Transition committee continues plans

MATTHEW McGOWAN
Staff Writer

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

Following the unexpected resignation last year of President Rob Chamber, the board of trustees continued plans to search for an eighth president over the summer.

To ascertain the qualities needed in the college's eighth president, interim President Jim Coyle explained, the Chairman of the Board, Mr. James Metlom, established a transition committee to draft a set of guidelines for the search process. The committee, still active, consists of sixteen people-eight trustees, four administrators and staff members, three professors, and one student.

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

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

Like all matters presently in the committee's hands, the report is confidential. According to Joyce Mueller, associate vice president for Public Relations and Marketing, the report was presented to the committee and board in mid-July, and "the board is expected to decide at its next meeting in mid-October how to proceed with the current information."

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

Regardless of student input, selecting a new president ultimately is the board's decision, however. Coyle expressed his sentiment that the board of trustees is "consulting all constituencies of the campus to arrive at their decision."

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

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

Crowded rooms and room service: Students encounter temporary housing shortages

CLAIRE ADAMS
News Editor

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Fall semester brings changes

JESSICA FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Time-consuming items, such as the turkey club, which many students and staff members have enjoyed in the past, are no longer available.

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**Student Research and Creativity Grants for Fall 2000**

The deadline for applications for student research and creativity grants for Fall 2000 is September 29, 2000. To apply for an award, a student must have a WMC grade point average of 3.2 and obtain the direct involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member. The awards are competitive. The grants are intended to encourage special projects that complement students' major academic emphases, they are not intended to cover normal expenses of a course. The project may or may not be connected with a particular course. It may be a special studies outgrowth of a course. A grant may cover the cost of materials for such projects. It may cover travel expenses to libraries or special collections. These are merely examples; Dean Case would like to see what kinds of creative proposals students may devise, in consultation with appropriate faculty. Grants may range from $25 to $500. Applications are available in Dean Case’s office.

**Students deal with temporary housing situations**

"The actual accommodations aren’t bad but feeling completely cut off from campus, driving back and forth, lack of parking, having to move a total of three times, and the fact that nobody in Residence Life will take responsibility for giving us an accurate completion date for the house are definitely huge inconveniences," said sophomore Greta Frain, who will be living in McDaniel House. Renovations to the two houses, which explained, is to offer more flexible housing for upperclass students, she added. Part of the campaign for the college to build a new one, to alleviate tripling and allow for improvements in the oldies.

**Transition committee working to hire a new college president**

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"I know everyone here. I love this college. No one could be brought in from outside who would so immediately and completely be a part of this place," she added. Neither Cline nor Muller could discuss their own opinions or if any applicant is being considered, due to the confidential nature of the committee's work.

Sayre, who is not a member of the committee, offered his own opinion. "I think the president of this college needs to have a vision of the high-quality liberal arts education offered here, and how the college can further that goal. In today's world, that job has two aspects: fund-raising and generally improving the name of the school... and also setting the tone for the daily operation of the place."

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

The endowment, as of the close of fiscal year 2000, was at $51.5 million. Capital improvements, that have been going on in academic buildings for ten years now, are also a concern.

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

**Significant changes kick off a new semester**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Welcome class of 2004!**

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

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

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

Coming to terms with plus/minus grading

BJ Shorb shares his reaction to the Plus/Minus system.

I am a part of the SGA, and I understand that the plus/minus grading system is a tool to help students identify their strengths and weaknesses. It is important for students to reflect on their academic performance and improve their study habits.

Michael Wiles enlightens us about the nuances of college life.

I am a first-year student at Western Maryland College, and I have noticed that some students are struggle with the transition to college life. It is important to remember that college is not just a place to learn, but also a place to grow as a person.

Terrific triple troubles

Cynthia Nicoi discusses her qualms about living in a crowded triple.

I am currently living in a triple, and I must say that it has been quite challenging. The lack of personal space and privacy has been a major issue for me. However, I have come to realize that living in a crowded triple can be a positive experience if approached with the right mindset.

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In my opinion, the plus/minus grading system is a valuable tool that can help students identify their strengths and weaknesses. It is important for students to reflect on their academic performance and improve their study habits.

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

Pub food is an acquired taste, but one you should definitely acquire. The prices might be a bit high and the wait is a bit too long, but the Pub and Grille is an experience all its own. It is important for students to reflect on their academic performance and improve their study habits.

At the April 2000 faculty meeting, the 1997 decision to proceed with the weighted grades was brought up. Unfortunately, he says, no one from the student body was present. At that time, there were no faculty objections, so the decision went forward.

Presenting valid arguments.

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I recall a memo board being placed by the information desk in Decker Center last semester for students to comment on the issue. If anyone remembers that board, turned into a mass of rude remarks from one person to the next. Did it really accomplish much? If anything, it divided students.

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

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

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COMMENTARY

The Pub makes unnecessary changes to fourth meal

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

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

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

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

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

What happened? I don't know; all I know is that I walked in there and BOOM...it's all changed. When I asked the woman who directed me to the new slips, she simply told me that this is what they are doing now. Hardly the answer I was searching for, but the only one that I was given.

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

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

At least they give you larger cups, in fact they are downright heftly. But, what is the need for the larger cups when you get free refills? I have yet to figure that one out, but maybe I just can't grasp that concept. Guess I have to wait to get my college degree to figure out the economics in that change. Oh well.

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

Clinton delegates defense duties to next president

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

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

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

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

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

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

Russia, and when it was signed, very few nations had nuclear weapon and ICBM technology to threaten the United States.

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

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

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

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

The Russians will not be able to leave this treaty. They can refuse to ratify this treaty or they can refuse to even build a site. However, this is the present 4th year of the treaty.

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

Clinton has skirted the issue for now, but it will not be the end of the issue. If brought back to the limelight, either Gore or Bush will have to act on this, and not stand with hands in their pockets and let someone else deal with a tough issue.

Phoenix announces new staff, new goals

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

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

In the news section, Staci George returns to the Phoenix and cannot be replaced. Jenifer D. Sirkis '01, Laura Beth Kelley '01 and Matthew Hurff '03.

While we understand why some of our staff have left our Phoenix, there were a few things that we never expected to happen. We expect to have more coverage but we have never expected to have less.

The Phoenix is a student-run newspaper that receives story ideas from the student body.

We believe one of the ideals of student journalism is to cause our readers to think about issues on campus whether they be positive or negative.

We will not withhold publication of a story due to potential controversy if we believe it is vital to the interest of the student body.

However, we will refrain from publishing a story or retract what was printed if we discover inaccurate or false information.

Having said this, the Phoenix welcomes your feedback on all stories or suggestions on story ideas. Your opinion and ideas matter to us and can be most easily expressed through letters to the editor.

We encourage all students to submit stories to the Phoenix or become writers for the newspaper.

Our meetings are at 6:30 pm on Monday nights in the basement of Daniel Maelza.
Ten things I wish I had known before going off to college

Kate Esposito
Senior

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

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

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

So, if you’re fresh out there (and anyone else who wishes to partake of my wisdom) I offer you: several things I wish I had known before I decided to come to Western Maryland College:

Number 1
The food will only get worse.

Think about your favorite restaurant. Imagine your favorite thing to eat there. For the sake of example, let us say you like fettuccine alfredo.

Imagine eating that every day for three months straight.

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

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

Number 2
The phone number for Papa John’s is extremely important to have memorized.

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

Number 3
Going to class is an absolute must.

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

But do remember this — you can always bring a magazine and just sit in the back of the room.

Also, try to do some sort of studying — even if only a little bit.

Number 4
Being kind to the professors in your major is also a must as you WILL see them again.

You know how small this school is.

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

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

Number 5
Being open to new experiences is good.

Take all opportunities as they come to you.

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

Number 6
Playing with Play-Doh is actually a useful skill.

Even though you are in college now, do not go around thinking that you can not act like a kid anymore.

Coloring books, hide and seek, and mad football are all useful study breaks.

Number 7
Doing things for yourself is important.

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

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

Number 8
Answering all of your questions, and subsequently making new ones (about yourself and the world) is inevitable.

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

Number 9
Spending time with your friends will never sound so good.

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

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

Number 10
The time really does go by faster than you think it will.

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

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

I can’t imagine going to school anywhere else.

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

My advice: make the most of it!

Even though you may just be starting your first year here in the “real world,” the next four years really will rush by quickly.

Renowned investigator to speak on Ramsey and Smith cases

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

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

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The lecture is open to the public.

For more information call Dr. DuDunes at 410-857-2534 or Public Information at 410-857-2290.

Did you know...

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

Calendar of Cultural Events for September

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

Saturday, September 16 on the Mainstage at Alumni Hall

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

Monday, September 25 in McDaniel Lounge

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

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

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

Horoscopes: get your year off to a good start

Lisa Stanley
Staff Writer

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

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

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 22)
Live it up, Scorpio! Don't let that one not-so-great class bring you down. Your lucky numbers for the week are 1 and 4. Your best color is teal.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
You hoties know what you want; go for it. Your lucky numbers for the week are 16 and 21. Your best color is gold.

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

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

Cancer
(June 21 - July 22)
Don't blow what little cash you have left on an impulse. Your lucky numbers for the week are 15 and 22. Your best color is mint.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
Clean out your closet and get rid of all that excess baggage! Your lucky numbers for the week are 8 and 17. Your best color is camel.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20)
Whatever you dream will become reality. Your lucky numbers for the week are 7 and 13. Your best color is orange.

Pisces
(February 19 - March 20)
Careful what you say, as it will all come back to you eventually. Your lucky numbers for the week are 2 and 19. Your best color is lavender.

Aries
(March 21 - April 19)
Don't be afraid to stand up for the things you believe in the most, Ari. Your lucky numbers for the week are 4 and 12. Your best color is midnight blue.

Gemini
(June 22 - July 22)
Watch your twin's back. Your lucky numbers for the week are 10 and 22. Your best color is mint.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 22)
A touring theatre company, the group has earned a deserved reputation for bringing innovative, accessible and high-energy theatre experiences to audiences throughout the United States and abroad.

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

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

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

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

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

The National Players will set their version of the play in the turbulent 1960s in Ephesus, Turkey. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and students. For tickets call the WMC box office at 410-857-2448.

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Tiger Woods: The 200 million dollar man?

EDWARD K. SCHULTHEIS
Commentary Editor

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

Ever since Tiger stepped into the professional golf arena four years ago, he has taken the sport by storm, drawing record numbers to golf tournaments and setting Tiger frenzy in motion. However, is he the greatest to play the game or has he become how Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer were endeared during their tenure as the best players in the world? Some say that Tiger is better than Nicklaus and Palmer were at any day in their careers while others say that he is turning the game into a freak-show where it is all about one person.

The difference between Woods and Nicklaus is that Nicklaus made most of his money from the game itself while Woods is destined to become the first billion dollar athlete. The Nike deal alone is reported to be as high as $100 million and with Woods making about $200 million a year in winnings and endorsements, he is on his way to surpassing Michael Jordan as the richest athlete of all time.

While Tiger continues to dominate on the golf course and make the big bucks, he will remain a staple of front-page sports headlines as well as the talk of all the reporters at every single tournament. Hopefully the other players will take their game up a step and compete with Tiger so that not every single victory is a runaway for Woods. Maybe he can even lose once in awhile.

WMC Sports Calendar

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

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

Volleyball: Wednesday, September 13
Vs. Washington @ 7:00 pm
Football defeated by Bridgewater, season outlook still positive

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can the Terror still be as strong as in years past? Junior Captain and starting guard Scott Shelton thinks so. “Don’t count us out,” he says. Senior Captain and outside linebacker Aaron Bartolain (39 tackles, 6 sacks) feels confident about this season.

“I’m confident in the team, we’ll be ready.” Although the team has lost those stars, they still have plenty of talent. Joining Bartolain at the linebacker position are senior Derrick Gwyn (team lead with 50 tackles) and sophomore Matt Wilichinski (13 tackles).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So what is the key to another successful Green Terror run for the 4th Centennial Conference championship? Maybe they need to rely on “the force.”

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

GREG LEDERER
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

Plevyak is looking for big things this fall from captains Vinny Pedalino, Ryan Defibaugh, and as evident by his team leading 90 saves from a year ago.

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

Tetteris tied for the team lead last year with six goals and assists were among the team leaders.

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

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

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

In his first year, Smith will be a starter and gets high praise from his coach. “He leaves people in the dust,” Plevyak adds. They both add depth to a very good young team.

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

According to the staff, one of the main goals this season is to improve upon a 2-7 conference record from last year, which isn’t easy considering the team faces one of the toughest Division III schedules in the country.

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

With so many talented underclassman, the men’s soccer team looks to be very successful not just this fall, but for many years to come.
NBC reporter to speak at WMC

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

Currently the network’s national correspondent, Faw has earned numerous awards for his on-camera work, including a 1984 Emmy for his coverage of the Jesse Jackson campaign, a 1986 Emmy for a series on racism and a 1998 Emmy for his report which aired on the news magazine “48 Hours.” He also was awarded the 1982 Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage of the invasion of Lebanon by Israel.

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

Second annual Kenyan Shoe Expedition takes heart and soles

JESSICA FITZGERALD

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

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

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

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

The collection effort was started by a runner in Austin, Texas, who saw first hand the difficulties faced by Kenyan runners without appropriate footwear. Since Americans so often throw away shoes that are still in good condition, it has been easy to find shoes to be donated.

"I've heard so many students say, "These are almost brand new!"" said Barb Horneff, dean of first-year students, who integrated the service project into freshmen orientation. "Many entering students are involved in community service from high school;" she said. "I thought that it was a good idea to start off with a sense of community in a service project for the whole campus, and it's easy to do."

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

Residents in dark

CLaire Adams

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

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

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

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

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

"It's a family thing ..."

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

It's a family thing...

Sara Hoover doubts the appeal of the CBS show "Big Brother" compared with "Survivor" and the "Real World."

Features

Gabe Shulman shares his experience as a soldier in the Israeli army before coming to WMC this fall.

Sports

Greg Lederer highlights the success of the women's soccer team as they begin their season with a 6-0 record.
Food facts: Information about the new 4th meal

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

Is the 4th meal done at other schools? Yes, it is done at some other schools. It is usually a cold sandwich of the day (one option only), a bag of chips and a can of soda. Some places it is a single hot item served such as a chicken sandwich. It is done on a take it or leave it basis.

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

Why won’t you make special orders for the 4th meal? It simply becomes so time consuming that the wait would become too long.

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

What happens to comment cards after they are written? Comments are taken seriously when they are written seriously. Those with profanity are thrown in the garbage where they belong. The others are read and comments are taken into consideration.

What is the best way to make constructive comments? Call any member of the E Team: Alan Dolid, CEC, GM Executive Chef, x732 Brenda Davidson, Director of Operations, x731 Olga Kouina, Dining Service Manager, x733 David Huff, Chef, x733 Ed Nicholls, Production Manager, x738

Food Service

Honor and Conduct Board Hears Cases

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

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

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

Finally, the Board heard a case in which a student admitted to carrying notes into an exam for an upper level Sociology course. The student was found to have violated the Honor Code and given the following sanction: “F” in the course.

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

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

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


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

He received a M.S.C. degree in economics from the London School of Economics. For family members or friends back home, please clip this coupon and send $15 to the Phoenix via campus mail. With your subscription, you will receive all issues of the Phoenix for the 2000-2001 school year.

Correction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At a previous meeting, Dean Sayre said that the area behind Blanchie is not fully paved because of city laws about no-foreign-management. Also, about 50 to 60 parking spaces have been lost because of the construction on Main Street and around campus, Sayre said.

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

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

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

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

"I'm afraid something could happen to my computer next," he said. "If I don't know about it," she said. "If I don't know about it," she said. "If I don't find out, then this is never going to get solved. I want to get to the bottom of it."
Dear Editors:
The May 4, 2000 edition of the Phoenix debates the alleged favorable treatment received by athletes at Western Maryland College. This article raises some interesting questions; however, it hardly offers any factual evidence. This irresponsible article capitalized on rumors held to be true as a segment of the student population. Having played football for four years here, I can assure you, and the rest of the student population, that athletes do not receive favorable treatment in any of the respects that the article claims.

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

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

I will not deny that being a football player has heightened awareness of the school. If anyone has benefited from the success of this institution, whose reputation for fairness and honesty cannot be questioned, then I am one of them. On several occasions, I have been subject to professors, who have been upset about having football players in their classroom, as have many of my teammates.

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

I find it unfortunate that more people do not realize that a chemistry major uses’ a chemistry textbook. It is not for any of us to decide if his school work is good enough to receive favorable treatment in any of the respects that the article claims. It is fair to say that a chemistry major uses’ a chemistry textbook, and therefore, it is not fair to say that a chemistry major uses’ a chemistry textbook.

I would like to focus on Tommy Selecky for a moment. Tommy, who is not here to defend himself, has endured the insinuation that he was not treated fairly for the past four years. I can assure you that he has. Tommy trained hard for football, and even harder academically in order to ensure that he had return for the following season. Tommy paid for his success academically, and he was able to return on his own academic merit. That season, his grades slipped, and he found himself facing academic probation.

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Alternatives to improve the fourth meal plan

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

I'm not going to beat a dead horse and explain all the faults in the current 4th meal system. Nor will I point any fingers at anyone; however, the limited 4th meal menu leaves much to be desired.

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

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

Pa. Parking Problems

BJ Shorb explains her parking predicament on Pennsylvania Avenue.

If I recall correctly, parallel parking is one of the basic skills needed to pass the driving test. Yet, it still amazes me that so many people do not know how to do it. There is nothing more frustrating than attempting to parallel park behind or in front of someone who obviously lacks the ability to do so.

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

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

Returning from work that day,

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

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

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

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

It looked as though all the driver would have had to do was pull another four or five feet. This would have given them a fine parking job and probably a lot of extra space for me to park much easier. Whether they were concerned about preserving gas or just being disrespectful, it was obviously difficult to pull up.

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

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

I understand that parallel parking is not the easiest task to perform, and most of us don’t get a lot of practice at doing so.

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

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

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

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

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

We are interested in drawings and cartoons? Do you enjoy politics and making statements? If so, we would be delighted to have you on our staff.

The Phoenix is seeking artists and cartoonists to help illustrate our stories. If you are interested please call x8600 or drop us a letter in the box at the Information Desk in Decker Center.

Problems in Glar

Jessica Fisher comments on the conditions inside Englar Dining Hall.

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

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

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

All the times I visited WMC for orientation and such, the food was excellent. Even the first day I got here, when I ate my last meal with my parents, the food was very appetizing. As days followed, the food became less appealing. I was informed that the food was good on those occasions in order to impress parents. I was surprised to see such a drastic change because whenever I talk to my parents and feel the need to complain about it, they say the same thing. “Jessica, you are just too picky. The food is very good. You just want to find something to complain about,” they say.

I told them to just wait until I have my own double and then I will know. It has been a few weeks since it has passed, I am a little upset. Food has once again become more appetizing and the cafeeteria is filled with the smell of a very good meal. I’ll have to sneak them in one day so that they can taste the real food for once.

I have some more friends advised me to eat up during this weekend. For once the nachos will not be stale, the plates will be extra clean, no particles left on them, the turkey breast will be leftover sons meal, and lastly, the taste of the food in general will greatly improve.

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

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

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

For the most part, I feel this is because I lead a very careful existence: both with my words and in my actions. Despite this fact, I make the same mistakes that everyone makes from time to time, and I am unable to publicly apologize for one of them now.

