of an article 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 moral reasons, he still is 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 nobody has decided the fate of Mr. Palczynski as Mr. Lee has 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, then perhaps this is not the culture for you. But this being America, everybody has the option to either work for change, sit and complain, or simply do nothing at all.

David Canty

tivated students on this campus giving up every Thursday night, while most people are down the street at Champ's, to sit around and debate how they can make college life better for the student body they represent, even down to ensuring that you don't have to take a shower without a shower curtain.

I wish the SGA was perfect. I wish it had the money to have its own SGA newspaper 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.

The fact of the matter is it isn't, it doesn't, and people don't. I urge each of you to look at the Pub and Grille Standards Act and know that the SGA, as a group of 20 students, are working for your best interest. The SGA has come a long way from its ineffective state my freshman year.

Although you may not agree with what it does, always keep in mind it is working for you. I ask you to criticize less in the *Phoenix* and come to our meetings and tell us how we can do it better because we listen.

I ask that you, instead of ripping down the Pub and Grille Standards Act, come 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 an SGA newsletter 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 because 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 words into consideration when you are enjoying your prompt, hot meal in a tidy Pub.

## The Pub: Can't please everyone

This whole Pub thing has gone far enough. And while you might be thinking that why if I am so tired of it, why am I writing about it, I am writing about it because I have come to the realization that no matter what, you are still not going to satisfy everyone.

I read the different viewpoints and I look over the differing commentaries and I know that no matter what happens in the Pub, there will always be someone moaning and whining about the service or the food or the long wait and the list just goes on forever. I just don't

**Edward K. Schultheis**  
*expresses his concerns about the Pub's problems.*

meal, and I can say that on occasions it does take awhile, but so far it has never been an hour...and trust me, I eat down there 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.

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 bogged down so much, especially during the fourth meal hours. I'm sure the workers aren't back there laughing it up while saying, "we've been holding this order for 40 minutes, let's see if anyone notices...ha-ha." That's just absurd.

While I don't think that the Pub is perfect, I also don't think that it is as problematic as many people would have you believe. And even if the Pub standards do help speed

*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."*

see what the big deal is.

Last month, I had my girlfriend and her friend up for the weekend and I decided to give them a taste of the Pub's food. Now these are 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, the lady taking our order 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.

Some people say that it takes an hour to get your food during fourth

that it isn't going to help anything. I mainly see it as a political statement made by the SGA. If the SGA places these regulations outside the Pub and magically thinks that all the food in the Pub will be piping hot and speedily served, then they have to leave their "fantasy world."

The Pub, with all of its faults and quirks, is still one of the cheapest 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 coming in. 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 dining establishment, there are only so

up the process, there are still going to be hungry people whining over the "devastating" long 20-minute wait on their food.

I am not condemning the Pub's food or service, nor am I specifically praising it.

I am stating that there is only so much that the Pub workers can do at once, and until something about that happens, then I guess either suck it up and wait for the food or buy yourself some microwavable pizzas and eat alone in your room.

I think I'd rather sit in the Pub around 11pm, chatting it up with my friends, and listening to everyone complain about how much time they have been waiting.

## 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 troubled times.

He is the last hope that we have of saving the world from the harrowing times that have befallen it. He has arisen from our corporate culture in much the same way as Superman, Batman, Wolverine, and Wonder Woman, but he is not the same as these comic book characters.

No, some may call him a superhero, but he himself would never admit that he is. In fact, he rarely talks just does his job and leaves. He also not from America, he is from Japan, but he is also far different from the pocket monsters, speed racers, and power rangers. He is almost unknown in our country and this is a shame, because we have great need of him.

I am talking about one, the only: Pepsiman!

Yes, that's right, Pepsiman. While we are stuck with the annoying little girl in the Pepsi advertisements, the Japanese get Pepsiman instead.

What have we done to deserve the annoying little girl?

Have we scorned Pepsi-Cola in some fashion? I say we deserve Pepsiman as well!

He should come over and kick the annoying little girl's ass.

He wears a silver, red and black full-body suit that covers his face.

**Anne Butler** discusses the lack of heroes in today's American culture.

Pepsiman has been the star of several commercial, a popular action figure line and has even appeared in a video game (Japan's version of Fighting Vipers).

Pepsiman has rocketed to the height of popularity in Japan, and has found a place in their hearts (which he fills with his carbonated goodness).

But what are Pepsiman's superpowers, you ask? Well, they are phenomenal because he can summon Pepsi to wherever he is. I think he can also fly or something.

His mission is to "bring refreshment to the world" which seems to consist of breaking into people's houses and giving them Pepsi.

I wish he would break into my dorm room and give me Pepsi. Particularly since I don't have any right now.

So what does Pepsiman represent? Well, that's a bit harder I suppose. Obviously, he represents Pepsi and "refreshment."

You could also say he battles against alcohol (except that containing Pepsi) because he does not give beer or sake, nor our sober hero gives only a cool refreshing Pepsi.

There's also no denying that Pepsiman says no to drugs, because obviously he fights against "Coke." Pepsiman is the epitome of truth and justice (as far as it applies to

soda) and the values of capitalist society.

Why do I like Pepsiman? Well, he's just cool, I guess.

I mean, he breaks into people's houses and gives them Pepsi. That's just cool in and of itself. Plus, he's from Japan, you know and I'm kinda of a Nihonophile.

Finally, I need a hero in life. I need something to tell me what's good and bad, and to be something for me to live up to.

I think every person does. After the whole mess with O.J. Simpson, we can't look up to sports heroes anymore, and after Clinton politicians hardly seem like good role models either.

A local teacher was accused of pedophilia, and a minister tore a stuffed animal in two to show how it's evil. The police are beating innocent people and mother is convicted of murdering her two young sons.

Superheroes are fictional characters, and every celebrity seems to get involved in at least one major scandal.

Given all these groups that are supposed to be good role models, we find that they are all tarnished, corrupt or aren't what they appear to be.

Pepsiman appears like a saint compared to most of these people.

Is there anything left to believe in? Or are kids today going to have to settle for advertising gimmicks like Pepsiman?

## Sharing thoughts on a variety of subjects

**Eric Barry** wonders whether Westminster is safe to skateboard.

Enough about the sign outside the Pub. Personally, I don't think anyone cares if the Pub employees smile or not.

No problem what food in less than an hour, which is impossible during fourth meal. As for the alumnus who visits campus once a month, obviously he doesn't have a full understanding of the "Pub dilemma."

I can tell you Westminster is the greatest town in the world, but I only see parts of it at certain times, and usually it's during the day.

Ask the 5-0 who see things day in and night out, and they'll tell you some messed up stories. Same applies with people that eat Pub food every day.

I am sure they have some stories that would not be allowed to

be posted on any sign anywhere in public.

Westminster, is getting pretty ghetto. All these white-trash homies trying to be down with the "Westside."

A couple of my friends were skate boarding behind the new Lowe's and some thugs in ski masks held them up at gun-point.

A brand-new video camera and everyone's jewelry was jacked.

Watch out in Westminster cause everybody's keen "Cool as Ice" and they're trying to be hard, yep yep. I'm taking the first Benz ride out of here.

I am negotiating a contract with "Tiger Beat" right now, yep yep.

There are advantages to looking 16 after all. I go buy cigarettes and beer and then return the stuff and say I don't drink or smoke I was just doing a sociology experiment.

## Can Norris clear

**Chris Anastasia** discusses Baltimore's future under Edward Norris.

The city of Baltimore, long considered a haven for high crime rates while the rest of the nation experiences drops in violent crime, has hired a new police commissioner recently.

Normally this would only spark a modicum of interest from the public, but this case is different.

This commissioner, Edward T. Norris, made his name as one of the creators of the New York "zero tolerance" policy that has caused a drop in crime in New York, but has also caused many citizens to bristle at the cities tactics and use of force.

Many see the hiring of Norris a misstep in the fact that the problem New York has had with po-

new officers and reassigning officers from desk jobs and special nonenforcement job areas to street duty, allowing for more police on the street.

Norris is also pushing for more investigations of the police force itself.

In a recent survey conducted in which 80 percent of the over 3,000 police officers on the force responded, 23 percent believed that at least a quarter of the force was engaged in some form of illegal practice on duty.

Norris has come out to openly examine these allegations to their fullest. Also, it has been theorized that police training is inadequate and thus causes citizens to not trust the very people sworn to protect them. Norris has made police training a top priority, in hopes of strengthening the bond with the community.

*Last year, over 300 people were murdered in Baltimore.*

lice brutality in cases like Amndahl Diallo and Abner Luima. The common belief held by those opposed to the Norris hiring is that Norris will bring the same problems that have hit New York to Baltimore.

While his opponents and naysayers have been quick to mention the rather aggressive policing tactics that the New York police have been accused of, Norris has not.

What he has introduced is a general attitude as well as an increase in the use of technology and "computer-generated crime statistics" to pinpoint trouble spots in the city. Norris proposes accelerating the hiring system for

Even with all the things that Norris and Mayor Martin O'Malley have said to earn the trust of the citizens, people still have their doubts. I believe that Baltimore must give Norris and his system at least a chance.

Last year, over 300 people were murdered in Baltimore. That is nearly a person a day. That is far too staggering a number for any city anywhere to stand for.

It is my belief that we must give Commissioner Norris and his system at least a chance to help to bring this police force out of the ashes.

Norris is the first step to ensure no more lives are lost due to the ineffective police force.

## 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 this 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 know absolutely nothing. As those of you who were there know, as well as the rest of us who were not (like me), the concert was huge success. Like I said, this comes as a large lesson to those like myself who purport to know everything.

Although "Reel Big Fish" proved them-

*Michael Wiles reflects on his experiences at the concert and his mixed feelings afterwards.*

selves to be quite entertaining. I still maintain the belief that WMC could stand to better. With other colleges such as University of Maryland booking large name acts and events such as the "MTV Campus Invasion," I do not see why WMC students should miss out on the fun.

I still do not understand why CAPBoard could only afford a \$12,000 band in the first place. With all this school charges in tuition and other expenses, one would think they would be more money available for entertainment such as a campus concert. This, I am sure, has more to do with CAPBoard's poor funding than with anything else, but that is an issue for another time.

I propose the class of 2003 should start thinking ahead. If we begin to pool and raise money now, we will more than likely be able to afford a band or group with a more diverse appeal, such as "The Roots" or even "The Goo Goo Dolls," who Towson University hosted last fall. Also, there has been some talk of WMC pooling resources with other colleges for a day-long festival sometime in the future.

Undoubtedly, there is no shortage of ideas in this regard. I am sure everyone has a favorite band they would enjoy having visit WMC, and, with the proper planning, these hopes can become reality. Once again, I appeal to my fellow classmates to begin preparing for the future as soon as possible. I mean, "Reel Big Fish" are great, but I can not help but believe WMC deserves something a bit "bigger."

## Baseball takes on a new look

*Matt Hurff questions the 2000 Major League Baseball season opener in Japan.*

Ah yes, it is now April, the smell of freshly cut grass, peanuts, hot dogs and sushi permeate the air. Sushi? I don't remember that being served at the ballpark last summer.

Well, at least for the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets, sushi was on the menu as they began the 2000 season with a tour of Japan as part of a new plan by Major League Baseball to spread its popularity throughout the world.

This plan was created so that future Major League players may be used in international competitions similar to soccer's World Cup and the NHL experiment in the Nagano Olympics.

The experiment was certainly successful, as the Mets and the Cubs sold out the 55,000 seat Tokyo Dome, a building modeled after the Minneapolis Metrodome. (Why would anyone want another Minneapolis Metrodome?)

In addition, players on both teams enjoyed the trip as they were able to pick up Pokemon memorabilia for their children.

As a result, Major League Baseball is considering a similar beginning to the season in South America or the Caribbean because of the large number of players in the league who originate from countries such as the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

I really do not feel that repeating this experiment in the same way is the most prudent decision by Bud Selig, commissioner of Major League Baseball.

How many people here in the United States were able to catch these games? The final pitch of each game was thrown around sunrise EST; my guess is very few viewed the games live.

Heck, it is difficult to stay up when your team is playing on the West Coast, let alone the Far East.

Don't get me wrong, I do think playing regular season major league games internationally each season is an excellent idea.

However, not on opening day.

Opening day is the one day where hypothetically, every team still has a chance, and there is still an air of anticipation for the fans.

The games on this day should be played under the sunny blue skies as the icicles of the winter have been removed, not in Japan under a dome.

By playing the first game abroad, however, I feel that major league officials weakened the allure of opening day for Mets and Cubs fans.

Instead, Major League Baseball should consider playing games internationally at some point in the middle of the season as the Padres have tried in Mexico City.

Ken Caminiti, third baseman for the Padres at the time, became ill with food poisoning, but other than that, the trip went well.

Yes, internationalization is a great idea, but, please, not on opening day. What is next, the World Series in Paris?

## Coming to the defense of the SGA

The Student Government Assembly has taken a lot of flack for its recent posting of the infamous Pub Standards Act, which serves as guidelines that if followed precisely, the WMC community will receive the best quality of food and service at its campus eatery.

In the last issue of the *Phoenix*, there were two commentaries that harshly reprimanded the 20 members of WMC's 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.

Like 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, mad rush 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 fairly or without careful discussion beforehand.

*Staci George reaffirms the SGA's position in relation to the new Pub and Grille Standards Act.*

Most of the people who disagree with the SGA are those who experience the Pub during the day, when fourth meal is not in effect, and business is not booming.

But, between the hours of 8 pm and 12 am, the Pub was a different place until the act was posted.

Tables did not get adequate attention, food took an average of half an hour (on a good night) to be prepared, and at times the workers lacked energy to offer friendly service.

For once, I would like the student body to see the SGA as I have seen them.

They are not a body of students who purposely offend people, nor are they people who hurtfully post a sign outside of the Pub and demand radical or reactionary change of the campus restaurant.

Instead they are a body of students who time after time advertise their desire to listen to the problems, concerns, and issues of their peers.

They have an Open Forum each semester, in which they invite students to come and discuss their "beef."

At the last Open Forum held on Thursday, March 23, six non-SGA members attended to discuss their "beef."

And, at an organizational representative's meeting held on Thursday, March 30, I sat in the room taking notes while I listened to an unhappy group of campus leaders ques-

tion Mike Blundin's and other SGA's reasoning for mandating that at least half of their organization participate in the annual Campus Cleanup, held on Sunday, April 2.

However, SGA allocates funding to each group through an interview process, so it's only fair to ask these organizations to give a little in addition to receiving a lot.

Only 20 students are in SGA, the governing body of Western Maryland College.

These 20 students also participate in several campus organizations in addition to their involvement with the SGA.

They are 20 students with diversified opinions, a high level of achievement in their classes and schoolwork, and serve as student representatives on faculty committees.

To clarify, we the SGA, are your peers, and we do not put ourselves on a pedestal over the student body, but are intermixed with everyone, trying to give each and every WMC student what they deserve.

I cannot speak for the other classes, but I personally know that class of 2003's meetings have been poorly attended this entire year.

The best attendance was ten people at a meeting early in the fall.