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

In almost every issue of the paper, I found someone or something to blame: mostly it was the students who wreaked the place (and who rightfully deserved the blame), but sometimes my spray of complaints fanned a bit too wide, and the wrong people were hit. More times than I care to admit, I blamed those in the Residence Life department for problems that I probably should have blamed (and hopefully, all of you as well).

One should never judge or blame where there is no longer blame Residence Life for the conditions of Rouzer Hall, I must say I still think SOMEONE should do something about it. I hear it is getting pretty rank in there.

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

Survivor: the show that captivated millions

Edward K. Schultheis explains why Survivor became such an enthralling TV show.

Why did this show captivate the minds of everyone who watched it? Why were we so intrigued week after week? Why did we even care if Richard got naked or if Gervase did turn out to be the big money maker in the end? We all shared the basic premise of strangers brought together to work, sleep, fish, cook, catch rats, and create strategies together. Something that can be sympathized with by most college students. Although if college students are chasing rats, they are normally not for consumption, but rather to get them out of their dorm rooms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Okay, call me crazy, but “Big Brother” just didn’t “do it” for me! Sure, I watched practically every episode of “Survivor,” and yes, I am a total freak when it comes to “The Real World,” but there is just something about BB that rubs me the wrong way.

Mainstreaming...may be that’s what it is. “The Real World” took off because it was new. “Seven complete strangers, picked to live in a house...” admit it - it was appealing.

But the past but RW was that it was the creation of MTV.

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

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

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

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

And the show was a hit!

No one, not even MTV with their “Road Rules” dared contestants to hunt for their food (literally), compete against each other, and of course - let’s not forget the one-million-dollar prize!

Then, CBS spoke too soon. “Big Brother,” named for George Orwell’s classic novel 1984, depicts a world roughly based on that in the book: video cameras recording a community’s every move... even, the bathroom.

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

But what’s the problem? If MTV can do it, and CBS hits big with a “Gilligan Island” spoof, why not twice? The answer is clear to me. Did you watch the show... ever? If so, then it is clear to you as well.

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

Could we try and fake out the audience a little more with all the fun cameras we can hide? Can we make the show seem a little more like it’s the most important thing in the world?

How many IKEA show rooms were struck bare after CBS furnished that house - I ask you?! Could we please try and add more fun colors that the young audience will want to see more of?

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

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

Maybe it’s just me.

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

How real can it really be?

And besides, did we not learn anything from watching “The Truman Show”?
The most exhilarating experience of a lifetime for one student

Sharon Craig
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Janet Medina
Trained as an archaeologist, Janet Medina got into education shy of disabilities, sexual preferences and so on. It's important for teachers to learn these things."

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

Debra Miller
Debra Miller has always wanted to teach, and in fact, comes up from a family of educators and administrators. "It's the best job in the world. It's not really work, it's fun," she said.

Marcia Virts
Marcia Virts, who before joining the full-time faculty was an adjunct instructor in the deaf education program at WMC since 1993. Before that, she taught for twenty-three years in the School System. Now Miller teaches mainly graduate students, with the exception of one undergraduate course.

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

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

Anonymous AIDS Testing
Fall/Semester 2000
11:30 - 1:30
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY
September 19 Location - Smith House 3rd floor
October 3 & 7 call
November 7 & 21 410-876-4752 or
December 5 410-876-4771
Carroll County Health Department
Ask for Mary Jo or Bernice to make an appointment

Carrollton Public School System
WMC Education department adds five new faculty faces
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Two of us shot at a time and with each shot of the joy next to me, I felt a blast of air hit my body. Each time I squeezed the trigger I felt this surge of excitement course through my body, making my stomach turn over. We had a clip with ten bullets in it and I hit the target nine times. I still have my trigger. It was funny because the girls were assistants compared to the guys.

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

The mountains are beautiful here, especially these mountains. Purple in the twilight, golden during the day. I lived under their protective shadow for a month, sweating and bleeding to build up their defenses. To protect a country I love so much. For the last few months of high school I had been thinking that I wasn't ready for college yet. I didn't feel mature enough to handle living on my own and worrying about grades. To be honest, it scared me. So, one day my cousin told me about this program that she had done, where she went to Israel for nine months. She said it had helped her mature, realize who she was, and see the world. I was a bit dubious at first, but I eventually warmed to the idea, and within a few months was all signed up to go.

We arrived at the base in the northern part of the Golan Heights in late April. The scenery was stunning. We were stationed in small barracks like the rest of the soldiers, given sleeping bags we were adjusted to the rest of the soldiers, given sleeping bags we were adjusted not to sleep in (on account of their disgusting condition), and given the same food everyday. We lived just like the basic army grunt and did the same work. Every day we would pile onto our bus and they would take us out of the base and into the mountains. After about ten minutes, we would come to a large gate. This gate was the political border of Israel and Lebanon. We worked across that border everyday (except for the few that we were being bombed). Our task was to run the border was a menial but necessary one. The fences are the primary protection against people sneaking over the border, so they needed to be up kept. That is just what we did: strong new wire, laid new poles, took out the old ones damaged by snow, and generally mat it impossible for any...
Need a break? Then read on
KATE ESPOSITO
Senior Writer

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

A) Hit up family members and friends for cash.
B) Start selling prized possessions and internal organs.
C) GET A JOB.

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

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

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

For the more active set, there are many free and fun sports to play including Frisbee, tennis, soccer etc. Okay maybe those aren’t free if you don’t have the equipment. Try to sneak some out of the gym. (But put it back of course).

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

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

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

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

What is the “Green Terror?”
Compiled by Brad Widner

“It’s a concept, man!”
-Marc Conley ’03

“A big fluffy monster, kind of like Grover”
-Rachel Ward ’02

“A cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Tazmanian Devil”
-Matt Burger ’01

“The monstrous amount of school spirit we have at WMC!”
-Brandi Livesay ’03

“It’s what makes WMC clothes so damned expensive.”
-Pat Pulliam ’03

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College life is full of “Choices”

COURTESY OF ERIK OWEN

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

Drive-In Movie
Friday, September 22, 2000
9 pm Road Trip
11 pm Gladiator

Located at Bair Stadium
Movie screen will be set up on the football field
New faculty brings many talents to various departments

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

Nicholas Boer

Nicholas Boer, visiting lecturer in the Economics and Business, with his BAS in biblical and business education, is most definitely “fit” for his job. This Hungarian professor does many funny and challenging activities to keep up his physical fitness. Professor Boer is a recreational weight lifter, cyclist, swimmer, and runner. He has even run the 26-mile Pittsburgh Marathon, twice!

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

Boer came to WMC after Dr. Sam Case had interviewed him and offered him a job taking over his position. Boer expressed delight to “now be able to work in a small, attractive, private college with Dr. Case as [his] mentor and guide.” Professor Boer is now teaching the classes of Exercise Physiology as well as Human Physiology.

- Melissa Blackwell

Donald Craig

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

Craig, now the ROTC and full time professor of Military Science, Craig has his mind set on being a positive addition to our campus. He has a three-year appointment at WMC. Craig earned his Bachelor of Science degree in human resources at Troy State University.

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

Psychic Forson

Psychic Forson, Jesse Ball duPont Visiting Scholar in English, has been teaching English 101 at this semester, and in the spring she will begin teaching an advanced class called Women, Food, and Identity in Literature of the African Diaspora, which will satisfy the Global Perspectives BLIR.

She has studied African, American Studies, and women’s studies, and African American studies. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Virginia and her Master’s Degree from University of Maryland, College Park.

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

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

- Carla Jacobson

Roanna Harlow

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

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

Marx received both his under-graduate and doctoral degrees at Renassaisance-Polytechnic Institute. Here at WMC, Marx is an as-sistant professor of physics. Marx hopes to launch his Renaissance Program here at WMC. The program is designed to aid non-majors in the basics of science and mathematics, which are neces-sary requirements for physics.

- Brandi Thayer

Margaret McDevitt

An experimental psychologist, Margaret McDevitt was hired as an assistant professor of psychology. She has taught at the University of California at San Diego, San Diego State University, and California State University at Stanislaus. Dr. McDevitt also has clinical experience with developmentally disabled and emotionally disturbed populations at Behavior Intervention Services, Creative Alternatives and Camp La Honda, and in California. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at California State University at Stanislaus and master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of California at San Diego.


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Horoscopes: forecasting your future for the onset of Fall

LESA STANLEY

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

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

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 22)

Spend some quality time with new buds, Libra: events will take a surprising turn for the better. Your lucky numbers are 17, 18, 26 and 27. This week get playful and go with purple.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22)

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

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

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

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

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

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

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

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Careful about going overboard on everything. Your lucky numbers this week are 12, 25, and 33. Go with earth tones and wear some green.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Remember that you can’t change anyone but yourself. Live and let live. Your lucky numbers are 15, 22, and 31. Your best color will be the florescent shades of green and pink.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

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

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)

Try to catch up on your work. This week just may play it all the more for you. Your lucky numbers are 4, 23, and 29. Try wearing the color melon for a nice change.
Finally, an era came to close in college basketball this week as Bobby Knight was fired from his post at the University of Indiana.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aikman's injury in combination with the injury of prize wide receiver Joey Galloway has forced the Cowboys to a 36 year old who has left his better days in the past.

Finally this year, they've decided to unload Delino DeShields, Albert Belle or Brady Anderson. The reason these players are still on the team is because no one would want to pay so much to three such over-valued players; besides the Orioles that is.

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

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

If this had occurred, we could be looking at a winning team next year. How you ask? Just look how quickly teams like Seattle and the White Sox have rebuilt.

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

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

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

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

Redskin fans, do not expect a repeat by the Cowboys this week.

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

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

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

Just like the gun, it is something which many wish they could uninvent.

Sportsview: Knight falls plus the world in sports

Matthew E. Hurff - Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

When they traded Mike Bordick to the Mets, Bordick responded with a strong showing in New York, hitting a home run in his first game.

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

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

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

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

However, the O's should have extended this process by unloading Delino DeShields, Albert Belle or Brady Anderson. The reason these players are still on the team is because no one would want to pay...
SPORTS

Freshmen recruit propel field hockey to strong start

AMY BITTINGER
Staff Writer

Western Maryland College's field hockey team finished up its 1999 season with five victories. After the first five games of its 2000 season, the team is only two wins shy of that same mark.

This season was the debut of second year coach Mindy Manolovich's recruitment efforts, which thus far have proven to be remarkable. Manolovich did lose seven players from the 1999 season to graduation, but also lost four potential returnees who decided not to play this year. One of those was goalkeeper Kate Boyle. This forced Manolovich to put a freshman goalie in the cage. However, Becky Arnold has faced the challenge with grace by giving up only five goals on 82 shots with 34 saves.

Arnold was aware that a freshman would be starting in goal but felt prepared because, "coaches have given me a lot of one on one attention." They have pointed out what my weaknesses are and what I need to work on," Arnold says.

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

The practice effort paid off.

In the Terror's second game of the season against Frostburg State, for the first time in Arnold's career, she participated in a stroke off. It is NCAA regulation that games that end in a tie after two thirty-five minute regulations and two fifteen minute seven versus seven sudden death overtime periods go into a competition in which one player takes a shot on goal 6.4 meters from the goal line.

In Arnold's first ever stroke off only one goal was allowed resulting in a Terror victory. Arnold admits that the stroke off "happened so fast that I don't remember it."

All over the field, throughout each game first-year players have left their mark. Freshmen Kristin Talarovich and Tara Morris displayed their talent by each pounding hat tricks in an 18-0 rout over Salem College of North Carolina in Lynchburg, Virginia.

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

That victory was one day before a 3-1 victory over Manolovich's alma mater, Lynchburg, in which freshman Susan Rohrer slammed in the third goal with 21:01 remaining in the game to seal the victory.

Rohrer said, "the game was relatively quiet on the field, but her presence on the score has been noticed. In addition to her goal in the Lynchburg game, she has twice scored against Salem, and scored WMC's Ian Flannery dribbles between two Salem players.

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Men's soccer battle nationally ranked foes

GREG LEBEBER Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the fall's drizzly weather, the Western Maryland Men's soccer team is adapting to the conditions and is sporting a solid 3-1 record to begin the 2000 campaign.

A early season schedule including nationally ranked opponents would scare some teams, but the Green Terror showed that they are up to the challenge.

The Green Terror kicked their season off with a September 2 tournament game against 20th nationally ranked Salisbury State, a very opposing foe.

As rain and thunderstorms boomed on the horizon, the game was tightly played throughout. The opposition struck first with a first half goal, but WMC trudged into halftime only down 1-0. After intermission senior striker Darren Wolfe netted the team's first goal of the season at the 67 minute mark to tie the contest and the game ended goal-less for the rest of the regulation.

Then off on thunderstorms hit the field and finally, after over two hours of delayed play a regulation game was played.

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

Manolovich points out that "the team itself has an advantage of having numbers up situations."

Versus Frostburg, on several instances when the ball was on net and sent into the Terror's attack with the Terror going to goal five players up.

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

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

In the future, Manolovich will recruit players for specific positions and roles that the team may lose to graduation.

She notes that the problem with having sixteen recruits is that in order to bring in an ideal size of recruits each year, it will be difficult carrying the group of sixteen each of their four years.

However, each freshman has made a significant and worthwhile contribution to Terror's outstanding start.

As regulation came to an end with the score tied, the team went to overtime again. This time though, one overtime wasn't enough with WMC played to a stalemate. In the second overtime, highly touted freshman Chris Smith took a pass from junior sweeper Ryan Dlabay who fed him and netted his first collegiate goal to take home the win for the Green Terror.

Another bright note for the team was junior goalkeeper Ryan Dlabay who was the MVP of the tournament for his play.

In their next game, the Green Terror returned home to face Villa Julie. The contest was fiercely fought and the team was able to register a hard earned home win to begin the season 2-1-1.

On September 9, WMC vis-

alized rival Swampmore for their league opener. Points were hard to come by as the two teams battled it out.

Despite a couple of chances to win the game, WMC was unable to do so and headed for another overtime period. This has been a recurring theme for the Green Terror who have been to three overtime games already this season.

On the positive side, the WMC defense has been unbelievable this season with strong play from defenders David Fife and Long among others.

Late in the first overtime, the opposition was thwarted for a foul inside the penalty area giving the home team a chance to end another exciting contest.

Senior Vinny Pedalino stepped to the forefront and led the game with a netted goal. Once again, junior Dlabay played outstandingly not allowing a goal through the contest;

Despite the intense early season schedule and weather problems, the Green Terror squad is off to a strong 3-1 start to the season.

Faced with marathon games and exciting action, there are many positives for the team early into the season. With the program's first ever Centennial Conference title as the goal, fans should be brace for an exciting and successful season of men's soccer on the hill.
Women’s soccer off to a strong 6-0 start

GREG LEBBERE
Assistant Sports Editor

Sizzling! It has been a perfect start for the Western Maryland College women’s soccer team as they are off to the best start in school history going undefeated in their first six games of the season.

Following Western Maryland’s 4-2 victory over Rutgers-Camden on Sept. 23 at Gill Field, the Lady Terrors have a 6-0-0 record and have outscored their opponents 31-1 so far, including ten consecutive victories in a row.

The team started off with a bang, scoring five goals in the first half of their opening day contest with Mary Baldwin College. They continued their scoring streak with two more goals in the first half.

The defense was also spectacular as they allowed only one goal against WMC’s opponents.

The team continued their strong play in the First Annual WMC soccer tournament, scoring a dominant 6-1 win over Shepherd College.

Once again after intermission, the team went on the attack with five more goals to register a commanding 7-0 victory.

Medill had a incredible game with two more goals and picked up a hat trick (three goals in one game), while Castro picked up her second goal of the contest. Lepson and sophomore Alice Loebsinger also netted goals in the second half.

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The Green Terror pulled away again in the second half with two quick scores on the board. A great pass from Castro, who is poised to have even more success this season.

The fourth quarter saw the momentum swing back and forth, with the Lady Terrors leading 4-2 at the end of the game.

Visiting Dickinson charged out of the half with two quick goals and put WMC in their toughest test of the season so far.

The young team hadn’t been down all year, but they quietly accepted the challenge as Merson tied the game in the middle of the second half.

The team then used Castor’s second goal of the day to take a 3-2 lead they would never relinquish. The final piece was put in place by the Lady Terrors’ lead as they added two more goals in the second half.

The Lady Terrors are looking to build on their perfect start as they prepare to play Ursinus this weekend.

Football rebounds from Bridgewater loss with two stellar victories over Randolph-Macon and Gettysburg

MIRE JENKINS
Staff Writer

For many years Gettysburg and Western Maryland have had one of the longest standing rivalries in Division III college football.

Western Maryland Alumni and Green Terror football players have always been very excited for this rivalry game to commence. Unfortunately throughout the wars of the past, it hasn’t been much of a battle.

Going into last Saturday’s game, Gettysburg has won the one-on-one matchup 41-11-1. In recent years, things have changed in the matchup. Western Maryland has won three consecutive games going into this year’s contest.

The Green Terror went into “The Battle of 97” on the momentum of a dominant road win at Randolph-Macon.

The game started off looking like a rivalry game, as both teams’ defenses were able to shut down the opposing offense. The second quarter was a different story.

Western Maryland was able to put two quick scores on the board. Both TDs came in the direction of junior wide receiver, part-time running back Teron Powell.

Then, late in the third quarter, the Terror was able to add another score, and not surprisingly the TD belonged to Powell.

The play was another testament to the abilities of the versatile star. The play occurred when a defensive back from Gettysburg committed a blatant pass interference on Powell.

While falling to the ground, Powell was able to reach up and catch the ball, securing the TD and thus negating the penalty.

The third quarter of the game was a very exciting period for both sides.

QB Jamie Harris ran in a TD on an option play that built the Terror lead. The Bullets were able to bring excitement back to the game with an interception return for a TD, followed by a long TD pass.

In a play that reversed the momentum of the game back in favor of the Terror.

Junior Jason Weingen intercepted a pass and returned it for a TD.

The fourth quarter saw the momentum swing back and forth, with the score resting at 38-27. The Bullets were driving, with thoughts of a late comeback still in their mind.

When Gettysburg was forced to punt, senior captain Aaron Bartolaini swung the momentum back in favor of the Terrors for good when he blocked the punt.

This allowed the Terror to tally another score and diminish the thoughts of a possible Bullet comeback.

The Terrors became accustomed to each other in the first half.

The Green Terror struck first when Castor received a Melissa Merson and netted a goal to give the team a slim 1-0 lead at halftime.

The defense allowed less than 100 total yards of offense in the 21-0 shutout. Joe Kendorski added two sacks, one of them being a pick-6, and netted a goal to give the team their first victory.

The Terrors dominated the Bullets offensive line, applying pressure all game and adding two and a half sacks.

The week before the Terror marched down to Randolph-Macon College in Virginia and dominated the yellow jackets.

The defense allowed less than 100 total yards of offense in the 21-0 shutout. Joe Kendorski added 100 plus yards in two TDs and in a career performance.

The game was a non-conference game and was a very important bounce back win after the disappointing loss from the week before against Bridgewater.

The Terror now have one conference win notch on their belt as they prepare to play Ursinus this coming weekend.

The contest is set for a 1 p.m. start in College Hall, PA. Expect the Terror to build upon the success of the past two games, as Harris grows into the QB position, and the defense continues to dominate the opposing offenses.
Dorms vandalized with hate crimes targeting homosexuals

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Within the last few weeks of the semester, there have been multiple instances of homophobic slander scrawled on various surfaces on the WMC campus, some of which were aimed directly at a student while others targeted homosexuals as a group.

On Friday, September 28, Dean of Student Affairs Phillip Sayre, at the prompting of the Student Government Assembly, sent a letter to the entire campus community stating what happened, and assuring students that when "we ascertain who was responsible, we will respond with firm and immediate disciplinary measures."

As many as eleven incidents have occurred, according to sources who prefer to remain anonymous, but only three or four sources who prefer to remain anonymous have been recorded by Resident Assistant of Campus Safety.

"Incidents like these, and one in which "Lesbians" was written across one of the doors to ANW, were mere jokes," Interim President Joan Coley holds a different opinion. "This type of behavior is completely unacceptable and runs directly counter to what we need to function as a community," she said.

The problem is not a new one on the WMC campus, and, according to Coley, "represents how the campus mirrors society."

New grading system now in effect

STACY L. GEORGE Co-News Editor

By now, most WMC students have heard the discussions or read the editorials concerning the new plus/minus grading system.

The new grading system, which will take effect this semester, has also been the concern of the SGA for the past few semesters.

A few years ago, students' voices were heard when they favored a new grading system that calculated pluses and minuses into a student's GPA. In March 1997, after carefully examining the issue from all angles, the faculty voted overwhelmingly to implement a plus/minus grading system.

Under the new system, grades are worth the following: A = 4.3, B+ = 3.7, B = 3.3, B- = 3.0, B- to C+ = 2.7, C+ to C- = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- to D+ = 1.7, D+ to D = 1.3, D to F = 1.0. At that time, however, implementing the new system was delayed because the college did not possess a computer program capable of generating these calculations.

In the last three and a half years, WMC has invested in a new computer program, and computer technicians have worked out the glitches, according to Dr. Samuel Case, Interim Provost.

Computer glitches were not the only obstacle in implementing the change, however. Many students who favored the new grading system in 1997 have graduated, and last semester the SGA went to great lengths to show that not all current students favor the plus/minus system.

Interim President Joan Coley said that, "students' voices were heard over and over again. Faculty, committees, and trustees spent an incredible amount of time discussing it. "The faculty has considered everything SGA has given it, she said. When voted on a second time last spring, the faculty approved the plus/minus system without a single dissenting vote. "Every time the SGA brought a proposal or request, 100% of the time it passed along to the appropriate faculty committee," said Coley. "This is a faculty decision. It is important to recognize how small a percentage of the student body had an opinion about the plus/minus system."

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Health Education coordinator leaves Western Maryland

Bonnie Bosley, former Health Education Coordinator and adviser to ASAP, receives a gift from club member Cathy Pendof] at the organization's fall retreat.

Bonnie Bosley, director of the College’s OCTAA program. Guest speaker in many WMC classes. But above all, a treasured asset of the WMC community.

The accomplishments of Bonnie Bosley, former Health Education Coordinator, have been shared with everyone she worked with here at WMC in the past eight years. On Friday, September 22, Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, accepted Bosley’s resignation.

You could delegate something to Bonnie and know she would follow through with that program and approach it with great attention to detail,” praised Barbara Hornoff, the associate dean of the first year program.

Four years of Bosley’s career at WMC were spent as a nurse in Smith House, and the latter four years in the position of Health Education Coordinator.

However, she will not be a stranger to WMC, she will return to instruct a Jan Term class titled “Alternative Medicine: Health or Hoax? A Critical Evaluation”.

Bosley’s choice to leave revolves around an opportunity to spend more time with her family.

As school nurse of Chapel Gate Christian Academy, a private school in Howard County where her two daughters are in the 6th and 9th grades. Bosley’s schedule will now mirror her children’s.

“It’s very different. Chapel Gate has wonderful students and faculty. It is a lot less pressured with less after-hours work,” said Bosley. “I am looking forward to being off when my daughters are off.”

The opportunity arose over the summer, when the assistant principal contacted her and asked if she would like to chaperone the senior high school (grade 9-12) students’ trip to a New York camp for four days before they leave.

The decision to leave WMC was hard one, she commented, but she knew it would be a good choice, allowing her to be more involved with her children. “I liked my years at Western Maryland. It’s very exciting working on a campus,” she said. Although her job was considered part-time, she was not stranger to the campus community.

In particular, Bosley helped Hornoff, with two major aspects of freshmen orientation: the “...on campus talking about alcohol” program (also referred to as OCTAA), and the “Choices” skits. She was also a frequent guest speaker for Hornoff’s course for incoming students.

This resulted in Friday’s lack of response led to certain duties, protocols, and regulations. ASAP, she’s been there. We’re all so happy someone to come in and be Bonnie, but wonderful students.

Four years of Bosley’s career at WMC was “Choosing a fitting course for incoming students. Dr. Michael Baker, Co-president of Allies, explained she is “not expecting to refit the position. They approved the refitting of the position, confirmed Sayre.

Refilling the position is a task he will be working on within the next few weeks, a process that will take some time to advertise the job opening and select the best person, Sayre also noted.

So for the time being, several of the responsibilities that Bosley undertook have been reassigned. According to Sayre, Betsy Chimock, the assistant director of college activities, is in charge, and volunteered to handle the planning of Alcohol Awareness Week, which is October 15-21.

Additionally, Mitchell Alexander, director of College Activities, will be helping out with some of the programming details said Sayre, who is also fulfilling some of Bosley’s previous responsibilities. Hornoff explained she is “not expecting someone to come in and be Bonnie, but rather to bring their own unique ideas.”

Hate crimes target homosexuals on Western Maryland's campus

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events have gone all but unnoticed.

Students have voiced opinions which ranged from the idea that the school is not reacting to the incidences because it is “covering its own a-“, to the question of a simple lack of sensitivity as part of the administration. Distress about the administration’s lack of response led the SGA to prepare a letter which went out earlier this week, as well as taking several other immediate actions. This resulted in Friday’s letter.

Sayre commented, however, that he, like Coley, had not heard of the aforementioned incidents until the issue was brought to his attention by The Phoenix. “I had heard of some incidents, but nothing specific. Any such behavior violates the conditions of acceptable conduct, listed clearly in the college’s code, as well as the first principles of the college,” said Sayre. “The spirit of the code is that all here are to be respected. And the college does its best to do programming and education initiatives to see that this goal is achieved. Though we have more to do.”

While the issue appears to have been closed for several weeks, the response from students as they’ve found out has been strong and fast.

Michael Baker, Co-president of Allies, gay/bisexual/transgender student, said, “We agree with Dr. Sayre that this behavior is totally unacceptable, and is sparked by ignorance and best addressed by education, which is part of Allies’ job.”

Baker believes that the college’s hate crimes policy needs to include a reference to sexual orientation. “It needs to change, in its spirit as well as its published literature. A hate crimes policy needs to include all hate crimes,” he said.

Whether the answer to such problems that have arisen is disciplinary action or education, the issue needs to be addressed by the entire institution, Almandrez said. “This needs to involve the SGA, Dean Sayre’s office, the admissions office, students, Dr. Coley, and everyone from the top down. The issues of differences in how racism and homophobia are viewed also needs to be addressed. And there should be a public record of what goes on, to hold the college accountable,” she said.

While the target of those crimes reported to the Department of Campus Safety (DOS) earlier this year chose not to pursue the matter beyond his preliminary reports, DOS, says Director Mike Webster, is not ignoring the issues.

These matters, now that they’ve been brought to the attention of the SGA and administration, will be discussed. And though a true solution is years in the making, according to SGA president Steve Sharkey, in addressing the SGA last Thursday, “we need to take the first step now.”

Update

* In this issue, The Phoenix was planning on printing a follow-up story on whether athletes receive preferential treatment. However, the reporter was unable to receive necessary details, and continues to research the topic.
* The Phoenix has been unable to print the Department of Campus Safety’s year-end report explaining that they are unable to release the documents due to computer problems.

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**Case Study: Julie Badiee's Journey**

Julie Badiee, a charming woman with a heart full of love, found herself facing a daunting reality. After being diagnosed with brain cancer, she was faced with a long and tough battle. But Julie's strong spirit and unwavering faith never faltered, giving her the strength to face each challenge head-on.

Julie badiee 44, of Madison, Wisconsin, endured the first round of chemo and radiation treatments, which left her feeling exhausted and worn down.

"It was like being on a rollercoaster," she said. "One day you're up, and the next you're down."

Despite the physical toll, Julie remained upbeat, often saying, "I'm just going to keep moving forward."

Her friends and family were by her side every step of the way, offering support and love.

"She's always been the glue that holds us together," said her friend, Sarah. "No matter what happened, she was always there for us."
SGA debates allocations for campus organizations

MEGAN K. MARTIN  Student Government Reporter

The Student Government Assembly distributed $10,290 to 29 clubs on September 21. This year, $15,000 was distributed to student organizations over both semesters. The confirmation of the allocations was not without conflict, however.

President Steven Sharkey pointed out that if the SBU’s allocation was subtracted from Kelly’s calculations, the figures would be very different. The SBU received the largest allocation with $195.

When asked what the cultural organizations planned to do with the money, treasurer Stephanie Knight replied that the organization wanted to pay for campus programs such as Diversity Day and to purchase educational materials for the campus.

Most of the service organizations have more money going into the process than cultural organizations, Sharkey said. He felt that service organizations did not advertise projects or meetings to the entire campus, just to members. Kelly calls this “ridiculous.” Service organizations work the same way as cultural organizations, he said.

The rest of the argument focused mainly on the allocation process, specifically the meeting with Haines and Brandi Holmes also felt that the allocations process was not as “proven” as service groups like honor societies. The guidelines do give preference to proposals that are open to and benefit the largest portions of the community.

Holmes had another suggestion. In order to facilitate debates and discussion on each club’s allocation, she would like to see each member of the SGA receive a copy of the allocation proposals.

A third suggestion came from Bartolomeo. He would like to see the school deliberate more money for the SGA for allocations. Last year, the SGA received $12,000 for allocations. Holmes thought that this amount was not enough.

Bartolomeo says that while everyone understands this problem, the school needs to look into increasing funding for student organizations.

Several student organizations were contacted for this story, and only a few replied. Tony Halloran, of the SGA, said that he was pleased with the amount of money they received. His main problem was with the amount of money the school gives the SGA for allocations. Halloran feels that the allocations process to be favorable. Tony Halloran, president of the SGA, felt that the money was “not distributed very evenly or fairly.” The SGA was asked for $625 and only received $75.

Halloran said the SGA gave him three reasons that his allocation was so low.

The first was that all the members were also members of the fraternity Phi Kappa Sigma.

The second explanation was that when asked how much it would take to run an organization, Halloran replied “nothing.” Halloran feels that any organization that truly wants to exist can do so without funding from the SGA.

The final explanation, that no paperwork had been filed yet, was false, Halloran said. The paperwork, he continued, was taken to College Activities more than a week before he allocated the money to his organization.

Halloran feels that the allocations process “ostracizes new organizations... and favors well-established organizations.”

Bartolomeo says that making the decisions on allocations is a tough one. He continued, “I can’t wait to see what the organizations are going to do with the money.”

Art history department in the midst of a growth spurt

Joan Faulkner  Arts Editor

An increased demand for art history classes and a loss of a full-time professor last spring has the art and art history departments looking to hire two more professors.

The department, currently operating with only two professors, is hoping to hire an assistant professor and a full professor in the spring semester. The department is hoping to hire two more professors to accommodate an increased interest in the art history survey class having “something for everybody. We really pull from a huge range across campus.”

Dr. Michael Losh, associate professor of art history, feels art history is appealing to more students because it is “the perfect liberal arts class. It has to incorporate history, philosophy, religion, literature, music...” as well as science and mathematics, he later added. “It takes into account every field of study because they’re all intertwined.”

The need for two more art historians seems to be a reflection of increased student interest in the subject. (The major, which has been offered since at least 1948 and which was part of the art department, according to Barbara O’Brien in the archives and special collections office, just came into its own in 1995 and five students have since graduated.)

The art history minor, offered since 1985, has proved to be more popular, with fifty-five students in the past five years graduating with it, according to Jan Coleman in Academic Affairs.

WMC “has been the springboard for many to a career in the arts,” says Sue Blaske, chair of the department of art and art history.

These careers include working in magazines, studios, and even one student currently working as curator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. “Nothing.”

“Sometimes,” adds Losh, “they’ll take the survey class, find it interesting and take the classes for the minor.”

Blaske also attributes increased interest to the art history survey class having “something for everybody. We really pull from a huge range across campus.”
Life is not so "suite" after all

Michael Wiles discusses how life in a suite is much different than expected.

...well, at least it is big and quiet. I was more than just a little dis-...
Martin's use of the cart is definitely covered by the act's "reasonable accommodations" section. Martin's cart is a "readily accessible tool" that allows him to do his job, which is to compete as a pro golfer.

The PGA Tour also argues the law was never meant to require professional sports organizations to waive the rules of athletic competition to accommodate disabled competitors.

However, I feel that the use of the cart does not constitute "the playing of the game," and it is covered under the ADA. Here's my interpretation of the ADA in this case: Martin's use of the cart is definitely covered by the act's "reasonable accommodations" section. Martin's cart is a "readily accessible tool" that allows him to do his job, which is to compete as a pro golfer.

So while it seems that the PGA contains involving another pro golfer, Ford Olinger, who is also disabled.

The PGA Tour contends that Martin should not be allowed to use a cart on the tour because it gives him an advantage over the other golfers competing because they have to walk all of the holes on the course.

Martin contends that his disability is covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act and he should be allowed to play with a cart because it is the only way for him to compete with the other golfers.

In March, Martin won an appeal case against the PGA Tour when a court in San Francisco ruled that the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to pro sport events at the high-interest part of the PGA Tour, pro golfers would not accommodate him? I bet they would.

Summer Olympics: Who watched them?

BJ Shorb surveys various students covering the television coverage of the Summer Olympics.

What comes around every four years and stays for only 2 weeks? You guessed it! The Olympics, more specifically the Summer Olympics.

The Olympics that have been gripped an enormous amount of the media's eye for the past two weeks took place in Sydney, Australia. Since Sydney's time is 15 hours ahead of Eastern Standard time, none of the events were broadcast live. Instead, events were covered during the following day's airtime.

With unlimited media in our reach these days, you would think that many would turn to Internet and other more immediate sources to keep up with the latest medal winning events. Despite this possibility, NBC and its affiliates set aside 440 hours of television air time to be devoted solely to the Olympics.

The question is how much were students watching? Here at WMC, it seems that there were students watching the Olympics on television as many as seven hours per day, and as little as none at all.

In fact, some students even participated in what they call "Non-US Olympics." According to senior Dennis Lucey, each person selected a country other than the US and rooted for that team exclusively. He recalls having "40 countries represented, from big nations like Australia, Russia, and France to smaller countries like Trinidad and Ghana."

Another participant in this "Non-US Olympics" was sophomore Sherrone Carroll. She said that there were at least 44 people, some of whom participated in the selection process. Carroll describes the Olympics as uniting the world "in sport and spirit."

Senior Christa Farrar said that she did not have time to watch any of the Olympics. Despite not being able to see the events this year, "Olympics are a place where race, color, and origin are not supposed to matter. It's all based on hardwork and ability," she said.

In a similar manner, freshman Sarah Campbell said that if she had more time she would definitely watch the Olympics. "It is the only thing I can see for your team even though you don't know the competitors personally," she added.

Watching between one and two hours of the Olympic coverage each day, freshman Mary Dolan thinks that the Olympics are important because "it gives athletes a chance to represent their country and show to the world their remarkable abilities."

"Noting that the Olympics are "an inspiring display of athletes and sportsmanship," junior Nicole Novotny wished that the Olympics would be held during our summer months, so that school work and activities would not have kept her from watching more of the events.

Melissa Donner, a senior, also believes that with more time, she could have enjoyed watching the Olympics more. "It's incredible to see what the world's athletes are capable of doing," she said. She believes that by showing "extraordinary achievements," the Olympics give young people who desire to compete a goal to work toward.

As you can see, some students are watching the Olympics a lot and others aren't watching at all. Some don't have time to watch and some are making time to watch them, no matter what. Regardless of whether the students are watching, the most popular events seem to be gymnastics and swimming.
**Time spent in a Biology lab deserves some sort of credit**

With so many undergraduate students are biology majors or just taking a biology course, one would think that the administration would have a better way to handle the biology lab. After all, many students are required to take the lab in addition to their actual biology course.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with the way Biology labs work, let me explain it simply and quickly.

You basically spend three hours in a lab doing all this complicated, time-consuming, "pains in the butt" work, in addition to your Biology lecture, for no credit. Lab time is for the actual biology class, and the lab is just a "necessary" part of that lecture class. If I have to sit in a lab for three hours on a Friday afternoon, I was just wasting my credit.

Sometimes I have to stay late in the lab to finish up. Then, I still have to study, and take quizzes, etc. just like you have to do in any other class. If I never went to lab, I would not really matter because we were all told that the lab does not really affect your grade too much if you don't do well.

However, the emphasis was heavily placed on how mandatory floor, which usually has something on it that I end up stepping on. Not to mention, I miss the plush brown carpet in my bedroom at home. Running out to the store at any- time—I would make a list of things I needed from various stores, grab the keys and some money, and I was off on my way. Here, this is very different. I need to beg my boyfriend for a ride to one store, while praying that everything will be in need that I will be doing in that location. There is no need for my parents to help me with things. For instance, whenever my computer would not work, I would always call one of them up to try and fix it. Now, just a long on the hard drive hop- ping that fixes the problem, so I can continue to type up my papers. Basically, it is the little things that I miss the most.

Each day, I learn a new thing either in my classes or in my living situation.

College has definitely been a learning experience for me.

**Freshman realizations**

Jessica Fisher reflects on the realizations she has made about college life

Before I left for college, my parents, sister, and friends all told me what to expect. They said it would be such a new experience and that I would miss so many things.

All the things they said never quite sank into my head. I figured I would go to college, realize how much freedom I had, and never come home.

As much as I hate to admit it, I think there may be a chance that they were partially right, but I will never let them know that. I have realized so many things since I have been up here that I had never even thought of before.

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**Freshman realizations**

Jessica Fisher reflects on the realizations she has made about college life

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**Time spent in a Biology lab deserves some sort of credit**

With so many undergraduate students are biology majors or just taking a biology course, one would think that the administration would have a better way to handle the biology lab. After all, many students are required to take the lab in addition to their actual biology course.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with the way Biology labs work, let me explain it simply and quickly.

You basically spend three hours in a lab doing all this complicated, time-consuming, "pains in the butt" work, in addition to your Biology lecture, for no credit. Lab time is for the actual biology class, and the lab is just a "necessary" part of that lecture class. If I have to sit in a lab for three hours on a Friday afternoon, I was just wasting my credit.

Sometimes I have to stay late in the lab to finish up. Then, I still have to study, and take quizzes, etc. just like you have to do in any other class. If I never went to lab, it would not really matter because we were all told that the lab does not really affect your grade too much if you don't do well.

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**Copying with Rouzer power outage and extra lab work**

Edward K. Schaitel comments on the power outage and extra lab work. It is Monday night, and here I am sitting at my desk at 11 p.m. working on my Statistics homework. The lights are dim, but I can still see what I am doing. I have no choice but to work quickly. I want some credit. I have three more hours to work, and I am not asking for more credits for my lab, as if it were a whole other class.

Since the material for the lab is different, I think one or two more credits class. It takes a lot of time and you have to do the work, unlike some other four credit classes offered here.

If it is going to be required for biology students to take a lab with their lecture class, which I agree that it should because it is helpful in class, their efforts should be recognized with at least one credit.