So in closing, before you decide to reprimand the SGA for what seems like an unfair attack on a less powerful opponent, you should contact the SGA, or attend a weekly meeting (Thursdays at 7:30 in Hill 104), and get the facts before assumptions are made.

*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 x8031.

## SCJ commended for dedication regarding recent journalism conference

*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 WMC's chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists for putting on such a well-organized and informative College Press Day on Saturday, April 8.

Special praise goes to the conference's main organizers, Kristen Fraser, Erin Howard and Kate Hampson, who worked tirelessly for months to assure the success of

this important day-long event.

And thanks, too, to the many fine speakers who enriched and enlivened this second-annual gathering of student and professional journalists, plus journalism educators.

Naturally, we are especially grateful to the representatives of the three colleges who joined us this year: Mt. St. Mary's, Gettysburg, and Washington.

Thanks 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.



# Erin Brokovich proves that anyone can become a hero

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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 Brokovich 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 unreserved to say the least.

However, instead of firing her attorney due to the loss and calling Stephen L. Miles, she instead insists that he give her a job. Due to her constant presence in his law office and her loud 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

filer 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 led to by 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? There are two ways to find out. (1) Call the real Erin Brokovich, although her number is possibly unlisted or (2) See the movie.

## 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 JC Penney, DEB, Belk, and Maurices. Fashion categories included evening wear, sleepwear, and swimwear, to name a few. Even "Will Smith" and "Sisqo" 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.

Photos and text by Trang Dam

## Greek Speak: Meet the four social sororities on campus

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### Alpha Nu Omega

The sorority of Alpha Nu Omega was founded in Ocean City, Maryland during the summer of 1979 by a group of 15 close friends who attended Western Maryland College.

It is a local sorority, only existing at WMC. The Omegas participate in numerous community activities such as Adopt-A-Highway and working with the elderly at a local nursing home. During the spring they participate in the walk for multiple sclerosis.

They currently have 30 active members. Their colors are baby blue and white and their mascot is the panda.

### Phi Alpha Mu

Phi Alpha Mu is a local sorority that was formed in 1926. It was the first sorority on the Hill. Its colors are purple and white, and its flower is the purple pansy.

The purple cow is the sorority

mascot. In 1941, the Phi Alphas officially fused with a brother fraternity, Gamma Beta Chi.

Their mission is to, "promote love, trust, loyalty and respect between each sister and to support growth and learning as individuals and as a group while providing service and compassion to our community thereby ensuring survival of the group and the groups ideals."

Phi Alpha Mu participates in many community service activities. Two deal mainly with women's issues, such as Rape Awareness (the Clothesline Project) and Eating Disorder Awareness.

They have adopted a highway, go Christmas caroling at a local nursing home, and participate in the Walk for Diabetes. The Phi Alphas also are active in floor projects, with topics that include Fire Safety and Basic Car Maintenance.

### Phi Mu

Phi Mu was founded originally in 1852 as the Philomathean Society by three ladies at Wesleyan

College in Macon, Georgia. It became Phi Mu in 1904 and was the second female fraternity formed in the U.S.

The Phi Alpha chapter at WMC formed out of Delta Sigma Kappa in 1989. Their colors are rose and white, their flower is the rose carnation, and their mascot is the lion.

The national sorority participates in many philanthropy events. Their national philanthropy is the Children's Miracle Network, supported by fund-raisers such as bowl-a-thons and candy sales.

They have participated in other community activities as well, including volunteering for the Lineboro Haunted Hayride, visiting the children in a Baltimore hospital, participating in the Race for Rainn and the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, and visiting a local nursing home.

### Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma was founded November 26, 1913 at Hurler College in New York. The ten found-

ing sisters formed the first nonsectarian sorority. Their colors are king blue and gold, and their mascot is the skunk.

As a national sorority, they have over 110 chapters all over the world, ranging from Manitoba to California. They are based on three core values: diversity, leadership through service, and academic excellence.

The Gamma Psi chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma has a 78 year history on campus, dating back to its origins as the WW Club (founded October 7, 1922), progressing to Sigma Sigma Tau (founded October 5, 1936) until finally becoming Phi Sigma Sigma in 1981.

Phi Sigma Sigma's national philanthropy is the National Kidney Foundation.

Last year they completed 22 service projects, both on and off campus. During the year, sisters participate in the Race for the Cure, Lineboro Haunted Hayride, and Christmas caroling at Carroll

Lutheran Village.

In conjunction with Alcohol Awareness week, they lit over 100 luminaries in Red Square, representing the number of alcohol related deaths in Maryland in 1998.

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# Spring Fling 2000: a preview of the upcoming festivities

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Saturday's CAPBoard sponsored Spring Fling festivities include many old favorites as well as some new events and games.

Starting at 3:00 pm and ending around 7:30 pm, there will be plenty to do with all



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A student scales a wall during a past Spring Fling.

## Esa innovatively teaches German culture

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For Dr. Mohamed Esa, being a German professor at Western Maryland College is "a big burden."

Every day, he wakes up around 6 am and drives 90 minutes to Westminster from Silver Spring. After work, he faces the same lengthy drive. Since his wife, Andrea Shalal-Esa, a journalist with Reuters, usually works evenings, he takes care of his two children in the evening. He tries to get them to bed around 9 p.m. But they won't drink their milk. They want a story. They won't go to bed. When they do, he's too tired to do anything else. He never gets to bed before 1 am, and five hours later he has to do the same routine all over again.

Nevertheless, Dr. Esa shows up at WMC every day in a good mood and full of enthusiasm. When it comes to teaching, Esa has a few philosophies. First, there's the psychological part, then there's alternative assessment.

The psychological part to Esa's teaching involves making students complete different types of presentations. He believes this to be essential, especially when dealing with foreign languages. Esa knows that presentations do more than perfect a student's understanding of German or any other language. They also help build self-confidence. "Believe in your abilities," he says. "You are able to do what you want."

The key ingredient in Esa's psychological aspect are "graffities," his own innovation. Esa has students create "graffities" by having them present ideas by drawing illustrations and/or words on a large sheet of paper pinned to a wall. He then has them discuss their work with the class.

Esa uses this method as an alternative to lecturing. He believes that, "students don't learn much from lecturing." Not only do the students learn, but Esa does as well. He receives different perspectives and different ways of analyzing subject matter.

Students also see this method as innovative. Senior Katrina Threat says that, "Some teachers just lecture. With this method, one could just sit there and still feel part of it."

Esa intends on sharing his innovation

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 acoustic/pop band, and Public Service, a Top 40/ska band, who will both be playing.

The College Activities Office is sponsoring a Balloon 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 bail, a ball toss, duct tape a professor, and a target shoot.

A sampling of the things that will be on sale are t-shirts, shot 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 Psi 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 Badier, professor of art history.



ERIN OWEN

Dr. Esa displays one of his many "graffities"

with other foreign language teachers. He has presented this idea at numerous conferences for German teachers. To date, Esa's "graffities" have only recently made their debut outside of his German classes. Spanish professor Dr. Thomas Deveny recently used them in his Spanish Literature class.

"It worked great," Deveny said. "It was a great technique."

Besides the psychological aspects, the alternative assessment involves students being able to expand their creativity by making films or radio shows for grades. This is especially helpful when students don't do so well on papers and tests. Esa attributes this alternative assessment to another teaching philosophy, "the Holistic Method," which lists different types of ways of grading students.

"Students are not the same," Esa says. "A teacher needs different methods to appeal to different students."

Esa also believes that such alternative assessments, such as films or radio shows, could help students realize their interests. When Michael Gibbons first came to WMC, he was a business major. After making a film for one of Esa's intermediate classes, he realized that he had an interest in filmmaking.

Gibbons graduated in 1997 as a communication major with an emphasis in film. His



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A group of dancers perform on the quad as part of a previous year's Spring Fling festivities

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 CAPBoard.

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 \$40 million.

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

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**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).

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)

Remember that life is full of possibilities. Follow your heart and it will lead you to distant places... or at least the nearest McDonald's.

**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 supersmart and know how to flip things inside out.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your exercise routine could use a little of Richard Simmons' help. Get off the couch and start sweating to the oldies!

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-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 Cheazy 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.

Sak and Lago have compiled some of the weirdest video game quotes all into one well-organized site. Who can forget, "Fight Megaman! For everlasting peace!"?

**Zeroes Unlimited** [http://zeroes.overclocked.org]

This guy has an even more bizarre sense of humor than Seanbaby. He reviews bad video games. And I mean bad, like Mega Crap (the actual name), or Violence Fight, or the ever-inscrutable Hangly Man. He also has other stuff here like info on the cut sex scene from Tron.

**Super Smash Bros. Official Site**

[http://www.smashbros.com/enter.html] I love this game. How many ways do I love this game? I love playing Jigglypuff and putting Link to sleep when he has a bomb in his hand. I love bodyslamming someone as the ultimate puffball Kirby.

I love kicking Fox in the tail with Samus and I love kicking my friend's asses in this Nintendo fighting game. And don't forget the all-powerful Shoe Scuff attack!

Well, I guess that's about it for now. If you'll excuse me I have to go walk my cows in Harvest Moon (Gowdy gets cranky if I don't). Good luck in your games and remember to beware the puffball!

Oh right, it's the Weird-Ass Site of the Issue:

Qatar International Desert Marathon - [www.conceptad.com/qidm/](http://www.conceptad.com/qidm/) I know next to nothing about the tiny Middle-Eastern country of Qatar, but thanks to this site I now can follow the QIDM from my home computer!

**Zany Video Game Quotes** [http://www.portalofevil.com/zanyvg/]

I featured this page before, but it more than deserves a return visit.

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Dr. Eshleman, WMC's only professor of computer science is often found in the Lewis Lab

## Hero of Computer Science

**BILLIE JO SHOR**  
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 sure enough, 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.

Helen Thompson, the department secretary, can recall several occasions when Eshleman taught her how to use computers and printers in the lab and office.

Another time when she went beyond the call of duty was about eight years ago when her colleague, Dr. Richard Claycombe, a business and economics professor, asked her to help him rewrite a FORTRAN simulation to make it interactive with other computers.

The experience took a great deal of time throughout the summer. Eventually, it was completed and ready for students that fall.

From the evidence mentioned, it would seem difficult to deny her the characteristics of a hero. Her job requires a lot of behind-the-scenes work that many do not realize. Why? There simply is no visible way to measure her efforts, except by the expansion of the department.

Boner commented, "Outside of the department, no one really knows what she does." Likewise, Farrar mentioned that except for students that have seen her efforts, "people are not aware of the time, patience, and knowledge it takes for one person to do all that work."

## Exhibition Shows Off Work of Student Art Majors

Student art work will be on display April 12 through May 3 in the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery.

The juried Kathryn E. Wentz Art Show features work by WMC's art majors and includes sculpture, print making, drawing, photography, painting, and computer graphics.

An opening reception, which will be free of charge as well as open to the public, will be held Wednesday, April 12, from 7-9 pm in the gallery.

The final show of the spring semester was renamed in 1984 to honor the late wife of Harold F. Wentz, a retired Pennsylvania pharmacist.

Before his wife passed away, Mr. Wentz enrolled in art courses at WMC. This is how he fell in love with painting.

His generous gift to the college in her memory is used to fund awards and ribbons which are given for the best art work presented at the final student show.

The gallery, located on the top floor of Peterson Hall, is open Monday through Friday.

In addition to the featured exhibit, the Albert and Eva Blum collection is on continuous display in the Rice Gallery. For hours and more information call x595.

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# Softball leads Centennial Conference; Dix wins 200th

MIKE YESTRAMSKI  
Sports Editor

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 Jacie Mathias. The Terror won game two by an 8-7 score.

Freshman Selena Smart ripped a two run homer in game one of a doubleheader against Lebanon Valley to ignite a five-run sixth inning which led to a 11-5 Terror victory.

Western Maryland split a recent doubleheader with Ursinus by identical 4-1 victories by each team. The Terror and Ursinus have each either won or shared the Centennial Conference title for five of the last six years.

Smart hit her first collegiate

home run against Shephard College in game one of a doubleheader. The ninth-inning grand slam was key to a seven run ninth inning and Coach George Dix's 200th career victory. The Terror lost the second game of the doubleheader.

## Men's lacrosse suffers first loss of season to Gettysburg

DAN GAUD  
Staff Writer

A slow start finally cost the Green Terror men's lacrosse team.

After making a habit of coming back to win games after sluggish starts, the Terror fell at Gettysburg to the second ranked Bulldogs (8-1, 2-0) Saturday, 18-9.

The loss ended their dreams of an undefeated season, as the Terror fell to 7-1, 1-1.

Western Maryland spotted Gettysburg a 7-0 lead before Brett Sweeney's '01 second quarter goal put the Terror on the board.

The two teams battled fairly evenly from this point on, but the

Terror never got within five goals for the remainder of the game.

Gettysburg's All-America goalie Andrew Barter was a big factor in the Bullet's success, as he held the high powered Green Terror attack to under 10 goals for the first time this season.

They also kept the team's leading scorer Tom Brown '02 off the scoreboard, allowing him only one assist.

One week earlier, the Terror were able to come back from a slow start to beat an up and coming Swarthmore team (6-1, 0-1).

WMC managed just four goals in the first half, and went into the locker room tied.

"We allowed them to control the tempo in the first half by not converting the transition opportunities

that we had," WMC head coach Keith Reitenbach said.

Reitenbach knew his team needed a spark, and it was most likely going to have to come from his usually high scoring attack men.

"At halftime I talked to Brett [Sweeney] and the other attackmen and said, 'you guys gotta step it up here, we've only scored four goals this half,'" he said.

They responded in force, scoring 15 goals in the second half, including a 12-3 run to end the game pulling away from the Garnet Tide 19-10.

Sweeney led the charge with a career high six goals, and Brown added five.

"We started playing more like we could, a faster game. We started possessing the ball longer, taking

smarter shots," Brown said of the second half.

"Our superior depth and superior conditioning allowed us to put together a run," Reitenbach added.

Despite the convincing victory over previously unbeaten Swarthmore, the Terror fell out of the national rankings.

For his performance against Swarthmore, Sweeney was named the Centennial Conference Player of the week.

Sweeney, who leads the conference in assists with 28, is also among the conference's top goal scorers with 24 following the Gettysburg game.

"He's just been stepping it up lately, and he's taking more shots, like he should. It seems that his confidence is rising, and he's just

showing what he can do," Brown said of his teammate.

"Brett is just doing a tremendous job. We feel that our attack is being very productive as a unit, and that's because defenses are going to have a real hard time matching up on all three of our guys," Reitenbach added.

Prior to the Swarthmore game, Sweeney was fourth in the nation in assists per game (3.86), and he was sixth in points per game (6.67).

Teammate Tom Brown was leading the nation in both points per game (8.67), and goals per game (6.00).

Western Maryland's next game is at home Wednesday against fourth ranked Washington and Lee.

## Pitcher Fuchs honored as baseball team climbs back from their disappointing regular season start

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and the team celebrated a big win to end their losing streak going into league play.

In their first league game of the season, the team played host to a doubleheader against Muhlenberg. In the first game, both offenses were contained in a tight pitching duel between Muhlenberg starter Josh Carter and WMC senior Brent Fuchs.