It also takes three hours out of a college student's precious time. One could be using this time to study material of the classes for which they actually receive credit. For all the time and effort that students are putting into their labs, the administration should reward them with a credit or two.

At least then students would realize they did not bust their tails just to increase their percentage grade by about two percent. When all my friends are done for the week, I am sitting in lab observing diffusion. For the sadness, boredom, and utter con- fusion that comes through every Friday afternoon, I want a credit or two! Actually, I'd really like a car of some sort or something, but I won't be greedy.

Other biology students and I are merely asking for the credit we deserve. We are working hard and that work should be appreciated and recognized. It is in all the other classes.

The Phoenix would like to hear your ideas on class hours vs. credits. Should there be more credits for labs? Should they be included in the course load? The deadline for the Pro-Con submission is October 19.
Presidential candidates go hi-tech in campaigning

Matthew E. Hurnf analyses the ways the candidates are campaigning to the American public.

Well the campaign between George W. Bush and Al Gore has become even stronger. First there was the Republican television ad which flashed the word “Rats” in the background.

Then Bush used some choice words to describe a New York Times reporter, only to realize that his microphone was on. Now, the Bush campaign is claiming that a “mole” in the Gore campaign has permeated his ranks, swiping a valuable debate preparation video.

Such an item could give Gore and Lieberman a decisive advantage in the upcoming debates.

However, the Gore campaign claims they purposely leaked the video to give them false material to prepare for.

The whole thing seems ridiculous and shows how many both of the candidates are. If they really stand for their issues, it shouldn’t matter what the other candidate is going to say in his debate.

Such a video could provide some strategic advantage, but it should not matter that much.

On top of the great video mystery, both campaigns are hitting the Internet to drum up support.

Beware when you sign on AOL Instant Messenger, because you may receive a message from a democratically promoting Al Gore.

First, Gore says that he invented the Internet. Now, he’ll probably telling us that he invented AOL Instant Messenger too.

On the GOP side, it is now possible to win prizes for signing up for Bush’s mailing list. You could be included in a raffle for such rewards as a Palm Pilot or even a nights stay in Washington, DC on election night.

The Dems are offering tickets to a Knicks game with Bill Murray or even golf with Martin Sheen (President Josiah Bartlet in The West Wing).

Is it just me, or does this all sound like some inferno on late night TV? Act now and you can get an additional night in DC free.

The parties are not just isolating this proliferation of gifts to the Internet. Last week, a friend of mine received a dollar bill in the mail from the GOP.

They wanted to get his attention with this tactic so that he would send them more money.

This is just plain ridiculous. In essence, the parties are using funds from people they know will vote for them just to buy the undecided voters with gimmicks.

Hey, that’s fine if you’re trying to lure a person into buying a car at your dealership; put money in your bank, or buy your cheap, useless item on late night television.

But should this be acceptable in the race for the highest political office in the United States?

It would be nice to say it isn’t true, but it is. And any way of stopping it?

I’m not sure, but if there is please let me know.

I’d be very interested.

So what is the difference between the candidates.

Student favors universal library loan policy

Laura Beth Kelley discusses the option of offering all Maryland students library access.

I like Hoover Library.

For the number of students we have at Western Maryland, it is fairly big.

I have never had a problem with finding resources for the past three years, until this one.

Upon entering my senior seminar course, I knew I was going to have to need a tremendous amount of sources and Hoover library just wasn’t going to be big enough.

That’s acceptable.

I put in a couple Interlibrary Loan requests for some materials, but thought it might be easier to travel to some bigger libraries to save time as well as the anticipation of waiting and wondering when or if my sources would be available.

I decided to go to UMBC because it was one of the closest colleges that had the books and articles that I needed.

I figured that since I was a student at a high institution in Maryland I would be able to easily check out material.

I found that I could easily check out books once I purchased a library card for $15 that would expire in one year!

I’m sorry but when was the last time you paid for a library card especially one that you only needed for three months.

The librarian at UMBC told me this was because WMC wasn’t “covered” under their program.
The new freshmen: who are they?

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Assistant Commentary Editor

Who are the 485 new student faces we see on "the Hill" this year?
They are known as the freshman class of 444 students and 41 transfer students.
Of those 485, Martha O'Connell, dean of Admissions, reports that there are 214 males and 271 females.
Contrary to the rumor that the class is enormous, that is only 19 more incoming students than last year, and 16 fewer than in 1998. O'Connell believes it is possible that more students are choosing to live off campus, which may be causing the misconception that the freshman class is gigantic.
As we continue to see new faces at WMC, O'Connell believes that we are growing more diverse. Coming a long way from 9 percent being freshman minority students in 1994, the freshman class is 14 percent minority this year, she says.
According to Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the first-year students these new students come from 14 different states, the farthest being California. There are also new international students coming from countries like Ethiopia, France, etc.
Names such as Colby, Sener, Tariq, French, Ina, Lahnna, and even Lydia are all new to the WMC community, says Horneff. In total, there are 20 new first names in the freshman class. Also, names beginning with the letter "J" are the most popular among the incoming students.
Horneff also observed that the most popular months for Birthdays are October with 32 and August with 31.
Ranging from 17 to 28 years of age, the new students have a variety of athletic interests from ice dancing to ultimate Frisbee.
Horneff says that students admire various role models, such as parents, relatives, friends, and coaches.
Their career interests are also quite diverse among the arts and sciences.
Unfortunately, a break down of academic majors is not available due to some administration computer changes on campus, says O'Connell. However, she recalls the number of students choosing to be undecided growing each year, and suspects that is true this year as well.
As far as GPA's go, there are 34 students who came with perfect 4.0's from high school. A 3.45 is the mean grade point average, according to O'Connell. She notes that the average of their SAT scores for verbal is 564 and for math is 567, clearly a balanced group.
Although there were more applicants this year, O'Connell says that the acceptance process was a bit more "selective." Only 76 percent of applicants were accepted this year, in comparison to 80 percent last year, she says.
For those 76 percent who are here, welcome.
They are represented by these statistics, but over their college careers at WMC, they will begin to develop themselves as individuals. Each student making his/her contributions to WMC as a familiar face on the Hill.

Honor board hears trial from the spring

The Honor and Conduct Board met in September to consider a charge carried over from the spring semester that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting plagiarized material in a paper for English 1102. The Board found that the student had violated the Code and established the following sanction for the offense: The student plagiarized material in a paper for English had violated the Honor Code by submitting from the spring semester that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting from the spring semester that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting from the spring semester that a student had violated the Honor Code by submitting.

Seniors kick off year with crabs and beer

The Odyssey Starts Here: the class of 2001 launched their senior year with a crab and beer party on Saturday, September 30 in the Pub. Approximately 80 seniors came to support Senior Pride and enjoy the Maryland tradition of steamed crabs and frothy beverages.
Left: Matt Burger shows his crab-eating prowess as he attempts to shove a whole crab in his mouth.
Above: Meghan Humbert (left) and Megan Drost partake in the festivities by sharing a crab.

Take a Stand Against Hate and Discrimination

Candlelight Vigil (tentatively) on Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 PM in Red Square, and a Day of Silence / Blackout from 8AM to 5PM on Thursday, October 12 - all over campus.

The Vigil:
A vigil will be held to protest the recent instances of discriminatory slander found in various places around the WMC campus. The offenses were related to the community by the Administration last week, and students are reacting now, coming together to stand against these unacceptable manifestations of hate, which run counter to the very philosophy of the community we aspire to be. Candles, poetry, and quiet will make all aware that the hate must stop now. Wednesday is also National Coming Out Day.

The Blackout:
Two years ago, Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming was abducted, tied to a fence, and beaten unconscious by two men after they discovered he was gay. Five days later, on October 12, he died. Matthew's untimely death stirred a huge reaction in the United States and prompted hate-crimes legislation to be introduced in Congress and in many states. Join Allies and others in memorializing Matthew by wearing black and remaining silent. Cards explaining the silence are to be handed out instead, and will be available at the vigil the night before.
New freshman class officers

The freshman class officers were recently elected, so who are they? Read on to meet the four newest officers at Western Maryland College.

Jen Flannery is the newly elected president of the freshman class of 2004. She is from Rockville, Maryland. Her goal this year is to unify the class and to have fun doing it. She wants people to meet each other and become friendlier around campus. Jen plays field hockey here at WMC and she is also in ROTC.

Stephanie Gulbin is a representative of the freshman class. She is from Queen Anne's county in Maryland. Stephanie, like Jen, wants to unite the freshman class. She is also an advocate of service on campus. She hopes to be able to make some worthy changes here in the school community. Stephanie also plays field hockey at WMC.

Mark Iwanowski is another representative for the freshman class this year. He is from Fallston, Maryland. He plans on working against the plus/minus system with the consensus of the SGA. He is also trying to get involved with the possible admission cap of 1600 students. Mark is looking forward to all the great opportunity that Western Maryland College has to offer him!

Tierra Jolly is also a representative of the class of 2004. Tierra is from Prince George’s county in Maryland. An interesting thing about Tierra is that she was on the wrestling team at her high school. She wants the freshman class to “get out and get involved.” Currently, she is working on the specifics for how she will make that happen.

Rat’s Web here once again

ANNE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Movies are everywhere now.
One of the best ways to see movie trailers or even the movies themselves is online. Some independent films are getting huge exposure online that they might not have otherwise gotten (Blair Witch anyone?). Even big Hollywood movies are stepping up to the plate and offering exclusive interviews, pictures and video you cannot see anywhere else. It’s also easy to buy or find out information about older movies online.

Internet Movie Database
http://www.imdb.com
A huge comprehensive list of everything you could wish to know about movies. It also includes reviews written by people who visit the site and have seen the movie in question. The Database also includes information on television shows and foreign films. Want to know how comprehensive this database is? Professor Jonathan Slade’s indie film Forest for the Trees is in it with a cast list and even a review.

Ebay
http://www.ebay.com
The world’s biggest garage sale is also a great place to find obscure movies. Be patient and check frequently to find just about anything you can imagine.

Movie Online
http://www.movies-online.com.sg

What would you like to see as the next Olympic sport?
Compiled by Brad Widner

“Gator wrestling...because it’s always more fun when someone loses a limb.”
-Aramus Caraballo '02

“I think in-line skating either vertical or freestyle because it’s one of the fastest growing sports in the world.”
-Ian Van Tassell ’01

“Football because it’s a dirty sport.”
-Lori Gann ’04

“Men’s softball...why should girls have all the fun?”
-Mark Gable ’03
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**SHAKESPEARE COMEDY**

Today's truly great Shakespearean actors all have one thing in common - they are able to deliver Elizabethan English in a manner that is so lively and full of sound and spirit that it does not sound antiquated to the modern audience. The National Players are blessed with several such actors, and WMC was fortunate enough to have them for this production The Comedy of Errors right here, in Alumni Hall on September 16, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

What the boys' story by their father, portrayed in this production by Rich and J. Pryce, whose control over Shakespeare's language allowed him to surpass the limits of the language's older form and present his tale in a lively and entertaining manner.

The Duchess was aptly portrayed by Elizabeth Darby, while her executioner was played by Scott Graham, whose grasp of slapstick is quite strong.

The brothers Antipholus were played by Christopher Niebling and Michael Rizzo. While both gave fine performances, though they fell short of truly surpassing the language barrier while maintaining necessary emotion, while the Dromios were both expertly portrayed by Kate Michelson and Michael Rizzo. While both of these were quite good, Michelson stole the show as she embodied the character with ease.

The strong performances combined with a simple yet perfectly functional set and quite competently lighting for a traveling show used was very well done. Both the wife and her sister were very well-performed by Valentine Fenton and Maggie Glauber, respectively. The former particularly shined during a scene in which she attempted to seduce the wrong husband.

Shakespeare would hope so.

Homecoming 2000: a preview of the fun about to hit WMC

Rich Tillman and Kickoff will be at 4:00 p.m. in none other than Bairadium. This year's event will be played against Dickinson. The Choir will be singing the National Anthem before the game begins. Around 1:30 p.m. look to the sky for the advertising plane that will fly by with advertisements for the all-campus party.

Don't forget - car-horn honking is definitely welcome when honking Green Terror scores. Also, students are encouraged to speak with the Alumni. They won't bite you and you never know whom you may meet.

Half time should prove to be better than ever as well. According to Randy Ryter, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, the sound system at Bair will be upgraded and will be equivalent to the stadium sound or even concert hall sound. The addition of large speakers will be what will do the trick, making the events of half time much easier to hear for everyone. The Choir will close halftime ceremonies with their rendition of the Alma Mater.

At 4:00 p.m., the all-campus party will begin in the Forum. All are invited, and this means everyone from students to faculty, and yes, the Alumni too! Beer will be available for those who are legal. A very minimal amount may be charged per beer just to help out with cost. Some food will also be available.

The Dog will be DJ-ing the party until about 7:45 when everyone will be invited to assemble on the Ravens' practice field for the display of fireworks. Yes, that's right, there is going to be a fireworks show this year. Be sure not to miss it! If the fireworks get rained out, they will be postponed to another event or until weather permits.

After the fireworks, the party will resume in the Forum with a live band, Hank. The game room will be open for people to wander into for some friendly games. The party will last until around midnight so make sure you stop by for more fun. Also, as Ryter said, rain or shine more students who show up at this party, the more likely WMC can do great things. And another thing - your spirited self to Main!

**Bookstore**, grab some friends, and be ready for a Continental Breakfast near the Cabrera! There will be a large tent with seating for about 100 guests. The gates will remain open for tailgaiters and the cost of parking on the field is $5.00 per vehicle. Admission to the game is free for all attendees.

Next, show your school spirit and pride by painting yourself, your car, or your roommate Green Terror. The campus bookstore will be selling body paint as well as various other school items such as the new Homecoming t-shirts. So go shopping and wear the green and gold with pride, WMC.

Bring your spirited self to Main Street or Bair Stadium to see the pep parade. Awards will be given to the best floats (Kinetic Sculpture Award) as well as the best spirit leaders (Body Art Spirit Award). Interim President Michael D. Carey will be appearing in the parade, along with antique cars and the Alumni Hall Carriage.

The Ceremonial Coin Toss (with honorary guests: the Tillmans, parents of 2000 graduate, and their most and graded WMC with pride by painting yourself, your car, or your roommate Green Terror. The campus bookstore will be selling body paint as well as various other school items such as the new Homecoming t-shirts. So go shopping and wear the green and gold with pride, WMC.

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- Anonymous AIDS Testing
- Art Exhibit: Abstract Paintings by Fred Harrison (Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall)
- Volleyball Tournament, TBA
- Men's Soccer vs Johns Hopkins, 12:00 noon
- Kick-off for the Green Terror football game, 1:00 p.m.
- All-Campus Party in the Forum, 4:00 p.m.
- Fireworks display, 8:00 p.m.

For more information, check out the Homecoming page on WMC's website at www.wmc.edu/alumni/homecoming2k.shtm.

**Anonymous AIDS Testing**

Fall Semester 2000

11:30 - 1:30

**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY**

Location - Smith House 3rd floor

call 410-876-4752 or 410-876-4771

Carroll County Health Department

Ask for Mary Jo or Bernice to make an appointment other, bigger parties and events. Approximately 14 student organizations have volunteered for booths and/or fund-raisers for during the game.

New this year is promotion of African-American Alumni. Eric Byrd came up with the idea, and according to Byrd, Byrd's plan is an outreach to diversify and promote racial awareness. There will be historical photos as well as a BSU fund-raiser.

Additionally, the 1960 Alumni Baseball team will be coming back for a reunion and will be playing a game at 10 a.m. on Saturday. From the Body Art Spirit contest to the parade, to the fireworks, Homecoming weekend will be loaded with things to do and have fun with. Don't forget to show more school spirit and support other WMC sports teams and events as well, during Homecoming Weekend.

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**Homecoming Schedule**

Friday October 13

Pep Rally and Bonfire, 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday October 14

Alumni Golf Tournament, 7:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast at the Cabrero, 9:00 a.m.
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The Outdoors Club: growing in numbers daily

BJ Shmir
Assistant Commentary Editor

Now, what a difference a day can make! Especially if you are a member of the Outdoors Club. They had 45 members one day, 94 the next, and the number keeps rising each day.

Founders of the club are juniors Claire Adams and Robyn Hill. Both are thrilled with the amount of interest the club received at the activities fair on Sept. 19. They had about 50 students sign up, that is 30 more than last year’s activities fair, and they have been receiving calls from interested students ever since, says Adams.

Mitch Alexander, director of college activities believes the response has a lot to do with the way the club was marketed. He says, they did a “phenomenal job marketing themselves.” He hasn’t seen that kind of response for a couple of years. “Having an outing under their belt gave them a concrete experience rather than just hopes,” says Alexander.

Not only are they extremely excited, but Hill says, “the people signing up were excited.” Both freshman and upperclassmen is the season to rise above the fall! So go ask that sexy person you’ve been eyeing about a night of passion. Take them to the party! Make it invitation only and make them all wear plaid togas!! Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Hey baby bulls, you may feel a little neglected and unloved this month. Relax and give ashow, everyone loves Gershwin! And give them sexy looks. Noth- much to do and so little time! Make sure they produce.

Well, Adams was a scout most of her life. In fact, in high school she was in a group called High Adventure Explorer Scouts. In a similar manner, Hill says, “I just really love the outdoors.” When she came here and found out there was just an inactive backpacking club, she needed to do something about it.

A mutual friend realized that the two of them had a common interest in the outdoors, so they got together and began to talk to some people about the idea.

After talking to a member of the faculty, they were given some negative feedback. Hill says, “we were discouraged, and told there would be no interest.” Despite what they were told, the two of them decided to keep pursuing the idea.

After completing all the necessary paperwork, the club held its first hike with approximately six or seven students in attendance, but don’t be at Gun Powder State Park in early September, says Hill. They wanted to start out by taking smaller trips, she says, just in case there was “a lack of interest.”

A mutual friend of their’s had about ten regular members, most of which were acquired through phone messages, according to Adams.

Then, at the 1999 activities fair they had about 20 new students join, she says. With about 30 active members last year, they were able to have quite a few successful events. For example, they had three different day-hikes, one caving trip, one camping/white water rafting adventure, and an attempted ski trip.

Officer Jason Bhargava recalls the white water rafting trip last spring as his favorite outing of the year. He, too, was a scout growing up and enjoys camping. He describes the Outdoors Club as “everything put together.” Even though they admit that a lot of time is put into planning events, Adams says it is “not a group that requires commitment.” It is nice to have regular members, but she realizes that everyone can’t make it to every event, so it is basically club designed for fun and “getting people outside,” she says.

With over 100 members now, they may actually need to form committees to accommodate everyone’s interests. Some of those interests are: Mountain Biking, Speleunking/ Caving, Canoeing/Rafting, Rock Climbing, Hiking, Skiing, Snowboarding, and Backpacking.

A number of events are already being planned for this year. Specifically, a ropes course day at Hashaway, an Old Rag Mountain backpacking trip in West Virginia, a campus camp-out, and a ski trip to Camelback Mountain are all on the club’s agenda.

Overall, everyone is really ecstatic about the club and its recent expansion. Adams says, “I never imagined we would attract this much attention from students.”

Both Hill and Adams hope that the club continues to thrive this year and for years to come. Adams adds, “you’re never too old to go outside, play and get dirty.”

Horoscopes: Fall is in the air

CATHY PENROD Staff writer

Libra (Sep. 24 - Oct. 23)

Happy Birthday Libras!! The scales will tip on your side this month. Leaves aren’t the only things falling into your tap, be- cause general confusion and mass hysteria, and give ashow, everyone loves Gershwin! And give them sexy looks. Noth- much to do and so little time! Make sure they produce.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your seductive nature may start to feel a chill this month, if the cold weather makes you grouchly. Chill out! Just curl up with someone warm, but don’t forget paws aren’t allowed on campus; your stuffed green gorilla will have to do.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You are going to be less seductive this month. The little robots were an interactive sci- ence experiment table, and I found I could control the robots through a series of switches or by a lever. The ro- bots moved around and turned on a light.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Competing Capricorns, the fall will present you with many challenges; like how will you find £1000 to go to the Gemini’s and still find time to make it to the Homecoming Fireworks.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Lively happy Aquarian water bearers, this is the season to rise above the fall! So much to do and so little time! Make sure you take some time out for you, go party with a Gemini or two or six! oohaaa!

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Getting a little chilly? I wonder when Glar will have another seafood night? Float for you life!! I think the Homecoming Parade

will have some speedy flats!!

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)

This is your week to welcome the Fall Rain into season with plaid and stripes, sure you can wear your flannel pants to Glar. Make a statement! Put some tables together and give a show, everyone loves Gershwin! Better yet, sing out the menu, Opera style!!

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Hey baby bulls, you may feel a little neglected and unloved this month. Relax and give ashow, everyone loves Gershwin! And give them sexy looks. Noth- much to do and so little time! Make sure they produce.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Double trouble for you! Those wild inde- pendent Aquarians are moving in and every- one is hanging on the door trying to get in the party!!! Make it invitation only and make them all wear plaid togs!!

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Don’t be Crabby, your life will pick up! And maybe someone will come and pick you up! Beware of bulls tossing out lines.

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Grrrr OK lions, time to make your move, go ask that sexy person you’ve been eyeing out for a night of passion. Take them to Safeway and give them sexy looks. Noth- much to do and so little time! Make sure they produce.

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sep. 23)

is the air and the magic 8 ball says “yes” Go with it, and don’t hesitate!!

Quirks: gone, not forgotten

ANNE BUTLER Staff writer

I was walking through old Lewis yesterday, and I went to play with my favorite sci- ence experiment table, and I found I could not. Much to my surprise, the cool little robot table was gone.

The little robots were an interactive sci- ence experiment in a glass case that rested on the rocks in the hallway near the Physics Office. You flipped on the power switch and then you could control the robots through a series of switches or by a lever. The ro- bots moved around and turned on a light.

Who could have committed such a dast- dary thing and removed the robots? What caused the faculty to come to such a griev- ous decision? Dammit, there’s no time to mess around people; my robot friends are gone.

Actually, now that I think about it no one really cares about the table except me. Probably no one even noticed it even existed. I barely played with the thing once a month as it was.

Still, I miss it now that it’s gone. Funny how that works, eh? I never noticed the thing when it was here and now that it’s gone I miss it all the time. But you know even that it’s now gone, I’m going to remember the fun times I had with it. That’s the most im- portant thing I think. Remember the good times and nothing is ever gone entirely.
outburst to take a 3-0 advantage that they didn’t relinquish and the Green Terror suffered their second loss in a row by the count of 3-0.

By being shutout of two games in a row for such a great offense team could break a team’s confidence, but the team continued to keep optimism high. “Were doing pretty well, we have lots of team unity,” says freshman Katie Hancock.

After a two game losing streak on the road, WMC was glad to come back to the familiar confines of Gill Field for another non-conference game against Rutgers University-Camden.

The team played well again but just need to stay focused for the rest of the season,” says sophomore goalkeeper Candi Kuligowski.

“The season is going well, we were unfortunate in some games, but we just need to stay focused for the rest of the season.”

-Candi Kuligowski

Maryland College Women's Soccer hit a rough spot after their second conference game against Rutgers-Camden.

Champions!
Clear your calendar, organize your tailgating team, and wear WMC green and gold. Join in for the most incredible tailgate party ever as alumni reunite to kick off this year’s Homecoming game. Get back to where you once belonged and cheer on the history-making Green Terror Football Team, three-time winners of the Centennial Conference Championship.

Homecoming Weekend 2000
Western Maryland College
October 13-14, 2000

Fireworks at 8 PM

Green Terror School Spirit Award

Earn your badge of honor and become a hall of famer. The WMC Alumni Office invites you to demonstrate your school spirit as a true green and gold football fan with a special competition at this year's Official Homecoming Parade. Prizes will be presented to winners in two categories with a grand prize trophy awarded to the fan or group who is judged as most spirited.

Categories:

Body Art Spirit Award
Put your whole self in—go green and gold and win a prize. Cover your body, your classmate’s body, or your former roommate’s body in green and gold and strut your spirit. Show our visiting team just how creative and original WMC alumni fans can be. Winners’ photos will be taken and posted on WMC web site.

Kinetic Sculpture Award
Cover your car, the family SUV, or your neighbor’s old Dodge Dart in green and gold paint, streamers, banners, etc. If you don’t own a car, anything with wheels will do; from bikes and trikes to boats on trailers to riding lawn mowers. You can even strap on your inline skates and paint yourself. Just drive it, push it or pull it and join in the parade for all to see. Individual and group entries are welcome. For inspiration visit this web site: www.carart.com.

All Kinetic Sculpture Entries Earn Free Parking Passes! Email or call the Alumni Office to pre-register.

For more information visit the WMC Homecoming Web site: www.wmcmd.edu/alumni/homecoming/
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As the Major League Baseball regular season comes to a close, it remains to be seen who will be the MVP of the American League.

At the top of the list in the American League is, Nomar Garciaparra, Jose Giambi, Frank Thomas and Carlos Delgado. Giambi has been hindered by such nagging problems as hamstring and quadriceps injuries for much of the season, but still has produced stellar numbers.

He is leading in the AL in batting average with a .372 mark. His nearest competitor in this department is Anaheim's Darin Erstad, who is hitting a .355 clip.

In an age of home run hitting, the 1997 AL Rookie of the Year scores low, with only 21 knocks, however, the other parts of his game make up for this by far. The Red Sox shortstop has hit 51 doubles thus far (2nd in the AL behind Delgado), along with 104 runs and 94 RBI's.

Along with Pedro Martinez, Garciaparra has led a team limited in talent to a 2nd place finish in the AL East.

This is a tribute to the two players. If they had a deeper pitching staff and one more prime position player, we'd be watching the Red Sox's in the playoffs. Instead, we'll be seeing the central division rivals, the Sox led by MVP candidate Frank Thomas. After two subpar seasons, the once perennial MVP candidate has returned to his usual form. In fact, he is having a career year.

He had career highs in home runs with 43 after only hitting a paltry 15 last year. He is also hitting career marks in RBIs with 143 after only knocking in 77 in 1994.

On top of this resurrection, Thomas should be considered as an MVP candidate because he is leading a miraculous White Sox team.

They will be major players in the post season this year after being shut out of October action since 1993. Another amazing team turnaround has been the Oakland Athletics.

The A's have been rebuilding since 1992, and since then have seen such players as Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco leave for greener pastures.

He has reached career highs in home runs, RBIs and batting average with totals of 42, 134, and 330 respectively. Furthermore, Giambi has left behind the problems he is really needed; September. In this crucial month, Giambi is first in the AL in homers with 11 and second in RBIs with 28. Thomas has not had this pressure as the White Sox have been way ahead for some time now.

Another potential candidate is Toronto's Carlos Delgado. While he has been a valuable asset to the Blue Jays, they have a deeper offensive attack, not solely based on him. Delgado has protection in the lineup from the scorching Rod Mon代, who has been injured for most of the season, and 30+ home run hitter Bucky Dent, Jose Cruz Jr., and Brad Fullmer.

If the Blue Jays have a better record, I would have considered him a sure candidate, however, they only have a 83-78 record, leaving them in 3rd place in the AL East and 4th in the Wild Card race.
## Football

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## Schedule

### Football

- **Vs Dickinson**  
  - October 14th, 1 PM

### Field Hockey

- **@ Swarthmore**  
  - October 5th, 4 PM

### Cross Country

- **Dickinson Invitational**  
  - October 7th, 10:30 AM

### Men's Soccer

- **@ Frostburg State**  
  - October 10th, 5 PM

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## Scoreboard

- **Teron Powell**  
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- **French Pope**  
  - Returns: 18, Yards: 155, Avg: 8.6

- **Sarah Fogler**  
  - Tackles: 19, Sacks: 3, INT: 1

- **Tara Morris**  
  - Tackles: 19, Sacks: 1, INT: 1

- **Boo Harris**  
  - At-Comp-Int: 121-56-6, Yds: 710, TD: 9
Terror defeat Ursinus and Muhlenburg; hold a 4-1 record

MICHAEL JENKINS
Assistant Sports Editor

Grab a pencil and a piece of paper.

Now, write out a script for the most exciting, intense, and dramatic regular season football game you can.

What would such a contest include? Well, how about an intense rivalry? Lots of scoring? Why not throw in some personal redemption on a game winning play?

With The Green Terror traveled to Collegeville, Pa to take on the Ursinus Bears two weeks ago.

"We knew we had to be up for this game. The whole D played great. We had lots of pressure on the QB all day."

-Jason Wingeart

The game included all of this and more.

Most Terror fans think of Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins as the Terror's rivals. Although this is true of all-time matchups, the most intense rivalry in the league the past two years has become Ursinus. Last season the Terror defeated the Bears 36-15. The game itself was actually a much closer game then that score would indicate.

Ursinus went on to win the rest of their schedule and advance to the NCAA D-3 playoffs last year. Many experts, as well as players and coaches from Ursinus, predicted that this was the year that the gap between Ursinus and The Terror would close.

Many thought that without their three big play stars, Marvin Deal, Tommy Selecky, and Ron Sermarini that the Terror wouldn't be able to defeat a talented Ursinus team.

The Terror answered the challenge.

So back to our script for a minute. We have the rivalry covered, so how about a comeback? The first play of the game was a kickoff. Ursinus returned the kick for a TD.

Ursinus then added a field goal and another TD to the lead to put the Terror behind 17-0 in the second quarter. With fans, opponents, and the press ready to declare Ursinus the new conference champs, it would have been easy

for The Terror to allow themselves to be defeated. I didn't happen this way. Boo Harris connected with Teron Powell, a captain to captain connection, for an 80 yard score. A few minutes later Harris ran for another score to increase Ursinus's lead to 17-14 in the half.

Now how about lots of scoring? If the first half's excitement wasn't enough, the Terror added three more touchdowns in the second half. Unfortunately Ursinus added two as well. When Ursinus scored a touchdown early in the fourth, the score was tied 32-32. After the score there was

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deep pass attempt and it was the
defense that would come up with the
turnover. Harris connected with Wingeart on a 40 yard TD pass. The Terror answered the challenge.

The Terror defense, or The Green Swarm as they liked to be called, shut down pre season All-America wideout Joshua Carter. When asked how they were able to shut him down, senior linebacker Derrick Gwynn said, "He was their main guy. We just kept hitting; trying to make him scared."

I think he was scared to go across the middle of the end of the game.

Gwyn was also quick to point out the defensive backs in the backfield. "If he didn't make it, then it wouldn't have made a dramatic ending to a story book football game."

This past weekend the Terror defeated the Muhlenburg Mules. What many Terror fans might not realize is, this was a team that was arguably as good as Ursinus.

The passing offense was ranked 8th in the nation going in.

Also, fans might remember the two TDs in the final 4 minutes of the game last year that were required to pull off the victory.

The Terror did do it again this week, defeating the Mules 15-3. Harris again ran for over 100 yards. The story in this contest, however, was the defense.

How did they get to the championship? Harris says that there wasn't any pressure, the more experience I get, the more comfortable I feel," says Harris.

In response to following Sermarini, Harris isn't scared of the challenge. "I'm replacing a great player, but I can't be him." He adds "I have to be my own man." Harris loves to play the game of football.

"I would be lying if I said that there wasn't any pressure, the more experience I get, the more comfortable I feel."

-Boo Harris

Phoenix spotlight on Boo Harris

What do NFL quarterbacks Brian Griese and Jay Fielder have in common with Green Terror starting quarterback Jamie "Boo" Harris?

They all had the unenviable task of following in a star's footsteps.

In the case of Harris, he has supplanted last year's co-Centennial Conference player of the year, quarterback Ron Sermarini, who graduated. This can be a difficult task for many players, but Harris isn't fazed by the pressure of the situation.

The Saratoga, FL product is a mobile athletic player, who is looking to lead the Green Terror to their fourth Centennial Conference football championship in a row.

When asked about the pressure of taking over such a successful team, Harris was honest. "I would be lying if I said that there wasn't ball. "I really like the contact and physical play of the game," says Harris.

His goals for this season are to lead the Green Terror to another Centennial Conference title, and down the road maybe even a national championship.

As opposed to personal goals and his statistics, Harris adds "the team goals always come first."

"He is the team leader and he rises to the occasion," says sophomore linebacker Matt Mauriello.

His favorite moment of his career came in the third game of this season against tough conference foe, Ursinus.

In a back and forth offensive slugfest, Harris went 17-36 and threw for 304 with three touchdowns.

He also ran for 76 more yards to lead the Green Terror to a crucial 35-32 road win. In the game, "we started to believe in ourselves as an offensive unit."

He also adds "We feel now that whenever we get the ball on offense, we can score for the team."

In the future, Harris would like to attend law school and "use the gifts God gave him."

After a 19-7 season opening home loss to Bridgewater State College that snapped the Green Terror's thirty game winning streak, there were some critics who wondered if the team had the talent to take another title again.

After big conference wins in the last few weeks, Harris has shown that he has the talent and leadership to lead the 2000 squad to another Centennial Conference championship.
Board elects Coley as WMC's eighth president

CLAIRE ADAMS
Co-News Editor

After the sudden resignation of President Robert Chambers last spring, Dr. Joan Develin Coley was elected by the Transition Committee on Oct. 20, 2000 to serve as WMC's eighth president in 134 years.

Coley, who came to WMC in 1994, previously acted as Provost and Interim President during the transition period. This marks the first time in WMC's history that a faculty member has been elected president.

Coley said, "I was thrilled, honored, and a bit humbled."

As president, Coley explained that she plans to make more linkages with corporations that might fund the college, and she also hopes to strengthen the relationship between the campus and the surrounding communities.

"I believe that the college is part of the larger community," she said.

Hate crimes continue; students hold rally to celebrate diversity

MATT McGOWAN
Sports Writer

Despite an outpouring of grief on campus in reaction to a number of hate crimes against homosexuals, another hate crime was reported in Rouzer - an etching of a tall swastika into a second floor door.

The incident, according to Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster, was recorded on October 24 in an all-college assembly in Baker Memorial Chapel.

James Molthorn, Chair of the Board of Trustees, explained that Coley was viewed as "a person who has a vision for the college. She had all of the experience and the credentials that we wanted in a president. The vote was one of great confidence."

The Transition Committee included members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, the chair of the Alumni Association, and a student representative.

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JASON FAULKNER
Assistant News Editor

When a letter from senior commuter student Abigail Engel was written to the All College Council suggesting that the commuter parking lot needed change, the difficult issue of parking was once again brought to light.

Two years ago there were only about 200 commuters, according to Engel.

Since then, Engel says that number has doubled to 400. However, they "haven't done anything to help extra commuter students," she says.

Engel feels that the college needs to "allow easier access for those individuals who have to come and go on a regular basis.

Dr. Philip Sayre, the vice president and dean of Student Affairs, said that while the permit are being discussed, the letter will later be addressed.

Sayre admits that "parking is a difficult issue always. People always feel there aren't enough spaces."

However, though people complain about parking, it is more about lack of convenience than about enough parking.

Sayre says that Campus Safety often finds parking spots, as low as 15 to 30 at one period, mostly by the water tower and Harrison House.

Campus Safety Director Mike Webster agrees that the lack of convenience is the main concern among students. "We don't have a big lack of parking," says Webster. Students just "don't want to park near the water tower or near Harrison," he adds.

According to Webster, there is no reason to complain about parking because there are about 1,070 spaces on campus and 1,100 parking spaces.

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Commuters call for changes to parking

LAURA BETH KELLEY
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Homecoming evening proved to be more than fireworks and parades when a burglary, an intense fight, and a possible armed assailant were reported.

All three instances occurred between late Saturday, October 14 evening and into the early hours of Sunday morning.

The burglary occurred at 1:20 am Sunday morning to one of the Pennsylvania Avenue houses. The burglar entered through the front door without any sign of forcible entry according to Mike Webster, the director of Campus Safety.

A laptop computer, portable Discman, VCR, and roughly 50 CDs were stolen along with a laundry bag to carry the merchandise.

One occupant of the house was home, but in a room that was not entered by the burglar.

The merchandise was stolen from the common area of the house and one upstairs bedroom, which were empty.

There are no current suspects in the case, but Webster believes it was probably a student.

"I find it hard to believe someone came from the outside dressed in black," said Webster. "It had to be someone who knew the whereabouts of students."

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Academic awards of athletes and nonathletes investigated

Claire Adams
Co-Editor

Allegations made last spring, that WMC athletes give preferential treatment to non-athletes, spawned much controversy and investigation from the offices of Administration and Finance and Admissions. While claims touched on a number of preferential treatment issues, from academics to housing, the subject of academic scholarships was focused on specifically and investigated over the past five months.

Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance compared academic awards among male and female athletes, and athletes and non-athletes and found six significant differences.

Dan Dutcher, chief of staff for NCAA Division III colleges, said, “Division III does not permit the consideration of athletics in the formulation of financial aid packages. Further, aid awarded to student-athletes as a group must be roughly comparable to aid awarded to student non-athletes as a group.”

“NCAA rules specify that generally, a school must treat student-athletes similarly to the way it treats other students,” Dutcher said.

Seidel believed that the perception of preferential treatment for athletes at division III schools is not new. “It’s a perception that has existed for a long time nationwide,” he said.

Seidel attributes some of the perception about unequal treatment with giving scholarships to common misunderstandings, he says, students have about awards.

Academic awards, he explained, are completely separate from financial aid, or need-based awards. And, WMC does not offer non-need based awards such as athletic or leadership scholarships, he said).

Seidel explained that academic scholarships are awarded according to a point system based on a student’s S.A.T. scores and their high school grade point average. “For a given number of points earned, there is an established maximum award,” he wrote. (The maximum might be exceeded in instances where the student has taken a significant number of honors or advanced courses during their high school career."

Upon researching academic awards given to the entering class of 1998, Seidel found that there were no significant differences between athletes and non-athletes, and female and male athletes.

The student allegations of such inequalities caused much response from the schools athletic department and administration. Dr. Richard Carpenter, Jr., a professor of exercise science and the former director of Athletics, explained, “I bothered me that someone thought there were inequalities among student athletes. I’ve always been such a fanatic about athletics having its place in a liberal arts institution.”

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Carpenter explained that the department has always run a clean athletics program and feels that the perception that athletes receive preferential treatment may be due to athletics often being in the spotlight. "If you bring 400 student athletes in to an inventory of 1600, everyone sees them," he said. "The student athlete is highly visible." Carpenter also said that he feels other divisions and conferences followed NCAA rules and regulations. "I’m convinced to the core of my soul that division III schools are doing it right," he said.

A survey measuring student perception of preferential treatment was sent to roughly 160 students via email and phone. Students were asked “Do you believe male and female athletes receive equal treatment at WMC?” Only 34 students answered the survey, despite multiple attempts to get a higher response rate.