Muhlenberg struck early in the first inning to go up 1-0, but would only muster four hits against Fuchs and never score again. With their pitching keeping them close, the Green Terror rallied in the last inning with a one run triple by senior designated hitter Barrett Gugliotta and a throwing error by the opposition to pull off a 2-1 come from behind win in their last at bat.

In stark contrast to the first game, game two was a offensive

showcase for Muhlenberg as they used a seven run fourth inning and sixteen hits in route to a convincing 14-6 win.

The Green Terror did get home runs from Ryan Legge, Kacy Jenkins, and Guy Sheetz to pace the offense.

During the week, senior pitcher Brent Fuchs was honored for his performance with the Centennial Conference pitcher of the week award for his efforts on the mound against Lebanon Valley and Muhlenberg. He is 2-2 with a sparkling era of 1.86.

In their following game, the team played host to its first ever meeting against Villa Julie. Unfazed by his first collegiate start, freshman pitcher Brent Kahuda threw a masterpiece by allowing only three hits and striking out eleven in nine innings.

The offense started its attack in the second inning when Ryan Legge smacked one of his two doubles on the night to drive in the first run and junior Kacy Jenkins' sacrifice fly in the fifth and RBI single in the seventh was all the team needed on this night.

Sophomore second basemen Jack Griffith also went 3-4 with a triple to help pace the offense. The team improved its record to 9-8 overall with the victory.

On April 5, the team played a important home game against conference leader, Gettysburg.

The Green Terror used two errors by the opposition and RBI singles from seniors Ryan Legge and Tim Smith to grab a early 3-0 lead, but Gettysburg would come back.

With the game tied at 3-3, the opposition pounced on a Green Ter-

ror error with the bases loaded to score three runs in the seventh and added two more in the eighth to secure a 8-3 win. The home team had chances to open a bigger lead with their twelve hits but were negated with three double plays by the opposition.

Left Fielder Legge had another big game with two more doubles and an RBI. The team looked for redemption in their away rematch with Gettysburg on April 7. Using senior ace pitcher Fuchs' eleven strikeouts and a late inning rally, the team pulled out a 10-4 win.

Gettysburg jumped on the board first with two unearned runs in the first inning, but the Green Terror responded and the game was tied 4-4 going into the last inning.

In the ninth, senior Ryan Legge led off with a double and was replaced by junior Albert Pero

who was driven in on a triple by sophomore outfielder Kevin Culbertson.

Senior catcher Jon Vandernat continued the rally with a RBI base hit and Senior outfielder Sean Giblin got another hit. After a pitching change, senior Barrett Gugliotta drove in both runners with another hit and Kacy Jenkins doubled him in.

To complete the onslaught, third basemen singled in Jenkins to complete the six-run charge and beat the league leader. On the mound, it was Fuchs' fifth consecutive complete game and third straight win.

Only two game behind Gettysburg, the team looked to continue their solid play in another home game against Swarthmore.

From the start, the opponent didn't have a chance as the Green Terror jumped on them for a 10-0 third inning lead and a eventual 18-2 win.

On the mound, Jack Elbaz received the win and was helped by home runs from Ryan Legge and Jon Vandernat and doubles by Gugliotta, Mike Wolfe, and Albert Pero. The second game was rained out and is going to be rescheduled.

Despite a early season slump, the team seems to be returning their usual winning ways in league play. There have been injuries, but players like Ryan Legge (.415 average) and Kacy Jenkins (.371) have stepped up to provide the offensive lead while the pitching of Brent Fuchs has continued to be solid and spectacular.

The Green Terror look like they have the ingredients and leadership to continue their successful play as the season continues.

## Despite lack of depth, women's golf still finishes strong at two recent meets

TAMMI SLATER  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 1, Western Maryland's women's golf team participated in their first spring invitational among four teams including UMBC, Mount St. Mary's, Gettysburg, and Dickinson.

Unfortunately, despite the team's outstanding efforts the Green Terror fell short with an incomplete team of three golfers, including Maggie Kolman, Julia Richardson, and Stacey Roach. The Green Terror finished the

tournament with Maggie Kolman shooting a 99, Julia Richardson a 153, and Stacey Roach a 157.

UMBC walked away from the tournament with an individual crown when Janelle D'Allesandro led UMBC to a team title with an 11-over-par 83.

UMBC shot a combined total of 348, topping second-place Mount St. Mary's (420) by a huge 72-stroke margin.

Finishing third was Gettysburg with a 467, Dickinson fourth with a 493 and Muhlenberg fifth at 506.

The Green Terror completed in

their second tournament of the season on Monday, April 2nd at the inaugural Gettysburg Spring Invitational.

At the Gettysburg Country Club, Western Maryland's club team finished third among four schools.

The host Bulldogs won the title with a combined 473, however, Dickinson finished second at 506, and the Green Terror came in at a close third with 519.

Muhlenberg also contested for the title, but due to short numbers in players fielded an incomplete

team.

For Western Maryland, Maggie Kolman finished fourth at 112, Shannon Seibert shot a 122, Julia Richardson a 141 and Stacey Roach a 144.

As a result of the program getting started up, the Green Terror look forward to improvement in the remaining competitions and more participation from students.

With another tournament still left, Western Maryland looks to contend strong and finish in good placement.

# The Sports View: It's that time of the year again; Insights and analysis of the 2001 baseball season

CHRIS ANASTASIA  
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 year's 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 Tatis, 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, Expos: 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."

Uhm, 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 Galarra 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 Galarra 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. Lets 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.



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# The **GREEN TERROR** Profile

## Tom Brown leads team to victory, nation in scoring

DAN GADD

Staff Writer

Western Maryland's 7-0 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 attackman 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 freshman, 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.

"I'm just more accustomed to the college game this year. I had a big learning year last year, and I'm still learning, but a lot of the things that coach was teaching me all year last year finally started to sink in," Brown said.

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.

## Centennial Conference and NCAA D-III lacrosse stats

### Conference Scoring:

- 1st. *Tom Brown* 59 Pts
- 2nd. *Brett Sweeney* 48 Pts.
- 3rd. *C. Anderson* 33 Pts.

### Conference Goals:

- 1st. *Tom Brown* 42 goals
- 2nd. *C. Anderson* 22 goals
- 3rd. *B. Sweeney* 21 goals

### Conference Assists:

- 1st. *B. Sweeney* 27 assts.
- 2nd. *Tom Brown* 17 assts.
- 3rd. *Joe Ellis* 17 assts.

**\*Western Maryland College players' names in italics**

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## Student-athletes showcase hidden talents and abilities as they participate in the first ever NCAA "Athletes' Day"

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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-

Conditions weren't great and many athletes were not present at the event, but from the start the participants were having fun.

"It is fun, but it would have been nice to sleep longer," said freshman Colby Cook.

In one of the first events of the day, the athletes competed in the football toss where there was a big board with holes that counted for a certain number of points.

where the speed and quickness of the WMC athletes was put on display. The winner in a tight finish was team orange whose members celebrated their victory in jubilant form.

Another fun event in the competition was the hula-hoop contest where people had fun laughing at each other's attempts to go the longest time without stopping.

While people proved very good at balancing the hoop, others took their failure in good humor and people had fun in the process. "It was funny to watch" said spectator David Johnson.

The event that drew much excitement and laughter was the obstacle course.

In the event, athletes showed many talents including doing a somersault, 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 other's mishaps through the course. "It was exhilarating" said swimmer Sumner 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, and eat some jello out of bowls. The teams made fun of each other and applauded their teams effort throughout the sticky 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.

Overall, 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.



Students participate in the first ever "Athletes' Day"

SHAUNA OPLINGER



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The Hula-hoop contest was one of the popular "Athletes' Day" events

rating the event and prizes were to be given out to the most through the best team of the day.

It was a planned day of fun and competition where the athletes could relax and play with their peers.

On a gloomy Sunday morning, the athletes met in back of the gym for the start of the competition.

The team with the most points won the event and many of the men and women were able to show off their quarterbacking skills for their peers. Laughter and applause were shared by everyone as they cheered on their team members throughout the event.

In the next event, the teams competed in a 4x100 meter relay

## 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 heartbreaking loss at a non-conference foe, Messiah.

In a slugfest, the Green Terror used nineteen hits to grab a 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 homer 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 basemen 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 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 basemen 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 a Jenkins's 2-run single to grab a early 2-0 lead and extended that lead in the fourth with another 2-run base hit by senior catcher Jon Vandemat.

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 Fuchs.

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, Fuchs got the following batter to hit a ground ball right at third basemen Guy Sheetz who tagged out the runner for the third out and a spectacular finish.

The home crowd went crazy

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## Chambers resigns as WMC's Seventh President

### Coley named interim president as plans to search for the next president are being developed

MICHAEL STOKES

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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 16th 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.

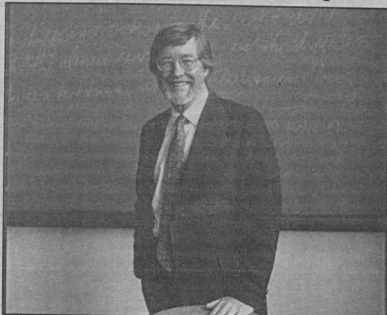
Sayre was the first person Chambers hired back in 1984. He too said that Chambers was a good friend and a wonderful boss.

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 today than it was in the mid-1980s."

Sayre also believes that the

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JOE ROBIN

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 envisions the Defining Moment campaign.

## Honor and Conduct Board is questioned

FRANCESCA SAYLOR

News Co-editor

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 affect would it have on the campus as a whole?

A recent survey of students and faculty revealed that many feel a public hearing process would serve some purpose on campus.

However, Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster feels doing so would be "bad thing." "If someone wants an open, public trial they can 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 thinks that making the hearings public is comparable to making disciplinary hearings in the workplace public, which is not common practice.

Dean Philip Sayre said that Honor and Conduct Board proceedings are a "confidential matter of the student" and that conduct records are a part of record by federal law. He mentions the Buckley Amendment or FERPA (Family Educational Records 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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BRIN OWEN

The WMC Theater department closed the semester with their rendition of *Marat/Sade*. Pictured above is Don Todt, who played the character of Duperré, a comedic nymphomaniac. For a complete review, see page 10.

## Do athletes receive select treatment?

CLAIRE ADAMS

Staff Writer

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?

Many 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 and around Terror playing fields.

WMC athletic department faculty explained 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, \$5000 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 unexpectedly 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 inequities

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## English department plagiarism increases

STACEY M. MYERS

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Students at Western Maryland College are learning the hard way 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.

Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, has other ideas as to why this rise in plagiarism is

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# Dinner honors Trustee Martin Hill and celebrates the Defining Moment success

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Do you know what Western Maryland Railroad, the Defining Moment Campaign, Hill Hall, sparkling cider, and Glar have in common?

As reported in the last issue of the *Phoenix*, the Defining Moment Campaign dinner celebration was held in Englar Dining Hall on Friday, April 14 to welcome trustees, administration, faculty members, spouses, selected students, and special guests whose commitment to the college helped to reach the campaign's \$40 million goal.

But that wasn't the only reason to celebrate that night as Martin K. P. Hill, Chair of the Defining Moment campaign, was presented with the John Smith Memorial Medallion for his continuing support of the college.

After dinner, Acting President and Provost Joan D. Coley walked up to the podium and welcomed everyone to the special occasion.

She also commented that the success of

the campaign was due in a large part to the help of Robert Chambers, who was not present at the dinner.

It was he who envisioned the campaign and put it into action, she said.

It was the next speaker, James I. Melhorn, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who presented Hill with the medallion.

Hill was the provider of the campaign's largest gift (\$1.5 million) presented by a living individual, and the third-ever recipient of the prestigious John Smith Memorial Medallion.

John Smith was the first chairman of the Board of Trustees, as well as one of the three founders of WMC.

Additionally, he was a contributor to higher education "in a major way to its strengths as a primary part of the American experience," according to a public information press release.

Hill's association with WMC dates back to the early nineties.

In 1990, Hill's daughter transferred to WMC and graduated in 1993.

In 1995, Memorial Hall was renovated and renamed Hill Hall.

After being presented with the award, Hill took over the microphone and began his acceptance speech by stating, "I didn't know this would feel like the Academy Awards. [pause for air and a big smile as he looks around the room] I feel like I've just won Best Director. There will be no contest with the lights of LA as we walk across The Hill later."

Following Hill's speech, a parade of student volunteers gave the dinner guests and students who came to celebrate an illuminated tour of the campus and those buildings improved because of the campaign.

The tour concluded at Ward Arch at 9:30 pm, and was followed by a toast of sparkling cider and the illumination of the arch.

These included the new science building, Hill Hall, Peterson Hall, Levine Hall, and Hoover Library.

A Baltimore lighting company, Skytech, was responsible for the laser and computerized lighting show.

John Emens, WMC Class of 1966



"When people invest in things, they normally give it a lot of thought and they invest in things that are worthwhile. This campaign is an example of something that is worthwhile. The graduating students of WMC bring terrific experience to the working world - a lot of it stems from WMC."

Kelly Hill, wife of Martin Hill



"I think the college has outdone itself by the dinner tonight—only surpassed by the campaign. The success of the campaign is special to us."

Compiled by Staci George

## Public presence in question regarding Honor and Conduct Board hearings

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However, President Clinton signed the Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act (ACCRA) that became effective Oct. 1, 1998, which, among other things, included the lifting of FERPA restrictions on campus court proceedings, and a broadened and enhanced annual report on campus crime statistics.

According to Dr. William Lawbaugh, Chair of the Campus Crime Task Force, "Final draft regulations were issued by the U.S. Department of Education on Nov. 1, 1999."

Lawbaugh is quick to say he believes that there are only three places in the world where private hearings are held: Cuba, China, and on college campuses.

Sayre does not cite exactly which laws protect Honor and Conduct hearings from being made public.

On the other hand, Mark Goodman, a representative of the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Virginia, cites the sixth amendment's guarantees that "the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

Associate professor of political science and international studies Dr. Christianna Nichols-Leahy said that in her experiences in dealing with the Honor and Conduct Board that the part above pertaining to witnesses does not seem to be of particular interest to the Board.

For instance, she has been called in as a character witness for the accused in several cases but has not been allowed to comment on the case. She said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Scott Kane refused to let her speak when she asked for permission.

Moreover, she said the way in which the Honor and Conduct Board rules are written seem to "require students to give up their constitutional rights."

For example, on page nine of the Honor Code handbook section E states, "Formal rules of evidence will not be applicable to disciplinary hearings, and any evidence or testimony which the Board believes to be relevant to a fair determination of the charges specified in the notice may be admitted. Pre-hearing procedural questions must be raised at the initial hearing or be waived." It also

states that the normal sequence of events listed within its guidelines are not required to take place.

Furthermore, no distinction is made between academic (plagiarism) and conduct (vandalism, violent acts) cases.

Leahy feels strongly that the hearings "should be made public, perhaps at least as a deterrent [to] others if nothing else, except in cases where the identity of the victim needs to be protected (e.g. date rape).

English professor Dr. Becky Carpenter agrees with Leahy that "we have these weird interpretations of civil liberties" and that public hearings could have a preventative effect.