Sixteen students felt that athletes and non-athletes receive equal treatment at WMC, while sixteen did not. A majority of students believe male and female athletes receive equal treatment at WMC.

While at WMC, Lancaster’s service to the community was not limited to the campus. During his term here he worked as a regional manager for the Maryland Food Committee and served on the board of trustees for the Western Maryland Interfaith Housing Development, said Don Schumaker, the associate director of Media Relations.

Lancaster enjoys his job with Ministry of Money, and as executive director leads his staff in working with North Americans to examine the relationship between faith and money in their lives. His ultimate goal is to help people see the differences in what they want and what they need, so that the poor of the world might be provided for.

“We invite them to travel with us to the poorest countries in the world in order that their hearts might be broken open seeing how most of the world lives day after day,” said Lancaster. "The hope is that relationships will be built with the poor around the world and true sharing will take place across the boundaries of rich and poor.”

Although the religious communities at WMC St. continue to flourish under Lancaster, it won’t be the same, comments Sayre.

“Mark is a great guy,” he said. “We’re going to miss him.”
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that there are more freshmen with cars on campus this year than last, Webster says that its been "about the same every year," with about 40 freshmen permits issued yearly.
The main reason for the lack of convenient parking on campus, according to Sayre, is because over the years WMC has strove to become a more pedestrian campus. We don't want cars in the center of campus," he says.
Only 22 years ago, parking was still concentrated in the center of campus with a road going through Red Square and Decker plus parking in Red Square.
In three steps, Sayre says, cars were removed from the center of campus and parking spaces were added to the perimeter of campus.
These steps included making the roads through campus into side-walks, turning the Red Square parking lot into a walking/community area in 1992, and adding parking near the tennis courts and track two years ago.
As for future parking changes, Sayre says that before adding parking, more important issues must be looked at such as the expansion of Winslow in possibly two years.
Webster adds that a grassy space near Winslow is being looked at to add more parking spaces.
However, the maximum number of spaces that could be added on the entire campus, Webster says, is 30 or 40 maybe, because "vacant places are down." Basically, says Webster, "parking is like hospital food. Nobody is ever happy with it."
Long range plan considers needs and wants of students

Matthew McGowan Staff Writer

New and improved dorms might be right around the corner in WMC’s future, as the number of students on campus steadily increases and administrators consider the college’s Long Range Plan.

According to President Joan Coley, Western Maryland College has had a working Long Range Plan for almost thirty years now. The Long Range Plan (LRP) is continually reviewed and reviewed by three LRP committees – one trustee committee, one faculty committee, and one student-faculty-committee that includes students.

This committee meets every five years to overhaul the plan for the future, and note which goals are being met and which are not. A recurring goal in recent years has been that of “modest expansion of the student body,” explained Dr. Ethan Seidel, the vice president of Administration and Finance.

“Among small liberal arts colleges, we’re small. And there is a point at which you’re of wish list for the college, a tally of things just hang out. And an extra dorm would allow us to improve older ones like Rouzer by the older dorms.”

“So we’ve looked towards increasing the range in which we fluctuate by just a bit. Before we can make much more progress than we have here, though, we need to add to our residence facilities,” he said.

On the issue of dormitory improvements, Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs, has particularly strong convictions: “If we can dream it, we can do it,” Coley added that the Plan was once a type projects, and when Kane first began working here, he brought this idea up with Sayre.

Tastes like chicken...maybe!

Michael Wiles Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, a rumor has spread in Glar that the chicken was not the same at all, but was bleached pork and beef.

The belief spawned from a student’s misinterpretation of a note written by Alan Dold, CEO of dining services. Dold’s note was in reaction to a complaint voiced through the dining hall’s “Napkin Comment Program.”

Upon investigation, this rumor was found to have been based on sarcasm gone awry, and the chicken sandwiches were found to indeed be made of chicken.

The story began with one’s students forming a line in the dining hall, to order sandwiches. Upon the bad raiting chicken sandwich she had just eaten, senior Erin Owen decided to complain.

The chicken is really nasty,” wrote Owen. “It is processed and tastes processed, like they threw the entire chicken in a blender, all the parts spit out one and squired it into the “food.” Processed, nasty chicken. Even McDonalds has actual chicken breasts.”

Upon receiving the note, Dold responded, “You’re right—the chicken is actually not made of chicken meat in the first place. It is then processed and bleached.”

Moral: Beware the whole chicken.

Update

* The Department of Campus Safety report that it is still unable to produce a Campus Safety Blotter due to computer problems. The blotter, which has not appeared in the Phonix at all this semester, outlines law violations that occur on campus.

Kane leaves Residence Life

Sayre said that, “He’s balanced in his approach and is very fair. He’s especially excellent on following through with requests.”

In addition to his work with Residence Life, Kane is also the advisor of SERVE (Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences) at WMC.

Loyola College had this type of alternative spring break where members of its group spent their time off from classes doing service projects, and when Kane first began working here, he brought this idea up with Sayre.

Kane concludes that WMC has “provided me with some excellent work experience,” and feels Rhode Island College “is a perfect match.”

Sayre approached the Budget Committee recently with the request of filling Kane’s position.

The committee has approved it and the job position, with a few minor changes to the job description. Sayre also said that the advertisements for the position posted quickly with the hopes of hiring someone by beginning of the spring semester.

In the mean time, Sayre will take on the responsibilities of directing Residence Life.
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SGA begins process of passing Student Bill of Rights

MEGAN K. MARTIN
Student Government Reporter

After three years, the Student Government Assembly unanimously endorsed the 11 points it eventually hopes to turn into a Student Bill of Rights. The members of SGA spent more than half of their three-hour meeting on Thursday, October 19 discussing and honing each of the eleven points.

"This was" a great step for the student government...and to make student life better," SGA president Steven Sharkey noted.

Jeremiah Kelly, senior class president and chair of the SGA's campus life committee, has actively pursued this issue since his freshman year.

"The time sacrificed by 20 members of the student body will save every student now and every student in the future the trouble of having rights infringed upon and of having no established right to base a grievance," he said.

The 11 points endorsed by the SGA are part of a letter addressed to Philip Syre, dean of Student Affairs. On behalf of the student body, the letter seeks to open negotiations among SGA, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Campus Safety in order to develop a Student Bill of Rights, Kelly said. Although the points have been drafted over the last three years, they were never ratified.

Kelly and members of the campus life committee - Michael Jenkinson, Erin Collins, and Stephanie Guibin - put the issues into final form.

"Jeremiah and his committee have a new focus this year; they have identified several areas which they would like to address in the already existing statement about student rights in the Student Guide and Datebook," Syre commented.

The first point, the preamble, states that the Student Bill of Rights is to be a "contract between students, faculty, and administration."

The second issue seeks to protect students' right to freedom of religious practice while on campus.

While the Student Guide and Datebook puts forth a grievance procedure for discrimination and sexual harassment, the SGA wants a system to address administrative policies.

Next, the SGA seeks to add an "academic rights" section to the Student Guide and Datebook. This section would contain students' rights to expect course requirements to be given on the first day of class.

The academic rights section would include a section guaranteeing that each year's Guidance Bulletin would remain unchanged for that class during its tenure at WMC. Also, a section would cover the right to an academically honest environment.

Points seven and eight concern the SGA, as the governing body of the students. They are asking to be informed on all new policies and policy changes. Also, they are seeking to increase the SGA's policy-making power beyond social and conduct issues for students. The SGA also wishes to have a statement affirming students' right to run for SGA office and be appointed to college committees.

The ninth issue seeks a 24 hour written notice of room entries by college officials, such as Campus Safety officers or Residence Life staff. Such notices would include reason for entry and would require written confirmation by the student.

In the tenth point, the SGA seeks to guarantee explanations of verbal and written notification of policy violations to students. This would include a copy of any citation signed, but not admitting guilt, by the student and college official, like a speeding ticket.

The final point asks that all parties, including the student body, ratify any forthcoming document and any changes made to such a document.

All 11 points are considered goals the SGA has for its negotiations. Details and organization of any document will be worked out at a later date.

"The endeavor undertaken at Thursday night's meeting was a much needed step in creating a Student Bill of Rights," Kelly commented.

Sharkey agreed adding, "We [the SGA] hope to be a force in shaping policy, as we should be, because that's the whole purpose of the college - to educate students - us."

"We make WMC what it is, and if our rights are not clarified and documented, then we have no foundation," elaborated Stephanie Knight, SGA treasurer.

Kelly continued, "The SGA has also decided...not to wait until the administration says we need student support."

The SGA is calling for student referendum on the subject. Students can bring their concerns, questions, or comments about the goals of the SGA concerning a Student Bill of Rights to the SGA's Open Forum on Thursday November 9 at 7:30 pm in Ensor Lounge.

The week after the Open Forum, November 12 through 16, the SGA will be asking for student support through a poll administered outside of Glat.

Syre feels that the SGA's current approach will draw interest from the student body. "There is still a great deal of work to be done," he said.

"So, we really did have a national search," he explained.

Ina Zeppe, professor emeritus of Religious Studies, said, "Her greatest strengths are commitment to the liberal arts, her facility to exercise appropriate authority and her comfort in delegating authority, and her skill at relating to all sorts of people with integrity and sincerity...Anyone who meets Joan is impressed with her humanity, balance, and reason."

Student reaction to the Board's decision was also quite positive.

Junior Brook Joseph, the student representative to the Board of Trustees for the class of 2002, explained that she found out about the news at the trustee's annual retreat to Oct. 22.

"I was extremely surprised," she said. "It was a very proud moment for the college and a proud moment for myself, as a student and as a female. Having a woman president is an outstanding statement for our school."

Joseph feels that the college will grow stronger under the direction of Coley.

"I think she'll do a great job and a great service to our college. I think she'll distinguish our college even more," she said.

Senior Amanda Cline, who served in the Transition Committee as a student representative, explained, "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that she is the best person for this job. She has a tremendous capacity to hear all perspectives on an issue and to be discerning in her response. She's not afraid to take risks. She's driven by this sense of service to the school and to the community."

While discussing the bonds to the outside community, Coley also hopes to strengthen those within.

"I would like to have regular luncheons with students to sort out the student pulse," she said.

While Coley has a strong vision for the college, she also expects to meet some challenges.

She explained that she is concerned about finances for the college and would like to improve the student profile. "To me a vision is not something that is established by an individual, but by a community," she said of her future goals.

Coley said that she hopes that the college will become even better than we are and that we will be acknowledged as the finest college of its type.

Coley, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., came to WMC in 1973 as the director of the Graduate Reading Program, was promoted to Dean of Graduate Affairs and Chair of the Department of Education, became Provost in 1994 under the direction of former president Robert Chambers, and acted as Interim President during the transition period.

She has been widely published in national journals and has authored, co-authored, and edited several books.

She explained that she will continue to be involved with teaching in the Graduate Reading Program.

The formal inauguration will take place on April 21, 2001 in conjunction with the spring Board of Trustees meeting.

Mehrotn said that the President's House will be renovated and painted, and plans for Coley to move in during late winter/early spring. Currently, however, Coley resides two blocks away from the campus.
America’s game takes back seat to debate

Edward K. Schultheis

lose a share of their television audiences or that people will miss out on the debate that could sway their decisions? Heck no.

If anything maybe they would draw in the predominantly male audience who keeps flipping through all the channels for the sixth time still trying to look for the baseball game.

And really people wouldn’t miss out on the debate because they could probably close their eyes and randomly push two numbers on the remote and still end up with a station that is showing the debate.

The only reason that I was watching CNN was because they have the little bar at the bottom of the screen that shows sports scores. After listening to Al Gore drone on about his tax plan, it finally popped up showing the score with the game scoreless.

So in other words, I listened to all the “yadda, yadda, yadda” just to find out the simple score of a ballgame that should have been over by now.

Even while listening to the Bob Faw speech in McDaniell Lounge, and hearing him talk about his disapproval of NBC for airing a baseball game over the seceded debate, I still feel that some one should suck it up and give America a choice.

While he might feel bad that NBC broke down and showed a game instead of the second debate, I feel even worse that I missed the last game of the ALCs because everyone was showing the debate.

Maybe I am being difficult, and maybe I am being a bit ungrateful, but baseball is America’s game and there is nothing more American than sitting down in front of the television and watching two teams slug it out, unless of course you can actually get tickets to the ballgame.

In addition, baseball is important to me too. I only turn on Sports Center during the baseball season, and I keep track of who is playing, winning, and being demoted.

It is just not fair to me, and all the other baseball junkies of the world. In fact if you are going to do the debates, why not have them on Monday night and see how many people complain when Monday Night Football is cancelled on TV to show Al and George arguing. Maybe they should try that, then see how people react.

I’m not saying that we shouldn’t have the debates, I like watching them...normally to see how much BS they can spit out, but they also help people decide who to vote for.

All I am saying is that we should be given a choice between other events that we like to watch on the television and the debates. It should not just be a steady blanket of debates all on the tube.

Rather it should be some stations showing that while others continue with their regularly scheduled programs. However, why do I think that they will not be doing that anytime soon?

That’s right, because I obviously don’t care about the future of the country and I’m all against politics. Maybe a little variety will not hurt our democracy and our freedom too much.

If anyone does care, the game was shown after the debates, when it was rebroadcast. However, everyone already knew the score.

So if anyone didn’t catch the game that night because of the unfair baseball blackout, the Yankees won.

Learning how to save money the hard way

I have finally reached what people like to refer to as “the halfway point” of my first college semester.

I have reached this point without any major problems in any of my classes or in any other area of college life.

I got through all of the midterms in my classes and I actually did pretty well on them.

I was so glad that I had done well because this meant I did not have to avoid the phone calls.

That is, the phone calls that would start rolling in on Friday from my parents, asking me how I did on all of my exams, or at least how I thought I did on them.

So, when the phone rang on that Friday night, it was no surprise to me who was on the other end of the line.

I talked to my mom for a little while, and then I talked to my dad. However, while talking to my dad, he informed me that he needed to try and curb my spending, meaning that my bank statement had arrived.

Ouch—it was not the big number that I had when coming into my first week of school.

All of my money that I had worked so hard for, had mysteriously vanished. First, I claimed to my dad that there must do to. Therefore I had to find something to do, so I decided to look online. Suddenly online shopping became very appealing to me. I had never ordered anything off of the internet until I came upon it.

At first, it was just a cute pair of shorts, but then it turned into a cute pair of pants with a cute matching top.

I even started ordering things off of the computer for my dog. That is when you know you need help. I was actually looking at flavored nylon bones for my 20-pound dog at home.

Then I tried blaming it on all my boyfriends because he has his car up here. It is not my fault that he keeps taking me places, right? I cannot be held responsible for that.

In the beginning, we just went out occasionally in order to get away from the cafeteria food.

However, the frequency of our outings began to increase.

Last weekend he took me to the outlets in Hershey, Pa. In less than three hours. I can always count on her to order double the amount of what I order. At least I know one person that will be broke before me.

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I suppose from now on it will have to be Clear Glass every night, and no new clothes.

Then again, with winter coming up I do really have enough sweaters and long sleeve shirts in order to keep myself warm.

Maybe I should go out and get one more, just to be safe. No really, just one, I promise.
The invisible minority of WMC

WMC is taking its time waking up to a crisis. After 11 incidents of anti-gay hate crimes and graffiti in Rouzer, our college is slowly starting to question the status of the gay and lesbian community on campus.

However, the crimes began happening weeks ago, so why has it taken so long for the campus to respond?

For a long time, the GLTBQ (gay, lesbian, transgender/transsexual, bi-sexual, questioning) community has been the invisible minority at both small campuses like WMC and at large national conferences.

People of nontraditional sex:

What made the college so slow to denounce hate crime and show support to the gay and lesbian community when they needed it? A wish that the problem would resolve itself and fade back into obscurity? Fear about bringing issues of sex out in the open? Alliances come from all ethnic backgrounds, and until someone is "out," there is really no way of knowing if she is part of the GLTBQ minority.

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Honor code policy evolves

Alisa Albrecht discusses her disappointment with how the honor code has changed.

During the process of applying to college, one aspect of WMC that caught my eye was the Honor Code policy. As the typical carefully-planned high school student, I found the idea of being trusted like an adult very exciting.

That's what the Honor Code was when I started college: a policy of trust. Trust in students to do the right thing and not pass others' work as their own.

To mark one's tests and papers with the simple words “Honor Code” followed by a signature seemed sufficient proof that students were aware of the trust placed in them, and that teachers accepted work signed this way as proof that they in turn trusted students to know their responsibilities.

Of course, whenever a policy of trust is implemented, a few individuals choose to violate it, but the Honor Code was no exception. Unfortunately, endeavors to eliminate violations completely resulted in the Honor Code changing from something used to treat students as adults into something used to treat students as children.

First, the Honor Code was amended to include an informant clause. With the addition of this clause, the now-familiar “nor have I knowingly tolerated others doing so” even those students who were not themselves guilty of cheating could be held in violation of the Honor Code. With the addition of this clause, the Honor Code moved away from being an issue of personal responsibility and moved toward being an issue of policing one's fellows.

Apparently enlisting every student as a potential informant was not sufficient to stamp out all violations, because the Honor Code was then converted from a policy into a campaign. The assumption prompting the campaign was that if students continue to violate the Honor Code, it must be because they are not aware they are doing so.

Now, perhaps everyone knows that they cheat but is not sufficiently familiar with the idea of being able to report others doing so, I guarantee that everyone does know they are not supposed to plagiarize papers or cheat on tests, and that they will be punished if they are caught doing so. I hope that no one here believes a student can come to college honestly thinking that cheating is allowed. I assume that no one here believes such a thing, yet the Honor Code has been converted from a trust policy into anti-cheating propaganda.

It has been proposed that every classroom have a framed copy of the Honor Code displayed for students' benefit. Already implemented is a more rigid policy as far as signing the Honor Code on tests: instead of using the simple words “Honor Code” are no longer enough. The entire code must be written out every time, word for word, in order for the test or paper, or sometimes even homework assignments, to be accepted.

I consider these measures unnecessary, but my biggest concern is the shift in attitude regarding the Honor Code. It seems to me that people are more concerned about students remembering the Honor Code word for word than they are with maintaining the principles on which it was formed. The Honor Code is no longer about trusting students to behave as responsible adults. Rather, it is now more of a threat or a punishment, akin to writing on the chalkboard one hundred times, “I will not cheat.”

In case I seem to exaggerate, allow me to relate the incident which prompted me to write this. On the last day of a recent gym class, I finished my test (no cheating involved) and quickly dashed off a slightly abbreviated version of the Honor Code at the bottom: “I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid, nor tolerated others doing so.”

My teacher refused to accept my test on the grounds that I had not signed the Honor Code. He told me to add “on this exam” after “unauthorized aid.” I did so. He again refused to accept it until I amended “nor” into “nor have I.” I did so, then told to add “knowingly” after “nor have I” and was finally permitted to turn in my test.

This incident angered me, but also found it discouraging. What is more important, writing the Honor Code “correctly” or being in a responsible and trustworthy manner, the trust policy I was so excited about as a freshman had turned into another excuse for nit-picking.

Honor Code or no Honor Code, cheating is never tolerated by academic institutions. The WMC community should either decide to place trust in students to behave responsibly or conclude that the Honor Code is ineffective and should not be retained. Whatever the outcome, I hope the current trend will not continue: the trend of turning something positive into a negative.

WMC's student web server

Dennis Lacey announces that there are new opportunities for students to have their own web pages

Western Maryland College students and organizations now have the opportunity to share their own web pages with the world over the Internet.

A new web server, stuweb.wmdc.edu, has been set up and is ready to host student web pages.

The new server is being maintained by FACT, or Faculty Assistance for Computer Technology.

This group is responsible for maintaining the server, creating user accounts, and helping students learn how to create their own web pages.

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Students can access the new server through the World Wide Web at http://stuweb.wmdc.edu. Questions and comments regarding the server should be sent to admin@stuweb.wmdc.edu.

Fridays: why professors should go easy on their students

Cyndi Nicoll expresses her disappointment without having classes and tests on Fridays.

For many WMC students, a typical Thursday night lacks the diligent work effort that can be found during the school week.

When I came to college, I realized that the weekend begins on Thursday and that very few people can be found in the library or in their dorm rooms.

Thursday is basically designated as a weekend night when nothing is expected to happen. However, the server, creating user accounts, and helping students learn how to create their own web pages.

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By my third Thursday, I found myself running out to parties and friends’ rooms at 10 o’clock only to get home at 3 o’clock, if I came home at all. Then I would get up at 7 o’clock to barely make it to my 8 o’clock on time.

At first, I thought that Thursday night partying was the greatest thing I could imagine doing at college, until my lack of sleep started to catch up to me.

All of a sudden I began to realize how tough I look early in the morning after too much fun and too little sleep. Then I realized that professors don’t understand, the need students feel to go out the day before their big tests and quizzes.

When I quiz grades started to drop from B’s to D’s, I just got sad; I didn’t get busy working. Going out until all hours of the night is a tradition and an exclusive right to college students everywhere. Therefore something needs to be done about this peaky problem with classes on Fridays, since it’s obvious few will abandon their Thursday routine.

I propose that professors take it easy on their students on Fridays, because we have all had a rough week, as well as a rough Thursday nights of fun have been a tradition.

I know the administration is not going to try to make Friday classes easier on us so we can party. I’m just trying to give them something to think about.

So party on students, but remember that professors don’t care how much fun you have. They want you to do the work and pass their class.
Byrd's trio to spread jazz worldwide

JOHN FAULKNER Assistant News Editor

When Eric Byrd graduated from WMC seven years ago with a major in music he had no plans, and still doesn't, to audition his talent for musical shows or gigs.

Byrd doesn't believe in them because he likes to "concentrate on music being as an art and [one] can't really evaluate one piece of art as being better."

But when Byrd heard about the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the United States Department of State selecting seven jazz trios to represent American music overseas as 2000-2001 Kennedy Center Department of State Jazz Ambassadors, Byrd decided to audition with his trio.

They found out a few weeks ago that they were one of the lucky seven selected out of the initial 74 trios.

Bassist Bhagwan Khalsa and drummer Alphonso Young, Jr. complete the trio with Byrd on the Jazz Ambassadorship.

"The center is not certain where the jazz trios will be sent, but Latin America is the most likely place. Plans are subject to change due to foreign politics."

Before the trio leaves on September 7, 2001, they will headline the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center.

According to Byrd, they will be "playing jazz in a variety of places and contexts."

Byrd made the decision to audition because they "were looking for a variety of musicians," not just one, he says.

Additionally, "the finalists were not picked on their musicianship alone; they were also picked on their ability to articulate the art form."

At the audition, Byrd says, "we had to play and speak in only 15 minutes." He says, "I almost like going to the Olympics representing the country. I'm going to meet foreign dignitaries, play at foreign embassies, all while carrying the jazz banner so many greats have held for so long."

"It's very humbling and an extreme honor. I'm still very numb by it, to be honest," he added.

For six weeks in the decided country, Byrd's trio will be playing to an assorted group of people because they normally don't get jazz there, according to Byrd.

They will be explaining it to people who might not have any experience at all."

Thus, the trio also "have to understand its basics."

Dr. Margaret Boudeaux, chair and associate professor of the music department, thinks Byrd's future tour is fabulous.

Boudeaux is proud that Byrd "built it all up on his own," and that the ensuing tour will "bring back [expertise] to his career."

In the past, other WMC music professors have journeyed to music programs in other countries, such as when Boudeaux went to the UK.

When Eric Byrd graduated from WMC in 1993, says that he is most proud of the fact that he did not have to go to a fancy music academy or special school to get there.

Without music professors Mike Connell and Bo Eckard who taught him at WMC, Byrd remarks, "I don't think my playing would be very close to what it is now."

Boudeaux adds that the programs have promoted "outreach and interaction."

"Any time a faculty member does something like this it comes back to us and that's exciting," she said.

And surely Byrd's will manage to do the same.

Siouxsie wands around the campus no longer

MELISSA BLACKWELL and CARA JACOBSON Staff Writers

Do you miss that good old campus cat wandering in and out of your classes? Have you been wondering what happened to Siouxsie?

Well, Siouxsie is now living on lots of acres of land possessed by Dr. Jakoby, from the philosophy department, and her husband. The land is also home to the Jakoby's plurality of animals.

The Jakoby's have seven cats, including Siouxsie, four dogs, two horses, and twenty fish!

After Dr. Chambers left Westmoreland College, Siouxsie was put in a small room by herself and was extremely lonely and needed more care. She ended up in the very good hands of Dr. Jakoby.

Siouxsie now runs the Jakoby household, behaving like a queen because she is so used to wandering about the campus, doing whatever she wants. Siouxsie already claimed two rooms of the house in the first week of living with the Jakobys.

At first, Siouxsie wasn't very sociable with all of the animals because she was so used to getting her own way by herself. Now, however, she is better at getting along with the other cats and animals.

Luckily, Siouxsie recognized and made friends with a stray kitten that was visiting from Maryland's campus given to the Jakobys by Dana Jacobson.

But the little princess of the house still doesn't like to be petted for longer than three minutes. Ironically, even with the many acres Siouxsie has to frolic on, she prefers to stay indoors.

Good luck Siouxsie, WMC will always remember Siouxsie, the beloved campus cat, as someone who moved away to live with Dr. Jakoby, her husband and the many other animals that live with them.
Multi-campus concert postponed to 2001

FEATURES

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Staff Writers

Remember all that excitement there was over the big three-campus concert, sponsored by CAPBoard and the SGA, which was to come in the fall of this year? Well, fret no more because it is still happening!

WMC, along with the colleges of Mt. Saint Mary's and Gettysburg, are planning on having the big band extravaganza in the fall of 2001. Some of the hottest bands will be appearing for all of the WMC community to enjoy along with students from the other two schools.

The postponement of the concert is due to the fact that the bands the students ranked the highest in preference were either not touring or were booked for the times the schools wanted them for.

The Top 5 bands picked by the combined student population of the three colleges were, in order: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Barenaked Ladies, Creed, Counting Crows, and Sisqo. Over 300 students filled out surveys leading to these selected bands, which was a great response.

More information about this concert will be available after CAPBoard co-advisor Betsy Chi mock has her upcoming meeting in November 2000 with the two other colleges. Discussion among those meeting will include information about the prices, dates, transportation, and everything else that needs to be decided.

But wait, that’s not all folks!

With the money that was going to be used for the Spring of 2000 concert, the CAPBoard and SGA have agreed upon holding tickets to be sold for regional shows at REDUCED PRICES. Yes, that’s right - tickets will be at reduced prices, making it much easier on the average poor college student to afford to see their favorite bands performing live.

The shows chosen will be based on the bands selected by you, the student population of WMC, from a survey that will be handed out in order for you to vocalize your wishes.

So, students of Western Maryland, watch for those surveys in your campus mailboxes and remember to fill them out so that the band you want to see the most will be yours to enjoy, both at their own show sites, as well as for your school next fall!
WMC's Eric Barry '00 fidgets with Cecil B. Demented

RJ SHORES
Assistant Commentary Editor

What is new with Cheezy-E? Does everyone remember Eric Barry, also known as "Cheezy-E," WMC's own Hollywood film actor? Barry was cast in the comedy film "Cecil B. Demented," which began filming in Baltimore in October of 1999. Cast along side actors like Melanie Griffith, Stephen Dorff, Ricki Lake, and Alicia Witt, Barry took the fall semester of his senior year off for the filming. He returned to WMC last spring and graduated in the class of 2000. His plans to move to New York were changed. After moving four times over the summer, 21 year old Barry now lives in Santa Ana, California, with his friend Rob from high school. Unfortunately, Barry has had little luck with auditioning in Los Angeles, because his agent is across the country, here in Maryland. Barry originally signed a five-year contract with a reputable agent of Baltimore. However, being replaceable in Baltimore "doesn't mean anything to anyone in LA or New York," says Barry. Since the distance between his agent and himself is so far, would be staying in Maryland have to lead to more success? "Not really," he explains that when directors are casting for their movies, they tend to look for auditions from the most popular cities like New York and LA. Then they get local people to fill in the small one-line and non-speaking parts. "Only about four movies come to Baltimore a year," says Barry. With more than 3 years left on his contract, Barry is now attempting to be released from it at his request. His contract keeps him from giving his address and phone number to people in the business on the West Coast. However, if Barry's request can ever be granted through, he says he may have to hit the courts.

Barry describes how things could have been different if he hadn't "wasted his prime." After some recent advice from John Waters, producer of "Cecil B. Demented," he realizes that when a movie is about to come out is when you want to let the reps know, so they can go see it. Now, months before its release, his first movie experience doesn't have the same effect. When he mentions "Cecil B. Demented" to reps they say that is "old news," he adds.

The movie came out August 11 this year, and it is still playing in a few theaters around the Baltimore area. It came to Owings Mills for about two weeks, recalls Barry. "It didn't get that big, but it was getting my foot in the door," he says. He suggests that in January, when it is scheduled to come out on video, WMC students should all get together and have a movie night. So, if not acting, what has Barry been up too? Not much more than "enjoying the Southern California weather," he says. He had a job offer from a magazine, but it wasn't what he was looking for.

"I would rather have movies for enjoyment, but financially TV shows are much better," says Barry. He compares roughly $2000 a week in a movie to $11,000 a week in a television series. But much like his current contract when you are in a serious show you sign on for a longer term.

Barry doesn't want to get involved in too much, because he doesn't know when an audition will come along. He just recently started sending out some of his CD press-kits to local radio stations. "I hate performing, but if money gets tight I might have to," he adds referring to his rap music. "It takes a lot for me to get motivated," says Barry.

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Horrible (?) Halloween Horoscopes

LISA STANLEY Staff Writer

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Steal the party this Halloween! Go all out with the Ghouls and you will have the time of your life. Stick with black this season. Your lucky numbers are 6, 19, and 31.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
Rake in the candy - you are never too old to trick-or-treat. And besides, you can always pretend. Be sweet in yellow. Your lucky numbers are 10, 24, and 36.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
Try something new this fall, hit the sewers and stay away from the tired witch get up and have a blast doing it. Try pumpkin orange for Halloween fun. Your lucky numbers are 2, 14, and 27.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
All right, you beautiful people keep your eyes peeled (yes, like grapes) for a great time, it will appear somewhere you wouldn't expect. Be hot in red, and your lucky numbers are 6, 21, and 24.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Smile more, but watch your fangs - they may scare people away. Oh, and keep clear of the garlic too. Keep out of the sunlight and wear dark clothes to blend in. Your lucky numbers are 12, 20, and 33.

Aries (Mar 20 - Apr 20)
Go CRRRAZZY! Be on the prowl this Halloween and stick close to that Goblin, you know only evil will come of it. Be monstrous in the West or the witch of the East; either one will have an awesome time this year. Keep with the colors of your inner witch/wizard. Your lucky numbers are 7, 26, and 30.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Keep the fun flowing. Spread around, hitting all the hot spots and you will live lavishly this Halloween. A plush purple will serve you well, and your lucky numbers are 5, 15, and 24.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)
Have an abandoned Halloween dream? This year make it different, dress-up as something you've always wanted to and live it up. Any color that your heart desires will ensure a great time; your lucky numbers are 9, 23, and 34.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
You are ready to get rowdy, so let your buds know they are in for a boatload of Halloween fun with you. Get loud with a florescent orange. Your lucky numbers are 3, 11, and 32.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 23)
Tone it down a little this Halloween by having fun but stay away from anything too off the wall - you can expect to have a lot more fun that way. Keep it clean with shades of gray. Your lucky numbers this

60 SECONDS

What is the best Halloween costume you have ever seen or worn?

Compiled by Jenifer Sirkis

"Every year since 7th grade I've dressed up as an old lady for Halloween." -Arle Hawkins '03

"Judge Smalls from Caddy Shack." -Sean Pond '01

"Friends were JFK and JKF Junior." -Claire Richardson '01

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We are the champions in spirit, fun, parades, and football

"The floats were absolutely astounding," said Amanda Cline, 2000 Homecoming Queen.

“We were just groovin’ in style!” said Brooke Vizzi, Poms Captain.

2000 Homecoming Court -
King: Kelly Norris ‘01
Queen: Amanda Cline ‘01
‘02: Terrae Whiting & Steve Zamagias
‘03: Tiffany Patro & Ben Neely
‘04: Becky Allen & Chris Patterson

Winners of the Parade Float contest:
1st Place: Black Student Union
2nd Place: Class of 2001
3rd place: Phi Mu

The Green Terror Spirit Award was given to Shawn Carroll ’03. The Kinetic Sculpture Award was given to the family of Matt Jackson. Rich Tillman ’00 won the Body Art Award and Phi Sigma Sigma was awarded the James Brant Memorial Cup Award. The Alumnus of the Year was M. Lee Rice of the class of 1948 and Brandy K. Mulhern received the Young Alumna Award.

Photo Captions
1. Green Terror football players return to the field after halftime at the Homecoming game against Dickinson, Saturday October 14.
2. The winners of the float contest, the Black Student Union show pride in their heritage.
3. Shawn Carroll ’03 accepts his Green Terror Spirit Award.
4. Homecoming King and Queen Kelly Norris (right) and Amanda Cline proceed through the tunnel of poms during the halftime show to accept their titles.
5. Poms Dance Team captain Brooke Vizzi

Compiled by Shauna Dominguez, Features Editor
Women's Soccer team breaks school record with 13 wins

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a very successful season for the Western Maryland College women's soccer team as they have set many records and established a 13-4 (5-3) record.

Along the way, the team has seen freshman sensation Carah Medill set conference records for points, assists (tie), and goals in one season, and as exemplified by the team's recent five game winning streak, the 2000 squad has gone where no other team has gone before, with a school record thirteen wins.

When asked if she has been surprised by her success this season, she said, “I was kind of worried during tryouts with so many great players vying for playing time, I didn’t expect any of the success that I’ve had this year.”

Her favorite moment this season was when she took a perfect corner pass from freshman Christine and scored a header goal. “I always wanted to have header goals!” Medill adds.

Medill likes the team atmosphere of soccer. “It's a team sport, if you don't play as a team, you aren't going to be successful” says Medill.

When asked about what it means to have the conference records for points, goals, and tied for assists in every season, Medill responds “it puts a lot of pressure on me for the future.”

She adds “people can’t say I’m a ball hog because I have the assists record too so I get other people involved in the game.”

“Adding a lot to the team, she is a very modest person,” says fellow freshman soccer player Nikki Lepton.

She is only in her first semester at the college, but in the future Medill would possibly want to join a woman’s soccer league or become an elementary school teacher for the deaf.

Medill is only a freshman and she has definitely set the bar too high for the rest of her career at Western Maryland College and plans on working hard to maintain the standard she has set.

While Medill will surely be a marked player in the recruiting report, the rest of the team is loaded with very talented and young players who will make the other record books very interesting on the Green Terror star.

With a talented group around her and an incredibly successful team, Carah Medill is on her way to becoming one of the best ever to wear the Green Terror green and white.
**Sports**

**Bonds lead list of strong candidates for the NL MVP**

CRAIG P. JOHNSON  
Staff Writer.

The WMC Men’s Soccer team has had more ups and downs this season than the Irish hillside as they struggle to keep their record above .500. In the past six games, they have broken even with a 3-3, bringing their overall mark on the year to 7-6-1, and 2-3 in the Centennial Conference.

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The game was a tale of two halves with the Terror dominating the second half of play.

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The Terror goes on to become the official team of the season after a lackluster 1st half without Bonds.

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### Schedule

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@ Widener
October 28th, 1 PM
Vs Swarthmore
November 4th, 1 PM

#### Volleyball

@ Elizabethtown Tournament
October 27-28th

#### Men's Soccer

Vs Ursinus
October 28th, 2 PM
Vs Washington
November 4th, 1 PM

#### Women's Soccer

Vs Gettysburg
October 28th, 11 AM
Terror football run over F&M 55-6 and Dickinson 27-0

The Green Terror Football team has proven this year that they are a balanced team. Unlike basketball, where one player can score 50 points or more in a single game, the Terror offense has shown that they can score points consistently against top-notch defensive opponents.

The Terror defense held strong once again. The Diplomats offensive line was unable to accumulate 174 yards passing, and the Terror defense proved this. The team received dominant performances from the defense, the special teams, and the offense in the 55-6 rout.

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The week before the F&M destruction was another dominant win for the Terror. This one was a 17-0 homecoming demolition of the Red Devils of Dickinson.

One interesting note is that Dickinson completed 6 passes in the game, and threw 3 interceptions. For every two balls completed, the Terror defense stopped them. They did this in part by consistently shutting down the opposing offense. This was due to the solid, play of the defense.

The Terr's offense was led by the immensely talented James Jegede, who has proven this year that he has the ability to stay in the pocket, find open receivers, and deliver the football. Harris is quick to pass credit, however. "I don't think it was a credit to my ability, but a credit to the ability of my offensive line." Most athletes would love to bask in the glory of a defining moment. But Harris shows once again, in this simple quote, how the Terror are a strong, balanced, championship team.
New technology: hassle or help?

CLAIRE ADAMS
News Editor

While WMC has made a push to improve technology on campus with the Ethernet, other helpful improvements and upgrades have been more of a hassle than a help to faculty, staff, and administration.

The introduction of database Release 16, a school-wide program that is used for recording and filing, began nearly two years ago, according to Christine Mathews, director of Information Services.

But, Mathews said, despite the program complete install in June, many problems are becoming burdens to the offices of WMC.

Release 16 is used in offices including Admissions, Registrar’s, Financial Aid, the Department of Campus Safety, and Residence Life, and holds detailed information on both current and prospective students, as well as the college’s budget and finances.

Mathews said:

“It’s a huge, huge program that basically minds the college,” she said.

Mathews explained that Release 16 was an upgrade to the data system the college had been using.

Marijuana possession leads to fourth arrest

MATT MCCORDAN
Ass. Features Editor

In the early hours of Sunday, October 29, Westminster City police vehicles pulled up and parked outside the Department of Campus Safety.

A short time later, six persons, not all of them WMC students, were led out to the cars from the Ropez dorm room in which they had been caught with marijuana.

At least two of the students arrested on charges of marijuana possession and use are presently in their first semester at the college, the Phoenix has learned. One of these, approached for comment, declined an interview.

While the matter was handled by Westminster Police, the Honor and Conduct Board is also an expected stop for those implicated.

The arrest, which one observer described as a “chain gang,” referring to the fact six students were handcuffed together, was the fourth of its type to occur in Ropez this year, though certainly the largest so far.

Sources speaking on the condition of anonymity added that one of the students arrested had also been arrested in one of the earlier bars for the same charge.

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Right now WMC’s endowment fund is suffering. Less than 25% of the students pay the total amount of tuition,” said Rytter. Many students receive grants and scholarships from the school in addition to Pell Grants issued by the government, he noted.