When it comes to hearings being public Carpenter says, "Obviously it's better to prevent offenses in the first place than to do punishment after the fact. If even 10 percent of the people that do that [commit offenses] think twice...I'm all about that!" Carpenter added.

*"We have these weird interpretations of civil liberties." - Dr. Becky Carpenter*

She said the issue of making the Board's hearings public has never arisen before, most likely because "the Board never meets as a group," but she adds that there is no reason why they could not. She points out that in the "wider world" people endure public trials all the time.

"I'm always shocked at the things we're allowed to know or that parents aren't allowed to know who are paying for their children's education," said Carpenter.

When it comes to releasing information to the public at large Webster said, "I don't release my records because there's no compelling law to make me do so."

Regarding the severity of the punishments, Carpenter said in her personal opinion some of the penalties established by the Board should have been harsher, but she still thinks the system works well overall. Carpenter likes the fact that students are there for the hearings, "playing an active governance role."

There are a total of 10 students and 10 faculty members on the Honor and Conduct

Board, according to Sayre.

The student applicants can receive recommendation from the current Board in the fall and are then elected by the Student Government Assembly. The faculty members are nominated by the Faculty Council and are then elected by the faculty at a large for the position.

"At any given hearing, explains Sayre, there are two students and two faculty members present. Kane presides over the conduct cases and Sayre the academic ones in order to make sure the proper procedures are followed.

He said they usually do not vote unless there is a tie but that happens very rarely since the group comes to a consensus most of the time.

Perhaps it is these types of situations that Goodman is leery of when he said, "There's so much potential for abuse when you have a secret system like this" because even though everyone assumes no harm is being

done, it is impossible to know for sure if others are not allowed to witness it.

Webster said, "Anyone without integrity can pervert the system." Explaining how the Board works, Sayre said it tries to rotate the student and faculty as much as possible, but the final decision over who will sit for the hearing usually revolves around making the schedules of everyone fit, said Sayre.

Although there is no rule in its guidelines on the number of times a person is allowed to sit on the Board, Carpenter said a case was once postponed because the accused disagreed with her being there because of her presence in a previous case involving the accused.

Alex McLean, a student member of the Board, said there are other discrepancies within the system as well. His examples include problems with evidence or Campus Safety not taking the case seriously enough. He said in some instances the witnesses do not even attend.

In response to this claim Webster said he "can't imagine that an officer wouldn't take

it seriously" if he or she had gone through the trouble of filing the report.

McLean feels that perhaps if the important cases were made public more people would take the Board's decisions to heart. "It sometimes seem like were a kangaroo court," said the senior, recalling a case that had to be pushed back six or seven times at the request of the accused.

On the other hand, McLean said making the hearings public could be "problematic" for Board members. "It's one thing to deal with the accused alone. It makes it more difficult for the accused to possibly confess if his friends are there," he explained.

Also, he said due to the way the Board is formed on such short notice, he doubts many other students would attend because there would not be enough publicity time.

In addition, McLean thinks the Board "would become another battleground between the college and the Greeks" and that he does not know if that fight needs to involve the Honor and Conduct Board.

He says the focus of the Board now tends to be on rehabilitating or helping the person involved, especially if the underlying reason for the offense is their involvement with alcohol or a group of bad friends.

"We want them to finish their degree, but if they're a danger to the community we want to get them off campus," explained McLean.

He thinks the Board is doing the best it can with what it has to work with right now, but that if students want it, an initiative for open hearings should come from SGA.

Sayre does not ever foresee the hearings becoming public. "I think it is only proper that students' interactions with the college should be private," he said.

If, however, there is a threat to the campus community, Sayre said the college will publish a notice as soon as possible; perhaps even publishing the student's name if it is needed to protect others.

Webster explains that private colleges like WMC work very hard to make their private distinction clear and that it is fair if WMC is allowed to limit some rights because of the (unwritten) contract students make with the school by attending.

A copy of the Honor Code booklet may be found in the Student Affairs office.



## Students and faculty members react to Chambers' decision to resign

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overall beautification of the campus over the past few years is due in large part to Chambers' desire to improve the campus as a whole.

There are many other members of the administration and faculty that are sad to see Chambers move on.

Joseph Carter, a professor of economics and business and member of the faculty since September of 1988, said, "I hate to see him leave. We'll definitely miss Bob, he was a unique combination of a business man and an academic."

Jane Sharpe, the associate librarian in Hoover library and member of the staff for almost 30 years, said, "During his tenure as president, there's been a lot of advancements at the college."

The one faculty member that has been most affected by Chambers' resignation is Joan Coley, the former provost and now interim president of WMC.

Coley had been serving as acting president since late December and on Saturday, April 15 at the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees was unanimously elected by the

Board to serve as interim president.

"He was a great president, and I can't think of anyone I would rather work for," admits Coley, who has been working in the morning as provost and in the afternoon as president.

"It's been overwhelming, as both president and provost of the college, but I'm comfortable with what I am doing, mainly because it is interesting and challenging," said Coley.

A few days ago Coley was relieved of her provost duties when Dr. Samuel Case, professor of exercise science and physical education, was designated as the college's new provost.

"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 stay focused on the shared goals that were developed by all of us, including Bob," added Coley.

She went on to say that part of her presi-

dency will be to continue what Chambers did; however "the other part will be to form a future vision for the college with the community."

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 was happy being provost, but I am still weighing the pros and cons of the position," she said.

No one knows exactly how long it will take to find a new president, but the transition committee, which is made up of trustees, alumni, faculty, the administrative staff and select students is scheduled to meet early in May.

They hope to "begin the development of a plan that will lead to the recruitment of the eighth president," according to James Melhorn, chairman of the board of trustees.

No one knows who is going to be the next president, but many of the same people who adored Chambers feel that Coley is well suited for the position.

Joan has served in many positions on campus, including both the academic affairs

office and the admissions office. There are few on campus that know the college better than her," said Godwin.

Sharpe also agreed with Godwin, saying "We are fortunate to have Joan, especially someone with as much experience as her."

Dean Sayre also believes that Coley would be a good fit for the president.

Although "there are a lot of strong people on the faculty and also the campus that are capable to fill the position," said Sayre.

Even though the administration may be overwhelmed in some ways with dealing with the transition, an informal poll showed that nine out of 10 students could care less about what is going on right now within the administration.

One senior, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "I'm more worried about Siouxie the [president's] cat than I am worried about who is going to become president."

Many students are more worried about finals, and others feel that the college will continue to do just fine, no matter who sits in the president's office.

## Thanks for the Memories, Bob

FRANCIS (SKIP) FENNEL

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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 Ellwell of the Social Work Department, Dr. Ethan A. Seidel of the Economics/Business Administration Department, yes the same Dr. Seidel, and me.

As now Vice-President for Administrative and Finance Seidel likes to report, I was in charge of copying the resumes of the hundreds of candidates who clearly wanted to become President of WMC, but that's an inside joke.

The search took about a year. This guy from Bucknell was highly recommended by a former Middle States evaluator of WMC as a possible candidate for our presidency. His name was Robert Hunter Chambers, III. Nice pedigree too - Duke, Yale (where he taught Gary Trudeau and Kurt Schmoke among others), and Brown. It was my task (other than copying) to make phone calls to all those who chose to recommend this Chambers person.

Of course all of these folks supported his candidacy. I remember one such reference informing me that Bob Chambers would definitely become a president; it was just a matter of time. So Bob Chambers came to Baltimore for his interview.

He was the only "top candidate" who could answer then Board of Trustee President "Woody" Preston's standard question regarding the second baseman of the Winston-Salem, North Carolina minor league baseball team - seems to me the answer was Earl Weaver, but Seidel would remember. Anyone who knows Bob Chambers knows he schmoozes well. He was an easy top choice of our search committee. The Chambers Era began on the Hill. There are literally a myriad of memories and thoughts flooding this composition about the Chambers Years on the Hill.

The mugs in his office, the Pez stuff, his fascination with the King - Elvis Presley, I always hated Elvis. I figure Bob just couldn't leave everything about the South even though he despised the redneck attitude and

culture of the Deep South.

Did you know Larry Bird recently met his maker? Not the former hoopster and current coach of the Indiana Pacer, but Bob and WMC's own Larry the Bird who had a prominent perch in the President's home. And then there is Siouxie. What will become of this campus legend? That cat has had more press than several academic departments on this campus.

As president of WMC, Bob Chambers was the right man at the right time. He is a man of incredible enthusiasm, interest, and vision. He clearly wanted to make WMC better in every way. He did. Look around. Most

dear. He enjoyed the robe, the medallion, 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.

His remarks at my being named the CASE - Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year, for Maryland (1997) are my special memories in this area. Bob's taped remarks at the memorial service for his predecessor Dr. Ralph John are but a recent contribution to his expertise as an orator. Bob Chambers was certainly a ceremonial presi-

## Bob Chambers used to drive me crazy with his unfailling ability to seem to know something about everything.

readers won't remember when Red Square was an ugly parking lot (for administrators and guests only) fronting a woefully inadequate library.

Other significant physical improvements include but are not limited to the Hill Hall makeover of the former Memorial Hall, the new life given to what used to be called the Art Building, now Peterson Hall. The growth of Levine, the remake of what used to be my former office and those of others in the Education Department into the admissions suites in Carroll Hall. And on and on - including the newest jewel on the Hill - Lewis Hall. A bricks and mortar president, sure that could work as a legacy.

Ah, there's more. Bob Chambers used to drive me crazy with his unfailling ability to seem to know something about everything. Worse, when he didn't he could fake it better than most. As anyone who knows Bob Chambers can attest, Bob is a schmoozer par excellence. He can meet and greet with the very best. Everybody is a friend.

What's more, when he was prepared nobody could top Bob Chambers from the podium. I think Interim President Joan Coley coined the phrase that Bob eats adjectives for breakfast. He just loves to pontificate.

If there is a ceremony anywhere - send Bob. He brought back Baccalaureate. He made introductory Convocation into a big

event - that is probably an understatement.

Bob Chambers was a colleague. Bob 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.

During the time when the faculty debated the wisdom of moving from 3- to 4-credit courses, I still believe Bob dug out the faculty meetings, enjoyed the heated debates, and seemed to ask the dumbest questions just to keep folks engaged in the process - perhaps fray is a better word.

Bob Chambers loved a party, mostly as an observer of people and behavior. He flits well. He can't dance - little known fact.

He established the fall faculty football gathering, regularly hosted events at the President's House and enjoyed hosting guest speakers and others for social events on the Hill. Senior Week was also Bob's thing. The baccalaureate speech he gave at least 15 times always highlighted the gala party in around and over Decker Center the night before commencement.

But Bob truly enjoyed all of his colleagues - faculty, staff, students, you name it. He was Bob Chambers. Call me Bob was his sort of standard line. He valued the contributions of all members of the campus community and celebrated them.

Bob Chambers continues to be the sort of classic frustrated jock. Many have heard Bob's old tale about missing some important field goal as a kicker on his North Carolina high school team (maybe it was extra point). Not an athlete, Bob was enamored by athletes, and athletics. In fact Bob continues to be enamored by people in power athletically or otherwise.

A regular supporter of campus and regional sports events, Bob was proud of WMC accomplishments in all sports. Most know that Bob Chambers continues to be an active runner. Not very far, certainly not very fast (oh, I hope he reads this line!) Bob is out there trudging his three miles most every day of the week. He tells me it is every day now!

Ah, but probably the classic Bob Chambers sports story was the time he played second base for the faculty team in a softball game with the graduating seniors the afternoon of Baccalaureate. A line shot from a senior arrived at Bob's nose prior to his mitt. Baccalaureate that evening had Bob regularly dabbing at still bleeding nose. To my knowledge that was the President's final appearance in the faculty softball team's lineup.

Bob Chamber's forte is the English language, so he reads - a lot. Many of us were always amazed at the number of books he had stacked in his home ready for reading. Did he really read all those books? We'll never know. Well-read and knowledgeable about writers and their genre, film seemed to be his passion, particularly quoting lines from films. I found this odd, but he enjoyed it - still does. I can still recall him matching film titles and actual lines with Professor Herb Smith on more than one occasion.

But, our president was fascinated by other things - travel, culture, and politics to name other topics and issues which to this day continue to vie for this man's time.

This is long enough. For over 15 years Bob Chambers has been president, leader, mentor, colleague, and friend to many of us during the Chambers Years. He had a lot to do with defining who we are on the Hill.

His persona defined for many of us good years, fond years on the Hill at Western Maryland College. Defining Moments - indeed. Good luck Bob - Thanks for the Memories.



## Seidel comments on Chambers

ETHAN A. SEIDEL  
Vice President  
Administration and Finance

a new laboratory building, but would it have been a structure that already has set a standard to which



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Seidel helped bring Chambers to WMC.

Bob Chambers changed the way we think of ourselves as a community and a college. When reflecting on his legacy, it is tempting to focus on the beauty of the campus, the singular library, the extraordinary laboratory building. But these are only physical manifestations of Bob Chambers' lasting contribution to Western Maryland College.

More than anything, Bob taught us to raise our sights. If he had never been in our midst, we still would have expanded the clearly inadequate library, but would we have built one that is the envy of our sister institutions and the centerpiece of our campus? If he had not been our leader, we would build

others aspire? How many of us would have thought it appropriate, even possible, for a small liberal arts college in central Maryland to

## A reflection of Chambers from class

AMANDA LESHNER  
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 about 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 yellowed sheets of notebook paper with notes scrawled over them in red ink. He glanced at the expectant faces surrounding the table. After greeting those students whom he already knew, he called roll and smiled at us each in turn. Immediately, he asked us for



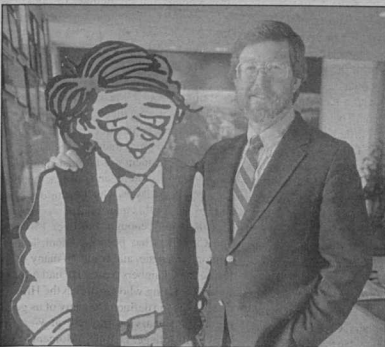
AMANDA LESHNER had the opportunity to take Chambers' class in spring of 1998.

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. This first class set the tone for the rest of the semester.

As our class explored contemporary American literature and its relationship to religious beliefs, we formed friendships with each other and Dr. Chambers.

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.



During Chambers' tenure at WMC, one of his contributions was the use of Gary Trudeau's Doonesbury cartoons on college admissions materials. Chambers is pictured above with a cut-out character from the cartoon.

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have a branch campus in central Europe?

When Bob arrived at WMC, the football team was on the verge of setting a Division III record for consecutive losses. Who among us imagined that he would be leaving having celebrated our third consecutive undefeated season?

Or that with the spring season still in progress, our varsity teams would have already won five Centennial Conference championships?

As an academic dean and then as a college president, Bob never stopped thinking of himself as a teacher first and foremost. The desire to be the best in every endeavor, to not compromise in the quest to be the best, this is the lasting lesson he taught us.

At the close of each class, Dr. Chambers would summarize whatever we had discussed and provide his own insights 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.

I feel 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.

## 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 of President Robert Chambers' resignation and now it is the announcement that Dr. H. Sam Case will be the acting provost.

Effective for the 2000-2001 academic year, Case, a professor of exercise science and physical education, will fulfill 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' 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



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Case will serve as college Provost next year.

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

## In Appreciation of a Friend and a Leader

CHARLIE MOORE  
Class of 1971 and Trustee

Over the past several weeks the students, faculty and administration have all had the opportunity to reflect upon the significant impact Bob Chambers has made upon our entire college community. I would now like to share a few of my personal reflections from the perspective of an Alumni and a Trustee.

First and foremost, I consider Bob to be a dear friend. These are not words to be taken lightly, for I truly feel that friendship is an aspect of personal relationships that has to be earned. Bob has clearly earned this status through his outstanding leadership and service to the institution I dearly love. Bob has provided:

- \* Strategic leadership to The Board of Trustees
- \* Intellectually sound leadership to our faculty and administration
- \* Compassionate leadership to our student body; and
- \* Enthusiastic leadership to the thousands of volunteers who give selflessly of their time and money to nurture the quality of this great institution

How do I define Bob's leadership? To me it is very simple. Bob's leadership had four key characteristics:

- \* Bob Created A Vision: He clearly excelled in his ability to creatively challenge each of us to "think outside of the nine dots" and to push all of us beyond our previous limits.
- \* Bob Led The Way: He never missed an opportunity to put forth the personal time and energy to insure his Vision was fulfilled.



COURTESY OF CHARLIE MOORE  
Moore worked with Chambers for almost 15 years on the Board.

\* Bob Provided The Resources: He fought many battles and left no stone unturned to insure that the financial resources were available for the College to respond to its multitude of competing priorities.

\* Bob Expressed Sincere Appreciation:

When Bob thanked us for our efforts (which was often), he did it in a manner that made us feel deeply appreciated. For over 15 years we have been blessed with Bob's leadership and friendship. However, the thousands of students who will come to WMC in the years ahead will more deeply and richly feel the true benefit of these gifts.

Bob, our greatest wish for you is that you are leaving us knowing that you have woven an intricate web consisting of the many people who will be forever grateful for having the opportunity to call you their friend.

of scholarly pursuits."

Case, a WMC 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-after 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 surprisingly 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, Collin's 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 be 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 1988.

In 1992, racial epithets were burned into the WMC golf course and sprayed onto 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 and others 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."

Yowan describes himself as being "cautiously optimistic" about Carroll County's future in diversification and believes that parents have to play a large role in educating children about related issues.

"Prejudice is not something we're born with, it's something we're taught," he said. WMC has made efforts to reach out to the community and support diversity.

In 1997, a single African American woman was planning to move into a new house in Taneytown with her children. Before she was able to move in, a racially motivated perpetrator destroyed the house.

The WMC Gospel Choir in turn raised roughly \$250 for her and held a rally out-

side of the house.

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 hesitant toward positive relationships."

Webster feels that the 1992 incident was a catalyst for increase 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.

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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 sacred trust. However, this takes education, it's a long-term goal . . . instituting a new Honor Code is not going to change a culture overnight. [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 breeches 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 if 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 freshman 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 write 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 Carswell agrees that plagiarism is not acceptable, but argues that plagiarism is not always clear-cut. "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

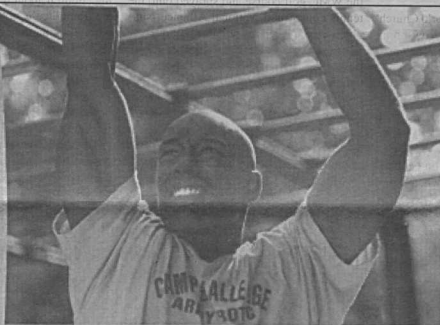
in some ways asking them to act counter culturally in a society that often rewards appearance rather than substance, and achievement rather than integrity," he said.

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: 'I' in the course."



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## Amnesty International

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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. According to Sharon Klinder, one of the founding members of AIWMC, the organization's main goal is to raise campus awareness of human rights protection. AIWMC's advisor is Professor Leahy from the political science department.

Although this new organization is not a direct affiliate of the greater organization of Amnesty International, the organization uses the name Club Amnesty International WMC since it has adapted the same mission statements as the original organization. The original Amnesty International was formed in 1961 with the idea to internationally campaign protection of human rights. The work of Amnesty International 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." Amnesty International works on 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 purpose of this organization shall be 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 'disappearance'." The members 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 a prisoner.

So far, AIWMC has planned on working on two cases for the remainder of the semester. One case concerns a woman, Khadija Yahya Bukhari, who was arrested eight years ago at the Beirut Airport in Lebanon. Little about her whereabouts is known, but supposedly she has been in front of a military court, has been tortured, and suffers from poor health.

The other case concerns a teacher and human rights activist from Nepal, Bishnu Pukar Shrestha. He was kidnapped in 1999 and is currently held at an unofficial place of detention. He may be at risk of torture and possibly death. The club will start raising awareness about these cases and letters to sign will be posted around on campus.

Anyone interested in joining AIWMC, call Yuri Bassett at x8462.

## SGA questions the new grading system

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Although the faculty has announced its decision to implement a weighted grades system in the fall of this year, it seems that students are not finished hashing 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.

Because 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 in introducing a new grading system in the middle of the SGA's term.

Last week, the WMC 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 measure.

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 about it."

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 taking 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 agrees that 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-BLAR/new-BLAR system currently in effect.

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 classed by their total credits, not their years in attendance at WMC.

The class of '04 might not be entirely composed 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

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While recent thefts of computer equipment, including a printer from SGA, two laptops from VITA (Volunteer 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 related, nor should it be considered a "crime wave."

Webster says the amount of thefts is small in comparison to those at other colleges. He also states, "Some of this stuff is so minor 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 organizations affected 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 laundry room of Rouzer Hall. According to Matt Gribbin, SGA president, a report was filed with Campus Safety immediately, but so far they have had no luck in locating it or the perpetrator.

Gribbin 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 other expensive equipment in their office that was not touched.

Gribbin said he is "pretty sure" the office was locked at the time, and only five SGA members have keys. However, he said that Christian Fellowship shares part of their 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 suspected of being another case of breaking and entering, according to VITA student helper Sergey Fayusovich. Professor of econom-

ics and business Dr. Susan Milstein says before the theft of their organization's two brand new laptops equipped with tax software, anyone could have gotten the key 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 her and a select few students in the program 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. She estimates their value at approximately \$2000 a piece.

"It's a shame. Here we are doing a good deed for the community...It's kinda stealing from a cause that's trying to help other people [that can not afford the help]," said Milstein. There have been no leads in that case either.

Another unsolved theft, that of a \$95 scanner from the Phoenix office, was reported on March 26. Webster refused to comment as to whether or not those who had signed out the keys at

the time of the theft were questioned by DoCS in this case as well as in the others.

In the Lewis Hall case of March 6, when a laptop was reported stolen, DoCS conducted an inventory of all the computers there and found out through checking serial numbers that one reported stolen in April 1999 had since been replaced without their knowledge.

Webster said that is one of biggest problems in reporting these thefts; organizations do not keep good records of their machines' serial numbers and other important data. Because of this Webster wonders if the missing laptop has been returned by now. "What I think happens is someone borrows it and then returns it [without saying anything or confessing]," said Webster.

Webster said it is doubtful these cases are related or are done by someone who wishes to sell the equipment. "If someone were going to 'fence' the computers, they would have taken all of them," he added, referring to the VITA case.

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## A Child Haunted: Hungarian Holocaust survivor speaks on campus

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Contributing Writer

On April 27, Club Amnesty International WMC sponsored a Hungarian Holocaust survivor, Gyorgy "George" Pick, to come and share his story and memories of the Holocaust on campus.

During the Second World War, 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 child victims in the war who survived by luck and small acts of kindness by certain people who cared enough to show sympathy for the haunted 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 the 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, there has been over 50 genocide instances around the world. "You know, the Holocaust is today also in Kosovo... People don't learn."

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, betrayal, and hatred that he, as 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 to 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 to any detail, the audience was truly touched by the story. Pick ended his speech by summarizing what he personally learned from the Holocaust. He learned that those who survived did not survive because of their intelligence, but because of luck and a little help from a few

compassionate people.

The persecutions in the Holocaust were not done by a few lunatics, but through cooperation between nations and governments. The perpetrators in the Holocaust were not victims; although, they liked to paint themselves as that after the war. Those who did nothing against the genocide and stood passive, ultimately became perpetrators. "Ignorance is not a bliss, but a curse", Pick argued.

Pick's final message to the audience was to "learn tolerance, acceptance, and respect for each other's differences". Club Amnesty International WMC (AIWMC) likes to thank those who came out to listen to this very important message and speech.



Gyorgy Pick encouraged students to accept one another in his speech about the Holocaust.

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## MSL students excel at the Annual Session

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The WMC delegation of the Maryland Student Legislature wrapped up a successful year after taking numerous awards at the organization's Annual Session.

The organization functions to simulate actual Maryland legislation. Students write and propose bills and resolutions, to simulate the legislative process. The culmination of the year's work is the Annual Session, a three-day conference where all of the school's participants gather to review legislation, elect the next year's officers, and award the work of the previous year.

This year's Annual Session occurred April 14 through 16, at the Annapolis State House. The participating schools were WMC, Towson University, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, University of Maryland-College Park, Frostburg State University, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and Salisbury State University.

The governing body of all of the schools is the Council of State, which functions in the same governing way as the Maryland government, with a governor, Secretary of State, etc.

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 Orator Award.

Junior Jeremiah Kelly received the Most Outstanding Delegate Award.

Sophomore Kate Boyle received the Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Award for Up and Coming New Members, an award recognizing outstanding achievement within the organization for two years or less participation.

Three of the five Council of State positions were won by WMC students as well. The Governor of MSL for the 2000-2001 school year will be Kelly. The position of Attorney General 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. According to junior Matt Burger, who served this year as Chief of Staff, and who will serve again next year, the trip was successful.

He says, "We went down there with strong leadership and a definite set of goals. We brought on new members, worked as a team, got to know everybody, and we relied on each other. Basically, when we were done, there was no doubt in anybody's mind that WMC had outperformed all the other delegations in the state."

Advisor Dr. Herb Smith comments on the success of the team, especially the Best Delegation award.

He says, "The WMC sweep was the logical consequence of a year's hard work, intelligence, and determination. While I was in Annapolis, I heard our delegation praised by participants from College Park and UMBC. The praise was earned and deserved."

## A sign of the times: American Sign Language now WMC minor

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A new minor has been introduced officially on campus after the April faculty meeting.

Starting in the fall of 2000, students may register for classes in the new Deaf Studies Minor.

The official title of the new minor is Deaf Studies: Language and Culture of Deaf People.

This 24 credit minor contains three parts. The language/linguistics concentration counts for half of the minor requirements. It includes American Sign Language 3, ASL 4, and Linguistics of ASL, which is cross-listed as a graduate course in the Deaf Education graduate program.

The other section is a cultural/literature concentration, also containing 12 credits. It includes a class entitled "Life experiences of Deaf people," and "American Deaf Culture," which is also cross listed as a graduate class.

The last choices are ASL Literature and Deaf Literature or International Perspectives on Sign Language and Deaf Culture.

The last requirements for the minor involve some demonstration of language skills. One semester at Gallaudet University or one year at the "ASL Immersion House," is

required. The house is to be similar to the foreign language houses already established, such as the French or Spanish housing on campus.

Students who are interested in the minor must also pass the ASL Proficiency Interview test with a score of 2.0. This test costs \$75.

The minor was started by Dr. Judy Coryell, in the graduate Deaf Ed program, due to undergraduate requests for undergraduate studies for students who would eventually take part in the Deaf Education graduate program.

Before the minor was enacted, ASL classes functioned as elective credits, with no way to count them towards any academic program.

Requests for a Deaf Studies major have been turned down twice in the past two years. This action prompted the adaptation as a minor.

The minor was turned down once, due to its large size. At that point, ASL 1 and 2 were removed as requirements for the minor.

However, for most students, they will need to take the two classes in order to be proficient enough for the higher level ASL classes.

The major was denied for two major reasons.

According to one Curriculum Committee member, the major turned down because there was not strong enough foreign cultural aspects and because of Western Maryland College's status as a liberal arts college, the major was considered too specialized.

Student reaction to the minor has been optimistic. Joe Lucas, president of Sound of Silence, the ASL awareness organization on campus, feels that the minor is a good first step.

He says, "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.

According to junior Sara Hoover, she was interested in taking the minor, but could not fit the required hours into her schedule.

She says, "I think it's a little overwhelming. The other foreign language minors are far less intensive. I think this one is huge. It's hard that you can take ASL 1 and ASL 2 and not get credit."

Lucas hopes that this will not be the end of the road for the new minor. He says, "I hope people will follow up on this next year, to establish a Deaf Studies major."

## Meri Songer resigns

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After working at WMC for two years as Residence Life Coordinator for Blanche Ward Hall, Meri Songer will be resigning at the end of this year to gain experience elsewhere.

Despite the fact that many RLC's and RA's are not liked because of their reputations of being uptight and strict, Songer says, "I've had a good experience here. I even adds 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 same time, 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 im-

prove themselves.

Junior chemistry major Jenny McKenzie, an RA at Blanche for the past year, says Songer's desire to resign is "because she [Meri] wants to broaden her work experience and sees a potential for more goals somewhere else."

Junior biology major Cody Breneman, an RA for two years, says "[Songer] was awesome! She was a wonderful people person and was great for the job."

Commenting on the duties of her job, Breneman says, "she was an easy person to talk to about certain problems, and there was very little friction between her and the sororities and fraternities."

In fact, Breneman also remarks that she was great as an "arbitrary party between certain sororities and fraternities."

McKenzie admits that she is disappointed to hear of Songer's resignation because "She was a good person to work with and I wanted her to come back."

Currently, Songer is not certain what she will be doing after her duties at WMC are complete.

# Profiles of two of Western Maryland's finest students

## Rouzer RA Hussein Samater SGA leader Matt Gribbin

MATT HURF

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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 seemingly effortless manner. He is very prompt in returning phone calls, keeping the floor updated, and filing 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."

Beth Rosko, director of housing adds, "Hussein has a great rapport with his residents without sacrificing his credibility as a RA."

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 the ability 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 quickly on the scene, extinguishing the fire while at the same time looking for answers.

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 Somaian 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 here 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 States, 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 make it 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 he feels invaluable to the WMC campus, for he can offer an other perspective.

He occasionally feels homesick, missing his family, 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.



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Each Thursday, senior Matthew J. Gribbin enters Hill Hall 110 at 7 pm. With a backpack over top of his WMC windbreaker and his laptop computer under his arms, this campus leader and SGA president prepared for the weekly Student Government Assembly meeting that began at 7:30 pm.

There were usually many issues to deal with and the meetings ran as late as 10:30 pm. But this was not time wasted, nor did the 19 SGA members get bored of watching their energetic and charismatic president present the issues. And once in a while, he would make a suggestion to play his favorite game, "The Hokey Pokey" as a way to break up the monotony.

So what brought Matt Gribbin to Western Maryland College, and what made him stay? He came up as sort of a joke and was ready to go down south to a "real college." WMC was just a chance to have a practice interview. He came in the fall when the leaves were changing color.

The recipe of a picturesque campus, helpful Admissions staff, and friendly faculty members made Gribbin consider the possibility of making WMC his alma mater. Four years later, he has been to all but three of his professors' houses for dinner. Overall, he sums up his college years by admitting, "It's been wonderful; no regrets whatsoever."

Gribbin's smiling face, engaging personality, and inspirational views have been an integral part of Western Maryland College's SGA for the last four years. During his first day here, he "finished unpacking and went door to door and introduced myself to everyone in DMC." Later he ran for and was elected Class of 2000 president. Then he worked his way up the SGA hierarchy as treasurer during sophomore year, vice president in his junior year, and

finally president senior year.

His impact on the campus due to his involvement with SGA has encouraged him to "go out and meet all those I represent. I like the closeness."

The one thing he dislikes about SGA is "putting up with all the B.S." The needless hassle comes from uncooperative students and faculty members who show little support for WMC's governing body. He sometimes he feels as if the SGA isn't getting anything done. However, "in the long run, it does lead to the betterment of the campus. We're getting the job done," he believes.

Gribbin's best friend Anna Beth Boyer has been impressed by him time and time again. Does she think that he and the SGA have made the right decisions? Undoubtedly, yes. "He's ethical and very honest. He stands up for what he believes in and does what he knows is right even if it's not the easiest thing to do," she said.

"We've gone deeper and have become a much stronger SGA than any in the past and have built the structure to strengthen the past," Gribbin commented when asked about the number of accomplishments this year.

In a recommendation letter to Pennsylvania State University's College of Medicine, Barbara S. Horneff, Associate Dean of First-Year Program, emphatically writes, "Without a doubt, he is an excellent candidate, the leader of his class, a champion in the classroom, a team player on the baseball field, and a gentleman to all who know him. Matt leads by example."

Gribbin's next phase is medical school.

"I'm going to play doctor for the rest of my life." In five years, "I'm going to be in family medicine or pediatrics because I love children, married to an absolutely incredible woman who fulfills all my dreams and possibly fills my first-born's bedroom with baseball memorabilia. And a little dog running around the house," he said.

He will keep his medical practice in "Maryland somewhere close to my parents and WMC so I can come back, raise hell, see old friends, and play free golf."

Finally, he has the following message for the Class of 2003 officers: "Don't take it all too seriously. You're here to work for the betterment of every student's life here at WMC. However, you're also here to live your own life and enjoy yourself. Keep that in mind when you're doing all this work!"

## Marat/Sade wows audience

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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. But do you know the story behind Marat's death?

Well if you were fortunate enough to see the Western Maryland College production of *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates 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 psychotic 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 dull moment. *Marat/Sade* contains everything a person could want in a play from the goofy

Duperret (Don Todt), to the serious Marat and Sade (Jon Reynolds and Kelly Dunnivant respectively), to the two scary Attendants (Justin Adkins and Dav 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 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).

Two thumbs up to the director, cast, and crew of *Marat/Sade*!

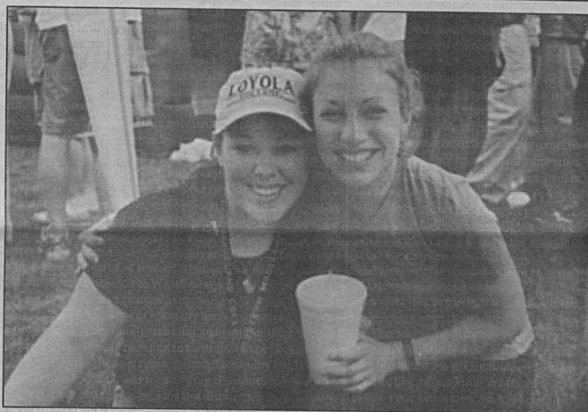


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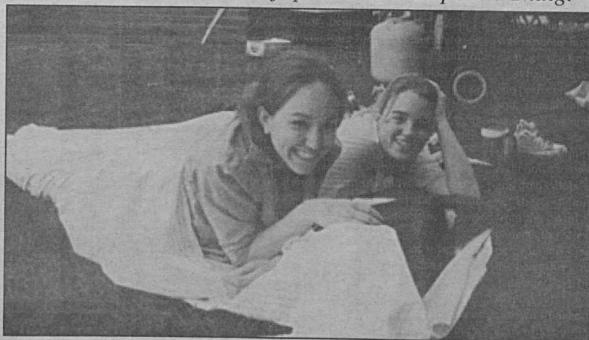
Pilar Vilaplana polices inmate Don Todt as Missy O'Brien sleeps during *Marat/Sade*.



# Images: Photos from the events of Spring Fling 2000



**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

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Staff Writer

Is there life after WMC? It's only a matter of days before the senior class says goodbye to a life they have known for several years, and begins to answer this question.

And what will they miss - dorm life, trips to Wal-Mart, overnight visits to the computer lab? Or what do they regret - leaving behind friends, eating the food, missed opportunities?

In the spirit of graduation, various seniors were asked to reflect on their experiences here at WMC. They had to limit these experiences to three questions: What has changed? What are your likes and dislikes about WMC? What are your feelings about leaving? Here's what they had to say:

## Katrina Threat (Communication, speech writing & directing)

"Glar'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, but 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!"

## Megan Milesky (Business/Econ., future entrepreneur)

"Since I've been here the food has changed for the better. There's a better selection and constant variety. I really enjoyed my experience here, and I feel that I have learned a lot. I have to say though, that 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 work, but I will miss the friends that will still be here."

## Kelvin Wilkes (Sociology, non-traditional student)

"Since I've been here, the buildings and the computer labs have improved. There's a lot of new construction. I like the people here, but I dislike the lack of variety in the on campus events. Yes, I am ready to move on, because everything has run its course."

## Laura Conner (Theater, transfer student)

"I transferred to WMC, so I have only been here three years. In those years however, the theater department has grown. There are more male students involved now. I like and dislike living on campus. I do not like the lack of privacy in the dorms and the noise. But, I have enjoyed living on campus because it has given me the freedom to make my own choices and learn about life. I am

sad to be leaving friends, but it's time to move on."

## Raphael Taylor (Music, Gospel Choir & Football)

"The music department has greatly expanded since I've been here. There are many more students involved now. And the relationship between the Gospel Choir and the administration has become better. Since I am seriously involved with music, I'm upset that the college doesn't have a performing arts center.

I have enjoyed the opportunities to do internships and collaborating with professors outside of the classroom. I am happy that my time as an undergraduate student is over, but I will be back for graduate school."

As you can see, the variety of experiences and perspectives of these seniors varies. However, one thing that many of the students in this year's graduating class agree on is that the college experience has run its course and it's time to begin life after WMC.

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## Correction

The article in last issue on Professor Linda Eshleman incorrectly stated that there is a computer science major available at WMC. At this time, there is only a minor available.

# Inspiration for Seniors

*"Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step. Only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road."*

- Dag Hammarskjöld

*"During your life, everything you do and everyone you meet rubs off in some way. Some bit of everything you experience stays with everyone you've known, and nothing is lost"*

- Harriet Doerr

# Earth Day in DC: a call to consciousness

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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 now 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. Usually sarcastic film 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 don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

Westminsterians 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."

Equally as important as the performers were the five tents located south of the capi-

tal 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 clean and efficient forms of energy), and it's 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 as 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 at least 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.

# Prize winning poet Henry Taylor speaks

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The 14th annual B. Christopher Bothe Memorial Lecture was held Monday April 10, 2000 in McDaniel Lounge.

Bothe's 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-

versity in Washington DC.

He has several published collections of poetry, the first of which was published in 1966. *The Flying Change*, Taylor's third poetry collection, won the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry in 1986.

Although it is the most well known prize Taylor has won, the Pulitzer isn't the only honor on his list of achievements. Taylor has won several awards, including the Golden Crane Award of the Washington Chapter of the American Literary Translators Association in 1989.

At the lecture, Taylor spent about an hour giving the audience a taste of his poetry, from the very comical to the serious. He read both

short poems and long ones, showing the diversity of his style of writing.

Taylor is an interesting speaker and there wasn't a dull moment during the lecture. The poetry Taylor read was full of brilliant imagery and very colorful language. His poetry was also easy to understand because he was able to convey the point of his poems without using overly bookish language.

Melanie Weinzirl, who attended the lecture for a class, said, "He was entertaining and a good story teller. His poems were very vivid."

Taylor was a great choice for the Bothe Lecture and he will be a hard act to follow for next year's speaker.

# Super savory summer horoscopes

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**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 "Surf 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)  
Grrrrr Lions! Usually ambitious, the lovely summer days will leave you feeling a bit lackadaisical. It's

OK to indulge for a little while. Wait til finals are over to start!

**Virgo** (Aug 23 - Sep 22)  
During a 70s moment, you and your friends are sitting around in a circle um... "talking" when you



have a vision of James Earl Jones in tye dye singing "It had to be you..." AAAHHH!!!

**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' happened so fast..."

Wake up! This is not a moment for Grease lightning. It's time to wake up and face some fierce finals!

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22 - Dec 21)  
Feeling stressed out? Light a candle, put on some Enya and eat Tofu.

**Capricorn** (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.

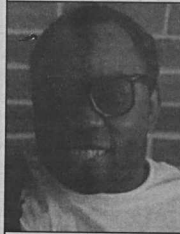
**Pisces** (Feb 19 - Mar 20)  
Studying for finals leaves you restless; take a break, jump in a lake, and take up water polo.

**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!

## 60 Seconds

*If you could change one thing about WMC, what would it be and why?*

Words and pictures by Trang Dam



*"Room selection; If we are satisfied with our rooms, allow us to keep them instead of putting us back into the lotto system."*  
Kelvin Wilkes '00



*"Allow hard liquor in the dorms."*  
Sergey Fayyusovich '00



*"Change administration because it is very slow, unreliable, and ineffective."*  
Istvan Olejnyk '01



*"Remodel all the dorms and make them nicer. And bigger closets!"*  
Martha Tudor '00



*"The tuition expenses and Senior Week expenses."*  
Lolita Johnson '00

## Common Ground on the Hill will celebrate its sixth season this July



PUBLIC INFORMATION

The brains behind Common Ground on the Hill, Walt Michael, has brought together artists from around the world to WMC for the past six years.

SARAH RADICE  
Staff Writer

For two weeks this summer, the spirit of the 60s will be reborn on campus as Common Ground on the Hill gears up for its sixth year of operation.

Common Ground is an independent traditional arts organization affiliated with WMC that runs a program every summer bringing renowned artists, dancers, writers, and musicians together to put on two weeks of workshops, classes, dances, and concerts.

Its purpose is to seek racial and cultural harmony through the arts, and to preserve traditional arts by exposing new generations to them. "It's 500 people playing music and doing art," says Professor Zepp, a member of Common Ground's Advisory Board who has been involved with the program since its inception.

"The whole campus just comes

alive... It's wonderful to see these people just jamming on their own outside... The primary focus is art—we artists get together and have a ball and find out there's a lot more in common than we thought there was, beforehand. [Common Ground is] a real contribution to the world."

Common Ground is the brainchild of Walt Michael, a WMC graduate who has spent the last 28 years traveling the US, Europe and Canada as a folk musician.

During his time here in the 60s, Michael was an active participant in the civil rights movement, doing community action work with the Student Opportunities Service in Appalachia and voter registration in the Deep South—activities that sparked Michael's lifelong passion for civil rights.

By 1993, Michael was seriously disturbed by what he saw as the wave of racial separatism and fil-

communication. "I came to a point where I didn't like what I was seeing in the US—I couldn't have imagined we'd be so separate in 1968, we'd have so many unanswered questions, in terms of racism."

So he returned to his alma mater and pitched the proposal for Common Ground to President Chambers. Six years later, while still little known to WMC students, Common Ground has attained national recognition for excellence, and has been compared to the Chautauqua and Lyceum movements.

Former senator and Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley has even cited Common Ground as an outstanding example of a program that engages the races and promotes cultural dialogue.

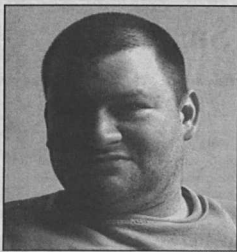
The first week of Common Ground (July 2-7) will focus on traditional arts, with classes on topics ranging from "beginning mandolin" to "poetry of the blues" to "Anishnawbe arts and spirituality." A few of the distinguished instructors include: Dr. David Carrasco, Professor of Religious Studies at Princeton University; C. Randall Daniel-Sakin, an Apalachiola-Creek tribal king, folk musician, and traditional herbalist; Bill Keith, one of the greatest banjo players of all time.

The second week (July 9-14) is the first annual World Percussion Gathering. Master teacher and drummer Glen Velez, and drummer and Kora player Fode Sissodo are two of the featured instructors.

In between the sessions, Common Ground is sponsoring an American Music and Arts Festival (July 8-9) at the Carroll County Farm Museum. For more information, contact Walt Michael or visit [www.commongroundonthehill.com](http://www.commongroundonthehill.com)



## Interview with maintenance worker S. Glenn Martin



NIKOLE TYSON  
Staff Writer

ERIN OWEN

Stanley Glenn Martin, known as Glenn on campus is a floor care attendant-house keeper for Rouzer, Whiteford and the lower level of Decker Center. Martin, 32 has worked at WMC since 1987. Recently he sat with Nikole Tyson for an interview.

**Tyson:** How would you describe your interaction with students?

**Martin:** It is good. I don't have any problems with students, unless they tick me off when they write with magic markers on the floor after we have waxed it. Or when they rip the stall doors off after new ones have been installed. Those are the things that tick me off, but everything else is fine.

**Tyson:** Do students make your job harder or easier? Why?

**Martin:** The students sometimes make my job harder and sometimes easier. Sometimes the dorms are a complete mess with trash all over the place and other times it is clean. Tuesday through Friday the buildings are mostly clean, but they are messy on Monday and Tuesdays from weekend parties.

**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 by the game room, which are the places it always leaks.

**Tyson:** How did you get into this line of work?

**Martin:** I needed a job and so I applied and have 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 pro 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 unpaid. 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 how 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 dreary.

## Macbeth takes Center Stage

JON BEARR  
Staff Writer

As a member of the student press, I enjoy many privileges. Before the show we were invited for a dinner buffet with the director, dramaturg, and all three witches. After the meal, a long question-and-answer period ensued.

The pre-show meal left me too exhausted to really pay attention to the first act with the whole setting up of the plot. I could 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.

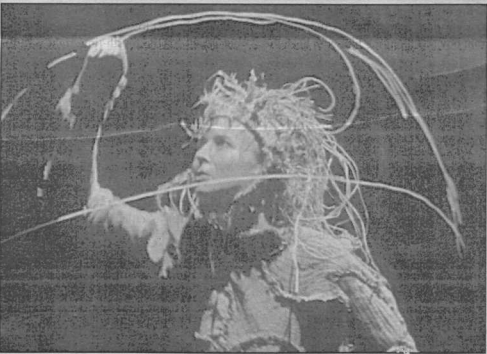
The strange behavior of the king makes the underlying power structure question the king and rebel against him. In one of Shakespeare's darkest works, humor and tragedy alternately take control of the stage. The spectrum ranges from a porter's (Craig Mathers) lighthearted monologue as he drinks up a brew he mistakenly regurgitated 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 Thomas 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.

Other notable cast members are Craig Mathers and Julyana Soelista. Mathers makes a successful return to Center Stage, playing Ross, the porter, and a messenger. Last year he appeared in the critically acclaimed run of *Travels with my Aunt*. You may recognize him as Drew Rifkin on *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 Hostage*. 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.



RICHARD ANDERSON

Joy Ehrlich plays a witch during the performance at Pearlstone Theater

## Several students share their upcoming summer plans

NIKOLE TYSON  
Staff Writer

Relax, Relax, is what most WMC students are yearning top do for 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 Westminster as possible.

But when you exit the premises of campus you may begin to wonder what others are doing during the summer.

Some students will be making "dough," traveling, doing internships, taking summer classes, and others will be, yes, relaxing.

Although many students see the summer as a relief from the academic obligations of college, others see it as an opportunity to further explore their scholarly interests.

Freshman Kate Facciponte said, "I am go-

ing to be working at a golf center and will also be doing an internship for United Way in the Medical field." She is hoping to gain experience and find out what she is really interested in.

Sophomore Rajit Chaudhuri has the same idea. He will probably be doing an internship at a designing firm in Baltimore to gain more experience in his future profession of graphic design.

Also with career opportunities in mind, sophomore Jennifer Yi said, "I am doing a research project in Virginia. It deals with the Maryland curriculum committee and I will be doing research about school curriculum as a whole and the status of immigrant farm workers."

Others will be gaining experience and relaxing abroad. Sophomore Hussein Samatar plans to head home to Saudi Arabia

where he might travel to Somalia and do an internship with a relief organization. While in Saudi Arabia he plans to spend some time with family, play catch up with old friends, and get back into his religion by visiting Makkah Medina, the Holy City of Islam.

Some WMC students will be taking courses at other colleges that are considered a killer here. Sophomore Angie Chapman will take statistics at a community college in Baltimore and will also be focusing on a female group she is a part of in which she will be going on showcases in various states.

All work and no variety is not the motto of sophomore Joan Faulkner. She will take Spanish classes in Spain for a month because she is thinking about minoring in Spanish. Wanting to study abroad at some point, Faulkner seized the opportunity this summer.

Meanwhile, who will be able to having

fun in the sun? Jamila Connor will be going home to the island of St. Thomas in the Caribbean for summer employment. "I will have two jobs," she said. "One will be with the government and the other at a hotel as a night clerk." She will be also be going to the island of Anguilla for a week in August to participate in their carnival.

Additionally, senior Lloyd Salang said, "I am going back home to Malaysia where I will chill with my brother, play ball and catch a tan, and that is all I expect to do."

Also traveling a long way home for the summer is senior Sushama Rajapaksa. She will be going back to Sri Lanka for part of the summer and traveling to various countries in Southeast Asia including Malaysia, Singapore and Bangkok, Thailand. She will be returning to Maryland in early August to go to graduate school.

# Capturing the public's political minds

What do a four-foot Cuban, a Texas governor, and southern pumpkin baseball player have in common? All three have captured our political minds for this past year.

Whether it was the illegal Cuban boy named Elian, presidential hopeful Dubbya, or the baseball player who spoke his mind John Rocker, we the people of America have had something to complain about each and every day.

The discovery in November of 6-year-old Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez, lost at sea after the boat carrying his family to Miami capsized, sparked an international custody battle that has pitted Miami's Cuban-American community against Havana, igniting the biggest threat to US-Cuban relations since the missile crisis of 1962.

And why is this young child still here? Why is he causing so much trouble? Most people have their opinions. Some say let him stay. They wonder how we could send him back to communist Cuba. Some would consider this a win for Fidel Castro over our government.

However, others actually see the right side. They see that this young boy is being taken away from his father and given to his uncle. I know if I were the father I wouldn't want my son taken in the middle of the night, nearly eaten by sharks, and then kept away from me to make a political statement.

We have a vice-president trying to win an election, going against our president and attorney general, just to swerve a few votes in his favor. But for once, Clinton and Reno have it right.

Finally after six months they are doing the right thing by taking this illegal immigrant boy and reuniting him with his father.

*David Lee describes the effects of major national events on the public's political mentality.*

This upcoming November when Americans head to the ballots they will find three names on the presidential ballot.

Early last year when George "Dubbya" Bush took center stage in the presidential race, polls indicated that the Texas governor was the best thing since sliced bread. Well, a year later, our hero has beaten the liberal in disguise John McCain and is ready to beat Al Gore like a drum.

Vice-President Al Gore won in a landslide election over former Senator Bill Bradley, while Dubbya thumped McCain with a huge Super Tuesday win on March 7th.

The dark horse in the upcoming race will be the Reform Party candidate, Pat Buchanan. The question with Pat is who will he hurt more, Gore or Bush?

Although Pat will take some of the die-hard Republican votes from the more moderate Bush, Buchanan will likely take a good percent of the teamsters away from our Vice-President.

Buchanan plans to appoint teamsters President James Hoffa to a cabinet position. This race promises to be the closest in recent memory and should provide much excitement for the rest of this year.

"I would never play in New York. I would retire first. It's the most hectic, nerve-racking city. Imagine having to take the [Number] 7 train to the ballpark, looking like you're riding through Beirut next to some kid with purple hair next to some queer with AIDS right next to some dude who just got out of jail for the fourth time right next to

some 20-year-old mom with four kids. It's depressing."

This statement made in Sports Illustrated is what sparked the most controversy since our dear President was almost impeached for lying under oath about an intern named Monica.

John Rocker was on a hunting trip with a SI reporter when he uttered these shocking words. And only a few months later, one of the best relief pitchers in baseball was suspended for speaking his mind.

God forbid a few people feelings are hurt. But, this is what society has resorted to, punishing a man because he offended some people. Would this have happened to anyone else? Rocker was punished for not fitting the mold.

A few bleeding heart liberals were offended by the comment, one of which happened to be Ted Turner, owner of Rocker's baseball team, the Atlanta Braves. So, what happens?

Rocker is suspended the first month of the season, but that sentence is cut in half because of the player's union case.

In this day and age, you can murder the unborn, illegally keep a foreign boy, pass laws to take away our second amendment rights, but don't speak your mind on something or you will be punished.

This past school year has been quite eventful. I am sure that the summer will provide more illegal acts by the government, charismatic politicians doing anything to get into office, and the remainder of our rights slowly being taken away from us by the government.

Again I have to say, how typically American.

## The Elian Gonzalez Saga

*Edward K. Schultheis examines the saga of the 6-year-old's struggle in America.*

It has gotten to the point where no one really cares anymore. It has lasted for over five months and most people just want the situation to go away. It is somewhat reminiscent of the Clinton-Lewinsky saga. What is that? The Elian Gonzalez story.

It is amazing to me how much politics has been involved in the life of a 6-year-old Cuban refugee. Will he go? Will he stay? Will the turmoil ever end? Well, right now, it doesn't look like anything is going to happen over the next couple of weeks.

In fact, according to the Associated Press, the Miami family is happy that their appeal to retain the boy has not been turned down but they are still angry over the fact that they can't visit Elian, who is staying with his father in Maryland. Both he and his father, Juan Gonzalez, have been temporarily moved to Maryland following the early morning raid where Elian was seized by federal officials.

Photos of the incident, which have been posted in every paper around the nation, have sparked controversy over the force that was shown by the FBI and US Marshals.

The Miami family complained that the child would be scared for life by the raid that Attorney General Janet Reno billed as the last resort. However, a psychologist contradicted this by stating that the raid would not have any permanent effect on the child.

Obviously, the Miami relatives were not cooperating in any way so Reno took the necessary steps.

What is the big deal though? Isn't he like any other refugee that is caught crossing the 90-mile body of water that lies between the United States and Cuba? Shouldn't he be sent back to Cuba anyway?

Apparently not, when we see how long he has been residing on American soil at the cost of over a million dollars to pay for the family's expenses, protection, airline costs and other expenses that have been building up since Thanksgiving day.

This has become such a big deal that it is front-page news every day. This is absurd. There is more news than the troubles of a 6-year-old who is in limbo between Cuba and the US.

It is the father's responsibility to take care of his child now that his mother is gone and if the father wants to take his son home, then so be it.

We the people should not continue to give his Miami relatives money when it is clear that they don't have Elian's best interests in mind.

The answer is clear, let Juan Gonzalez take his son back to the country that he loves. Do not continue to let this innocent child be the pawn for the ongoing feud between Republicans and Democrats. End this saga which has dominated headlines and pit family members against one another before he really does become scared for life.

## Microsoft poised to take a major fall

In May, the Microsoft Corporation faces division by the US government due to the 1893 Sherman Antitrust act. This division was prompted by US District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who issued his rulings on the unfair business practices of the software corporation.

This 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 PacBell.

As 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 Monday.

This initiative was made because Microsoft has inhibited other corporations from entering the same market by including Internet Explorer on 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?

I feel that they should not be divided so hastily. When I bought my computer, it came installed with Netscape Navigator and America Online, therefore, not only showing favoritism to Internet Explorer. Furthermore, Windows does not inhibit me from installing any other web surfing programs. Therefore, I do not feel that they are violating any antitrust laws.

The Free Cell game installed in Windows 98 is created and copyrighted by Microsoft's Jim Horne; however, I do not see the government griping that Microsoft has a dan-

*Matthew Hurff elaborates on Microsoft's troubles and it's future in the computer industry.*

gerous advantage in Free Cell technology.

Previously to Jackson's report, the software giant could have settled the case out of court, but instead decided to let the court decide it's fate. Why?

Jonathan Zittrain of Harvard Law School feels that Microsoft is thinking strategically with this issue.

Microsoft officials can drag their feet through the summer and into the fall when a new administration would replace Clinton.

These officials are willing to do this because 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 pointless and drop the whole issue," Zittrain adds.

This whole maneuver may be effective for Microsoft, especially if they can show that new Linux technologies are challenging Microsoft's prominence.

It would be effective because the corporation would avoid the costly settlement with the government and also has a chance to win their case with a republican administration.

In addition, the company would certainly regain the money they lost in the stock market within several months.

Should Microsoft be able to escape again? Is this good or bad for the nation?

Many people feel that Microsoft is the "Great Satan" of the computer industry, while others can not conduct everyday activities without their software.

Microsoft makes a great deal of software

to run PC's and corporate computers. If the software giant has its hands tied behind its back, what will happen?

Then again, if Microsoft is successful, what does this mean for the small companies vying for a place in the software market?

In my opinion, they should not be divided like Standard Oil and Bell. Both of these companies were divided by regions, but Microsoft cannot because it is based around Redmond, Washington.

While this antitrust case is going on, however, the federal government has seemingly ignored larger mergers that could potentially become monopolies.

In November, the Federal Trade Commission approved the merger of two oil giants, Exxon and Mobil. Meanwhile, AOL and Time Warner are planning to merge, and Viacom and CBS are also pursuing a similar deal.

Certainly, the AOL and Time Warner merger would offset Microsoft's Internet dominance.

With such large mergers occurring, the government really seems hypocritical by breaking up Microsoft, yet letting these potential monopolies slide.

Where I live in New Jersey, Mobil and Exxon are the dominate gas stations. In many cases, they are across the street from each other. Certainly that must be a monopoly.

Only time will tell, what will be the outcome of this battle.

I just want them to do something with those "illegal page faults" and "illegal operations."

If the federal government can do something about that, then I'll be happy.

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## Inconsistent honors requirements are unfair

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 seniors 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 some might have 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 there either. 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, how 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 a 3.2 GPA (3.5 in some) in the major. Although this seems to be rather uniform across campus, the require-

*Francesca Saylor comments on the varying ways to receive departmental honors by major.*

ment of a project in addition to the senior seminar paper/project is not. Some departments, like history, base their decision to give a student honors on GPA and the senior seminar paper itself. Also, the faculty as a whole decides whether or not the student is deserving of honors by taking into account the type of course work the student has completed.

In fact, all departments seem to decide as a group, but the stipulations beyond that range from two semesters of an independent study totaling four credits with an hour lec-

*Some departments seem to be more fair than others when it comes to making their [honors] expectations known.*

ture on the topic (math) to a paper of an undetermined length totaling one to three credits (exercise science). Chair of the exercise science and physical education departments Dr. Alexander Ober commented that he was very interested in fairness when it came to deciding on honors candidates and that there hasn't been a reason to change the standards yet. I'm sure everyone is interested in fairness when it comes to this process, but some departments seem to be more fair than others when it comes to making their expecta-

tions known. For instance, chair of the art history departments Susan Bloom said that as a freshman each major student is given a department handbook made "in house" which outlines all important dates, deadlines and requirements. She said she thinks this helps make the students feel more at home.

Requirements for honors in art/history seems to be the most stringent, however. One must have a 3.5 GPA in their art courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must either compile a substantial body of work for a show (art) or give a public lecture on their extensive research (art history). Also, a resume, a recommendation, and a statement of eligibility must be submitted for honors consideration. According to Bloom, only one student applied this year.

That may not seem like a lot, but I couldn't find even one who applied for departmental honors in communication. In fact, every single major I asked had no idea, and I couldn't get reach any of the faculty. One student has a 3.78 GPA, yet says no one ever told her the requirements, which I think is quite ironic since she has been studying communication for four years with the same faculty. I also couldn't believe that some students even asked me what receiving honors meant!

Sadly, regardless of the department, it seems that only a few apply for honors each year. In fact, I did not apply. However, I would hope that in the future students are made more aware of what honors means, what they have to do to receive it, and that the distinction means just as much in one department as it does in any other.

## Rouzer Hall: Last criticism of the semester

*Michael Wiles discusses once more his favorite topic of criticism: Rouzer Hall.*

Despite all the time I have spent trying to figure out why this place is the way it is, I am still as clueless as I was when I moved in.

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 take 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 at least reaching someone. However, upon recent inspection, I noticed that my article has long since disappeared, and has been replaced by a bikini-clad woman holding a surf board.

As I near the end of my stay in this building among buildings, 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.

And, to that same end, it has been much more than a collection of semi-criminal incidents and filth, but a phenomenon like no other.

From Common Damage bills to the early morning visits from Campus Safety, Rouzer Hall has been an experience all its own: a WMC original.

I would be truly hard pressed to ever find another place just like it, if only because those who live beyond its walls can never quite believe what goes on here every day.

In the end, Rouzer Hall is certainly a place worth looking away in the scrapbook of the mind, and truly shows that there is at least one lesson here at WMC not taught in the classroom: survival.

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 target of criticism: Rouzer Hall. Over the past two semesters, I have regaled all of you with stories "from the inside" things that have made you both reel in shock and laugh out loud, or more accurately, both at the same time.

In looking back, I have begun to wonder if anything has changed over the past two semesters, for better or for worse. Have my observations and snide remarks really done any good? With those questions in mind, I now give you my last report from Rouzer Hall.

Let us take this issue by issue. First of all, the problem revolving around the Common Damage policy has not improved by any means, and has, in fact, gotten much worse. Interestingly enough, and purely for the sake of honesty, I must say that this is not entirely the fault of the residents.

As of the latest bill, Common Damage, at least on my floor, is at an all-time monthly high.

Now, although this sounds like it could be the fault of no one but the students who cause the damage, one must first examine what exactly this costly "damage" is. One item that struck me as odd on the current bill was the \$15.00 charge for a "desk chair removed from [the] hallway."

Now, honestly, does it cost \$15.00 to move a desk chair left in the hallway? I understand that leaving a desk chair in the hallway is irresponsible, but charging for its removal is laughable.

In fact, it seems quite illegitimate, since Common Damage is defined as student reimbursement for the actually costs dealt to the school to have damage repaired. If the

removal of a chair from a hallway actually requires an investment of money from the school, I highly suggest Residence Life reconsider the contract they have with the Housekeeping Department.

This, actually, brings me to my next point. For all the cleaning the Housekeeping Department does, Rouzer still seems to be forever dirty and filled with an odor words can not do justice to.

Although Housekeeping does do regular rounds, these rounds usually consist of covering the floors with tepid water and then leaving them that way.

Leaving the floors wet is not only highly unsafe, but the use of water that is clearly dirty is obviously counterproductive to the cleaning process.

As for the bathrooms, they are cleaned in much the same way, which is to say that they are left in an entirely unsanitary condition.

What is more, it would seem that these conditions are distinct to Rouzer, since no one would ever attend this school if the whole place looked and smelled the way Rouzer does.

The irony is, since Rouzer is a freshman dorm, why is it not one of the cleanest buildings on campus? You would think that the school would want to use it as an attraction to incoming students, but, then again, Rouzer is never shown to prospective students on tours, which really makes this point a moot one.

Anyway you look at it, though, this building is a mess, plain and simple, just as it always has been.



## 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 sabbatical leave since late December 1999, felt that now was his time to resign.

Chambers who took sabbatical

**Tammi Slater discusses life at WMC after Robert Chambers' resignation.**

to come to an end. However, he is going out with a bang as the College recently completed the \$40 million Defining Moment Campaign.

This incredible and highly im

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.

His time served at WMC is the second longest tenure of any other WMC president, and he is one of the longest sitting presidents of any liberal arts college in Maryland.

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leave in hopes of having time to reflect on what he has accomplished over his 15 years at WMC, found that despite his love for his job and the college, now was his time to depart what has been a life-time experience for him. What he says to have been, "a wonderful career with WMC," he felt needed

pressive fundraising success is only one of the many things Chambers has made possible at WMC.

Among his many accomplishments are the creation of the first American College in Budapest, Hungary, and the renovation of every major academic building on campus.

It is for all these reasons and many 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 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 text.

He solely exemplifies the essence of the 80s. He was the star of many cheesy 80s movies. Charlie Sheen, Jim Varney, Winona Ryder, Nicole Eggert, Gary Busey, and many others all have worked with Haim.

Being from Toronto didn't hinder Haim's career at all. He had the California look and the Nebraska charm. However, instant

**Eric Barry says farewell with a tribute to actor Corey Haim.**

success with teen flicks soon had him type cast, and eventually out of work.

In the late 90s, 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,

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 new millennium.

To make some cash he does signings at conventions and what not. He also steers clear of the other Corey (Feldman) to avoid the stigma of the 80s.

To the Corey Haim is 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 call for change of teen apathy

A year has come and gone and so the sun sets on my first year in college.

So much has happened, and I have witnessed so much during this past year.

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 hangs in the balance thanks to the politics of today.

The other most unexpected turn of events was John McCain. McCain, who is a Vietnam War veteran, was never really expected to make an impact on front-runner George W. Bush.

However, after McCain's upset of Bush in the New Hampshire primaries, he was finally taken seriously - both by critics and by Bush

**Edward K. Schultheis examines the trend of teen apathy in today's society.**

himself.

Even though McCain eventually lost the Republican Primary to Bush, he still gave the supposedly unbeatable Bush a run for his money.

Not only has WMC lived through these national events we also endured a variety of local events.

The point being is that while I have only been here a year, I have still witnessed many events, both on campus and off.

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 for 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 could 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 paper, and how there are many other stories that aren't covered.

But, when you ask those people to write about it, they can't.

They have enough time to complain, but to try to make a difference, that's a bit too much.

This was McCain'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 flocked to him, and voted more so for him than any other candidate, it wasn't enough to halt his defeat.

Our 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?

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi

ALL RIGHT...WHICH ONE OF YOU HAS BEEN SLEEPING ON MY NEW DRESS?



## More parking needed for students

**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

schools wrestling at the tournament. How are we supposed to handle this number of students along with their families?

Yes, WMC does earn money by holding this event here, but why not used this money to improve the parking facilities so that WMC students do not have to park off campus the next time another such event rolls around?

Maybe instead we should make more spectators of this event find parking elsewhere.

I'm sure any commuter would agree with me that the parking situation is inadequate. More

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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.

# New Maryland gun bill: a shot in the foot

Just when you thought that the State of Maryland couldn't possibly do any worse.

On April 3, a date that will surely live in infamy, The House of Delegates passed Senate Bill 211. This is the bill that requires all handguns sold in Maryland be sold with a gun lock after October 1 and to be constructed with an integrated lock after January 1, 2003.

Thus, the State of Maryland has made it that much harder for an honest citizen to utilize their handgun for the purposes of self-defense.

Once again, government has ignored the second Amendment and moved towards furthering control of all guns in America.

Some of you are probably wondering what is wrong with gun locks. Why the requirements for gun locks has any bearing on the second Amendment to the Constitution. And how in the world this will affect you,

*Brian Griffiths examines the effects of the newly instituted Maryland gun law.*

The people on this side of the issue have used every political tool at their disposal to try to revoke our second Amendment rights and take guns out of the hands of honest, hard working Americans.

They've used the media. Lots of times on news programs you'll see stories about "America's Gun Problem." If you believe these stories, guns are solely responsible for all of the crime that exists in this country. This just lends credence to the statement made by Florida State University criminologist Gary Kleck when he said, "In the war over guns, the first casualty was the truth."

Truth be told crime rates are actually lower in states where there are fewer handgun restrictions than in states with more re-

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. Then, they might be stuck in the position that Maryland State Senate Judicial Proceedings Chairman Walter M. Baker finds himself in presently.

State Senator Timothy Ferguson from Carroll County had introduced Senate Bill 234 this legislative year, a bill that would loosen the restrictions on concealed carry laws in Maryland.

Baker was originally in support of Ferguson's measure. But Senate President Mike Miller came down on Baker and basically forced him into a position where the bill was killed in the Judiciary Committee. Problem was, Baker called the vote while Senator Ferguson was in the bathroom and

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John Q. Citizen. But there is almost no doubt that SB 211 will be most detrimental to residents of Maryland.

Have you seen the locks that Governor Parris Glendening has been preaching for? They are locks that are put into the gun where the magazine is loaded. A key is placed into the lock and from there it can be unlocked, and the gun can thus be fired normally. Only problem is that it is very difficult to remove the lock under pressure.

During a press conference, it took Glendening nearly two minutes to unlock the firearm. The Governor's handlers spin doctored the story by saying that he was unfamiliar with firearms and that's why the gun would not unlock. Parris Glendening is an intelligent man. If it took him nearly two minutes to unlock the weapon in a situation where his life is not in danger, how will the average citizen possibly be able to use the weapon in self-defense?

While gun locks are bad, what is most reprehensible is the way in which the politics of the situation have played out. The entire gun control debate has sprung about from the desire of certain elements of society to completely disarm the American public.

strictions. In his excellent study "More Guns, Less Crime" Dr. John R. Lott, Jr. of the University of Chicago examines the crime rate data from the various states.

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 states with the lowest rate of murders were ones that allowed anybody to carry a concealed weapon.

Violent crime is 81% higher in states that restrict the citizen's right to carry; it's 86% higher in states that outlaw handguns. 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 handguns is the answer to society's problems, can somebody explain why the murder rate in states that forbid concealed weapons is 127% higher than states that allow anyone to carry?

Gun control advocates generally don't like statistics like that to be broadcast in the media. Whenever groups like the National

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 proclaiming their interest in "the public safety of their constituents." This is the reason why SB 211 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 the American citizenry. 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 Simpson v. State of Tennessee, 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, unsure, 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?

6.48, a far cry from his tidy 2.90 ERA last year. In fact, Hampton has already had the same number of losses, (4) as he had in the entire 1999 season when he went 22-4.

Well, cheer up Mike, at least you are playing the majority of your games in Shea Stadium, not Enron Field, the new home near Haven home of the Astros.

In other baseball news, 16 members of the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers were suspended for a total of 82 games for their roles in game between the two teams which was marred by two brawls.

The first brawl occurred when Detroit second baseman Dean Palmer was struck by a pitch thrown by Chicago's Jim Parque.

Palmer was ejected from the game because of this, yet returned to the field when the second fracas broke out in the ninth inning when the White Sox's Bob Howry hit Tiger's outfielder Shane Halter with a pitch.

In the end, the players involved in this brawl received possibly the stiffest penalties for such an offense in baseball history.

These two teams still play each other six more times before the season ends. Will this bad blood cause another major altercation?

## 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, contains graphic footage of bloodstained carpets, bullet shattered windows, and worst of all, wounded children being dragged from the besieged high school.

These tapes are 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 U.S. soldiers dying in battle and send it to victim's families?

Maybe instead we should videotape the grotesque, mangled remains of an airline crash to display to all.

The video was apparently released first to fire departments at a convention in Albuquerque, NM for training purposes only.

However, at this convention, snippets of footage taped by firefighters surrounding the school were accidentally released to the media.

Yes, I do find a value for 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 Sarah McLachlin's "I Remember You" along with several 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 why?

I agree with Beth Nimmo, 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, this was not the way to approach the issue.

Even when the shooting was happening, many news agencies received flak for showing gory scenes from Columbine, such as student Patrick Ireland plummeting from a 2nd story window among chards of glass as a last ditch effort to survive.

What makes the authorities think that in a year the public would now want to watch three hours of such gore?

## Sports Spotlight: News from the NHL & MLB

NHL hockey in Oklahoma City? According to businessman and owner of the Oklahoma City Blazers, Bob Funk, an unnamed NHL hockey team has spoken with him about the possibility of moving a NHL franchise to Oklahoma.

Reports from Canada indicate that the team who contacted Funk, the Calgary Flames are also looking at the possibility of moving to Portland, Oregon, Houston or Kansas City. Flames CEO Ron Bremner is vehemently denying this as he says, "I have not initiated any calls to anyone in the United States," in *The Calgary Herald*.

This is a move that should be discouraged by NHL officials.

Since the beginning of 1990s there has been an exodus of NHL franchises bolting from Canada and the northern US, to the sunbelt region, where hockey does not have historical roots as the Quebec Nordiques, Winnipeg Jets, Hartford Whalers and the Minnesota North Stars have all departed for new homes. Should another team move also?

While on the topic of moving, what have been the results of Major League Baseball's big post season move, as Ken Griffey Jr., was

*Matt Hurff comments on recent happenings in the NHL and Major League Baseball.*

traded from Seattle to his boyhood home of Cincinnati?

Well, thus far, Griffey's homecoming has not been an enjoyable one: a man who has 403 home runs at only age 30, and is possibly the best player of his generation, is only currently batting .197.

This has not been just a matter of bad luck. In 20 games, Griffey has been swinging at bad pitches and letting good ones go by for strikes. In response to this slow start, Griffey said in *The Sporting News*, "I've always said it's not how you start. It's how you finish. It's a 162-game schedule. It's not three weeks. Anything can happen. Guys can get hot. Guys can get cold. Things are going to turn around. That's baseball."

Mike Hampton, the most notable pitching acquisition of the off-season would certainly fit the "cold" category so far. The former Houston Astro has been unimpressive in his stay with the New York Mets thus far. Hampton is 2-4 with an inflated ERA of

# 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 upped 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 these two goals, and Ellis added the games' 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 added a 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 (1-12, 0-6) 17-8. The win marked the 26th consecutive time that the Terror have defeated Dickinson.

Ellis contributed three goals to a 5-0 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 (4-9, 2-2). Sweeney poured in five goals and dished out two other 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 to 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 45 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 charge 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, 0-3) on April 15 for a Terror season high 10 goals. Haverford had no answer for the freshman, who led Western Maryland to a 26-16 shoot-out win.

The Terror got out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and ended the period ahead 11-2, just one goal shy of the team's single quarter record. Western Maryland opened their lead up to 16-5 at halftime, and never looked back.

Sweeney and Riley added four goals apiece to WMC's attack, and Tom Brown pitched in another three.

Ellis became just the second Terror to ever score double digits

in a game, and was just one goal shy of the team record of 11. WMC's record for goals in a game is 11. He 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.



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## Terror Baseball sets their sights on the Conference Title

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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 come down to a few more games with the conference title on the line.

With the playoffs around the corner, 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 on one game, and only managed four hits on the night.

The opponent scored all three of the 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 Centerfielder Sean Giblin was hit by a pitch, was moved to third on a single by senior Ryan Legge, and

driven in by Kevin Culbertson's sixth 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 5-0 victory.

The offense started up in the second inning when sophomore right fielder Kevin Culbertson hit his second home run of the season, a solo shot, and senior Tim Smith tripled and was then driven in by a catcher Jon Vandernat 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 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 3-4 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.

The team got all their runs in the second inning with RBI singles by Mike Wolfe and sophomore



Kevin Culbertson slides to avoid the tag during a game. He hit his second home run of the season in a recent game against Washington College. Culbertson was instrumental in their win over Franklin & Marshall.

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Jack Griffith and a RBI double from third basemen Tim Smith to plate five runs and held on despite a late charge from the home team.

In the nightcap, the Fords scored early to grab a 2-0 lead in the third inning, but the offense bashed for five runs in the fifth and three more in the seventh to get a sweep on the road.

In the pivotal fifth inning, the team used RBI hits from Gugliotta, Wolfe, and Ryan Legge and a couple of sacrifice flies from senior catcher Rich Steigerwalt and Jenkins to put them up for good. Freshman right-hander Justin Raynor got the win, allowing two runs in and five hits in three innings of work, and junior second basemen Albert Pero hit his first home run of the season.

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 put 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: Yani 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. 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 basemen 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 innings of work.

In the nightcap, the team received solid inning from junior

pitcher Dan Elbaz and great hitting from the offense to get a 10-6 road win. From the start, the offense pounded the opposing pitching for a 8-0 lead in the third inning with catcher Jon Vandernat'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 take 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.

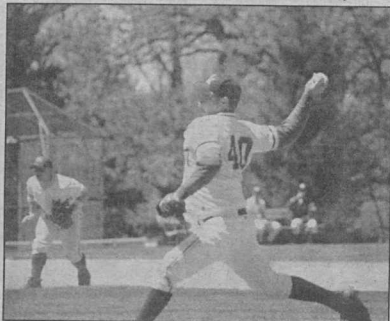
The team was looking to continue their sizzling play when they visited conference foe, Dickinson for a April 25 game.

The team got off to a hot start by putting four runs on the board in the first inning, which is 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 for a career. In the scoring burst, Tim Smith and Kevin Culbertson 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.



SPORTS INFORMATION

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