SGA’s open forum breeds discussion of Bill of Rights

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Although support from past graduates is important to the well-being of WMC, it has been very low over the past few years. WMC has roughly 15,000 alumni worldwide. Last year, roughly 5,000 alumni made donations to the Annual Fund, which means that only 28% of alumni contributed.

While donations are the biggest support the college needs, they are not the only support that can be administered to the college.

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The council’s purpose is to try to boost the funding to WMC by educating and getting undergraduates involved with these issues at an early stage in their college career.

Benton says, “My biggest interest is educating students about the issue.”

She adds, “I myself did not know how important donations and support from alumni are to keep the school running successfully.”

Benton hopes students will be more involved and take interest in the community projects and activities that will be planned. These projects are being planned in hopes to bridge the gap between alumni, students, and WMC.

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Some other important issues discussed were renovations of dorms, faculty advising students, and availability and reliability of campus computers.

“Everything the students brought up might be something individual SGA members haven’t seen before.”

New registrar named: Dolid leaves for new job

STACY L. GOODGE
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Weapons, night land navigation, and ambush missions have been regular weekend activities for some WMC students recently.

Specifically, students in the Westmoreland County (ROTC) have participated in the Ranger Challenge at Fort AP Hill, Virginia and the Fall Situational Tactical Exercises (STX’S) at Mount Saint Mary’s College.

Weekly meetings were held in the Mall of America on Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. and “hold” the sign and view a presentation scheduled to be finished by spring. Datatel did not pre-time-consuming work.

Further up Rt. 140, going toward Baltimore, passersby will notice a construction site at the intersection of Rt. 140 and Center Street and Leidy Road is a catastrophe waiting to happen, so anyone interested should contact the Center Street and Leidy Road adjacent to the store.

Clothes are being moved around the marketplace and an employee left a bag of merchandise with a tag that had not been removed.

The Department of Campus Safety has received several reports which include:

- A car was stolen from the College’s parking lot.
- A package was delivered to the wrong address.
- A window was broken at a residence hall.
- A backpack was stolen from a student’s car.

Campus Safety Blotter

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WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SAFETY

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Administration and Finance, attributes many of the problems to more complicated data entry. “It is my impression is that they tried to create a system that could do more things, but not a system that you could use,” he said. The $78,000 a year program, Mathews said, was not a simple upgrade. Instead, the program was completely rewritten.

“IT was like building a brand new student program,” she said.

Even though Datatel forced the school to upgrade, Mathews said, “we have the cause for many of the current problems.”

“Datatel did not provide information for the needs of the switch or a timeline. Datatel did not prepare us fully for this change,” she said.

The major changes to the program caused much need for employee training.

But, employee training was done so long ago, Mathews feels that much of the information has been forgotten.

While, many offices are handling problems associated with the new program, the beginning to see its positive effects.

Patricia Williams, director of Financial Aid, explained, “When it first came up we had glitches like everything else.”

Now however, Williams said they are able to handle student accounts and transfers faster than ever before.

She accredits the new system for the increased speed and less time-consuming work.

Mathews explained that typically it takes one year after a program is started, to get problems straightened out.
Letter to the editor about TTY services

Edward K. Schulteis

As I sit here in my recliner typing this article, I have trouble with the idea of why things happen. My interpreter turned me on sign language: "Class is canceled today." I realized that she laughed as a sign of not understanding me.

Frustrated, I searched for one of my suitmates to help me with the phone call. Finally, I got the message from my interpreter that she was at Decker Center. I told my suitmate to tell my interpreter that I would meet her immediately there.

As soon as I found my interpreter, I uttered in sign language: "Class is canceled today!" We laughed at how simple, but important, the message was. Soon, I realized that she could have easily used TTY (telegraphic typewriter) that was placed at the Info Desk, and I shared my concern afterward. She informed me that the TTY was for "office use." I was, to put mildly, in private shock.

Later, I informed the lady at the desk that there was an important and emergency call. She plainly informed me that she was only following office policy.

In response, I informed her that I had used the TTY in the office before and had never been told this "policy" before. I also wanted to know where this policy came from and if it was ever put in writing.

With this recent experience, I am deeply concerned and upset about why it happened. If the TTY is to be used for office only, then why does the 2000-2001 Student Guide and Datebook provide the college's TTY on-campus locations under the heading "Telephone and Copying Services" on Page 36?

My interpreter was denied service to the Info Desk TTY. Here is a quote from Page 36 of this document:

"The Western Maryland College Telecommunications Department (WMC) offers an advanced system designed to expand voice and data communications on and off campus."

After further analysis, I find the "only for office use" purpose granted to the Info Desk TTY as highly ridiculous and unjust. It contradicts with the above quote because the Info Desk is listed as one of the TTY locations on-campus.

I would like to make another point about the Info Desk. I tried contacting the Info Desk repeatedly from 12:35 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. by TTY.

No one attempted to switch from the voice mode to TTY mode. As a result, whoever answered ended up hanging up. This proved that not everyone who works at the Info Desk is familiar with what TTY signals mean.

What if a Deaf community member needed to contact the Info Desk for emergency concerns and never got feedback?

I believe that all who works at the Info Desk would need to do is learn what "GA," "SK," and "Q" mean, through a training session for about 5 to 10 minutes, in order to comprehend TTY conversations. By the way, TTY-to-TTY conversations are much quicker than TTY-to-MD-Relayed-Service-Operator conversations.

I thank you very much for this valuable time. Please help me clarify the supposed purposes of the Info Desk TTY, as it should be more accessible for school-related and emergency calls.

Sincerely,
Penelope Miller
Matthew E. Hurff

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I think that it is ridiculous that the Multicultural Student Alliance is doing a fund-raiser entitled, "Support your Cultural/Ethnic Group." In this fund-raiser students are encouraged to place money in a jar with the name of their favorite cultural/ethnic group on the front. I do not know what they are trying to achieve with this fund-raiser, but I don't see anything positive coming from this. With all the progress this country and college has made in the past 35 years to making a less divided society, I am offended that they are taking all these new and more publicized cultural classes. Let's do something that actually helps and makes a difference. I just went to the WMC web site and I didn't see one mention of the Multicultural Task Force. I hear about all these activities and then I hear people saying, "Oh, that's a (insert minority group here) thing." And they don't go. They don't go because they think it's not for them. They think it's not for them because in our country we learn about black history one month out of the year. There may be a lot of failures in your life, but what doesn't kill you will only make you stronger. But if you work hard, play hard as one team, no one needs a break and that includes you.

Sometimes you can work as hard as you want and still not be successful; nonetheless, you still need to work hard. Do your best and forget the rest. And like a game after much practice you will finally win. And like a game of Monopoly. It is not limited to this game, it can be whatever game you see fit. The game of Life, Chess, Nevertheless, is it a game to be played. And like a game after much practice you will finally understand it. College students are already in a stress. Life will never be a "walk in the park" however, with timely contemplation and reflection of past mistakes and situations, the future in possession of life will have a better approach.

I am also dumbfounded as to why one of the groups founded in the past few years on our campus to promote diversity is using a fund-raiser that can only promote factionalism.

I also thought the purpose of creating a diversity task force, founding minority based clubs, and hiring a director for multicultural awareness was to create a greater sense of community. I think the activities and posters raising awareness about people of varying heritage on this campus are great ideas. Let's face it, this college is predominantly white, and just because of its location will probably stay that way for a long time.

A student's perspective on life and its meaning?

Nykol Tyson sheds some light on the purpose life and how the present is all we really have.

Have you ever taken the time to ponder life and its meaning? Are you too busy meeting deadlines, studying for tomorrow's test or planning that adviser meeting? Les Brown said it best "You don't own the future, you don't own the past. Today is all you have.

Life is... Life is full of life, don't you think? I truly believe life happens and you must go with the flow. You must! Or else you will be derailed emotionally, mentally and maybe even physically. Life is not an easy road, but one who feels it knows that even when you encounter bumps in the road, it is still worth the distance to be traveled.

When you resist the bumps in life's road feelings of confusion, depression, and stress occur. And I know that many if not all of you have experienced these feelings.

An example of this would be a relationship gone bad, a test you studied for all night, yet still failed, or an internship you were certain to get but which didn't go as planned. It is the bump in life that occurs in times of unexpected turn and interaction is an opportunity for growth and better understanding of yourself. Right now, take a deep breath and just relax.

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Jessica Fisher expresses her qualms when it comes to dealing with WMC's lone ATM.

Once every in a while I feel like giving myself a break from the Glar food here at college or doing a little shopping on the weekends. There may be a lot of failures in your life, but what doesn't kill you will only make you stronger. But if you work hard, play hard as one team, no one needs a break and that includes you.

It's letting me know that it's all right, but putting basic assumptions of our society that are great ideas. Let's face it, this college is predominantly white, and just because of its location will probably stay that way for a long time.

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Many believe that cultural awareness is crucial to a successful campus life experience at WMC, but views vary on the problems that arise from a perceived lack of awareness on WMC's campus.

Cultural awareness, as defined by Debra Lemke, chair of the Sociology Department, "is knowing that we all have differences in belief and values, and accepting those differences."

The lack of awareness on campus adversely affects many minority students' transition to the atmosphere of the campus.

Tonya Condell, a junior English major, comments, "they may feel stressed, depressed and end up having resentment towards the majority of students who have a healthy social life, and are doing well in classes."

One African American student relates her freshman experience. "In my freshman year, my roommate and I would sit in our room and obsess on the fact that we did not like the school and did not feel comfortable. We were so depressed that our grades and health were lacking," commented Camille Cooke. She was a 2000 graduate sociology major and previous president of the Multicultural Student Association.

When a student feels lonely, "out of place," and depressed, they are less likely to get involved in programs and activities. This hinders a student's ability to have a true college experience - a great disadvantage in their college career.

"The opportunity of working in college organizations, making connections and developing oneself fully are missed because of lack of participation," Cooke comments. Condell expressed her feelings on the lack of diversity and understanding on campus. "WMC is a predominantly white school. When you do not have people that understand where you come from and can relate to, you will feel out of place," she said.

In addition to the concern over students not adapting to campus life, there are other equally important matters.

Lemke said the biggest problem she has observed regarding cultural diversity on campus is the lack of exposure students have to different cultural issues.

People who are not exposed to different cultures are often insensitive when dealing with people from other cultures. "Many people are suspicious if you are of a different background or culture," says Lemke.

This poses a problem for a person's positive interaction with others.

When students graduate they will have to interact and deal with people from various backgrounds and if they have no previous experience, this can be a difficult and shocking ordeal.

Lemke commented, "when you look at the demographics of how culturally mixed the U.S. will be in the year 2000 and beyond, the quality of life will depend on how effectively we interact with other ethnic backgrounds."

Additionally, "the more diversity there is, the richer everyone's education," says Dr. Rebecca Carpenter, an English professor.

Carpenter believes that too many students carry around misconceptions of various ethnic backgrounds without doing real research to prove their views right or wrong.

"Assumptions and stereotypes need to be challenged in the classroom," she says.

Though some may believe that the campus is making progress, Mithona Dan, junior sociology major, does not believe that there is much of a difference at all.

Asked if students are culturally aware and in tune with various backgrounds, Carpenter said, "I involved."

However, she believes that it is important for students, faculty and administration to be involved in cultural issues and in the recruitment of more races to the school.

Carpenter adds, "One of the worst things is for anyone to be satisfied and sit back on the achievements of WMC. It is one thing to be proud of what you have, but it is another to be complacent. And complacency is one thing I do not support." But there are different views on the cultural atmosphere of WMC.

Shelise Holloway is a recent graduate of class 2000 and was a sociology major here. She insisted, "WMC is not that much aware. How can it be when it does not promote other cultures in its curriculum that deal with cultural awareness?" Holloway is not alone in her belief.

Cooke agrees with Holloway, "I think there is a limit in the amount of students that are culturally aware."

She feels as though cultural awareness is not given much importance in the curriculum, and if it is, "it is not a real one." In a determined tone she says, "I plan to be a contributor to this change in thinking."

Cooke is not just giving lip service. In fact, as a junior and senior at WMC, she lobbied for curriculum changes to get the Heritage Sequence reevaluated.

"I think the majority of the classes in the Heritage Sequence are focused on white, European, male Christians," she says. She is also urging the administration to continue to hire more minority faculty.

Additionally, Henry Reiff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, observes that not being able to recruit enough minority faculty is another problem linked to the lack of diversity in the curriculum.

Because of the competition in salary and the location of WMC, according to Reiff, "it is a real challenge for WMC to be attractive to minority faculty."

The efforts of the school are starting to bear fruits. Recently, WMC hired two of the first African American women professors to the campus for the 2000-2001 school year. But is that enough? "There are about five to seven minority professors on campus," says Cooke.

She has also observed that the most racially diverse working population on campus is the cleaning and kitchen staff, "and that is not a healthy view of minorities for the campus."

Furthermore, Lemke assures that the sociology department is changing the Global Perspective requirement.

The Sociology department recently hired one of the first two African American women to fill the position for African-American studies, which will also be offered as a minor.

Cooke says, "Cultural diversity starts with everyone and a good start with the hiring of other ethnic backgrounds."

Junior Business/Economics major, Shaiah Gaddy, believes diversity is important to the campus, which should reflect the real world.

She asserts "you need a diverse campus to represent a diverse society."

Gaddy believes that the campus is getting there, "but it's not there yet," because "there are many people ignorant about other cultures as well as their own."

Grace Almandrez, director of Multicultural Services, believes that there is a limit to what academics can do for a person. "But the option to take cultural classes and the potential to make WMC's campus a more diverse community is there," Almandrez says.

Most agree that cultural awareness is a crucial factor to a successful campus life. It allows everyone at WMC to obtain a better understanding of the cultures and people our society is comprised of.

Despite the fact that Western Maryland is not as culturally aware as some would like, "It is the little steps we make that matters," concludes a optimistic Cooke.

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By R.J. SHERB and JOAN FAULKNER

As story and stars

Cast and crew of The Crucible take a minute to pose for the camera after the show one night.

Dear Kitty: get the advice of a WMC psychology major

Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer? Well, there may not be a quick answer, but there is Kitty. Kitty will read your problems and maybe give you a few options you hadn’t thought of yet. So go ahead, ask for help, Ask Kitty.

If you have a question, a problem, or just a situation you would like an opinion on, write a letter and send it to Kitty. Send it through campus mail to box 797.

Dear Kitty: will be a new column in The Phoenix. The author is a WMC psychology major, and not a licensed professional.

Kitty just presents a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

What are you thankful for?

Compiled by: Brad Widner

Marcus Woods ’03

“For the people who care about me.”

Maria Portuondo ’03

“My family.”

Hussein Samater ’02

“Being alive.”

Tina Patronas ’04 and Nicole Pennella ’04

“Our families, the opportunity to expand our minds, while meeting a few interesting people along the way.”

Room 403G

This episode: Leftovers

Welcome to room 403G. It’s small, cramped, cluttered, and five flights above Rouzer parking lot. We call it home.

November is naturally spooky. It’s true that October is infused with horror movies, kids in drag, and plastic bodies hanging from porches. And that Halloween is enchanted with red falling leaves and people mocking mortality with rubber knives. But November is intrinsically morose. Even if some of that Halloween horror didn’t carry over into the next month, November would be still scary enough on its own. The skies go gray and the leaves suddenly just drop out and fall off. Gnarled, naked branches claw at the wintry clouds. Earth becomes a little uncanny. That’s why I’m not surprised when Karen, one of my roommates, starts talking about a “creepy feeling” she gets when she’s up in the middle of the night to pee.

But then I wake up in the middle of the night for no reason and I swear I hear something in the bathroom next door. When I tell Karen in the morning, she says, “I know, I heard it too.” For her, it’s confirmed: we have a ghost. But I am not sure. So I start talking to people about it. “There’s a ghost living in our bathroom,” I say to Cat, our other roommate. “Don’t say that,” she says. “You’ll freak me out.”

Another friend says, “It’s probably some dead Civil War minister.” “What’s he doing in my shower?” I say. “Making up for lost time!”

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Secretly, I decide that I am going to be some sort of earthly emissary so I can relate its message to others. One day, when no one is around, I go in the bathroom to talk to it, hoping it will acknowledge me if I acknowledge it. But it doesn’t.

Students spending Semester at Sea on S.S. Universe Explorer

Shauna Dominguez  Features Editor

This semester there are two WMC students involved in the Semester at Sea program, sponsored by the Institute for Shipboard Education and the University of Pittsburgh. The two students from WMC are Aleya Horn and Jamie Morris.

So far this semester, the ship has taken students to places across the globe such as Japan, China, Malaysia, Vietnam and India. Before the ship returns to port in New Orleans on December 22, they will visit Turkey, Croatia, Spain, and Cuba. According to Paul Watson, the Director of Enrollment Management, it is not possible to e-mail the students aboard the ship, but calling and faxing is possible. However, the calls can cost more than $10 for a single minute.

The ship that Aleya, Jamie, and the other students sail on is the S.S. Universe Explorer, which is a 23,500 ton ship boasting closed-circuit television, a library, computer lab, theater, student union, and two dining halls. There is also a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and a fitness center. Cabins are either double or triple occupancy.

There are over 70 courses for the students to choose from, taught by professors who have generally had resident experience abroad. Also, while in port, there are many activities the students can choose to do, including staying with local families, visits to the universities in the area, historical tours, or students can venture out on their own. All classes require the students to do some sort of field component while at port, which is usually from four to six days in length.

Semester at Sea goes on two voyages per year, one being Spring semester and the second being in the Fall. Typical places the ship visits during the Spring include Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Malaysia, China, and Japan. In the fall, the typical places are similar, but includes Croatia, Egypt, Turkey, and Morocco instead of the Spring’s Brazil, South Africa, and Kenya.

Now, in addition to the two semester programs, Semester at Sea offers a summer program that lasts about two months.

Students who go on the summer voyage will most likely visit places such as Spain, Norway, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, and Egypt. Each year more and more students are utilizing the opportunity to see the world.

If interested, write an e-mail to shipboard@asas.ise.pitt.edu for more information on the Semester at Sea program. This summer trip is different from the program at WMC. According to the university’s web site, “Oxford is different from most other universities in the way we teach.”

Each week students meet with a tutor for one hour or they can work on any essays or research. There are usually only two students in a tutorial. There are no mandatory lectures, making education very self-directed.

Also, a student takes only two courses per session.

Myers described the course format, “Basically, it would be similar to taking an independent study course here, where you have to write a five to ten page essay every week.”

According to the university, “Tutorials show you new possibilities for thinking.”

Due to the trimester system in use at Oxford, Myers will attend two full sessions, for a total of four courses. She will not be returning home until May. Or pick up a phone and call 1-800-854-0195, or visit www.semesteratsea.com.
Terror Cross Country competes in Centennial Conference Championships

MATTHEW E. HUFF
Sport Editor

On Saturday, October 28, 2000, the Centennial Conference Cross Country Championships were held at Western Maryland College.

Joko Agumplong of Swarthmore College came in first in the 3.1 mile women’s race with a time of 18:56.20. This broke the Western Maryland course record set by Jill Krebs.

Krebs was the top finisher for the Terror, completing the course in 3rd place with a time of 18:21.50. Other top finishers for the women's team were Dania Pool (3rd place), Hayne Kailo (5th), Amy Horin (5th), and Jessica Miller (65th place). Overall, this gave the women’s cross country team a sixth place finish with a score of 185.

Krebs adds, “Conferences wasn’t a good race for all of us”, and that “there were some things that shouldn’t have happened.”

Dickinson came in first with a strong of five runners in the top 14, giving them a score of 34. In the wake of this race, Krebs was named to the All-Centennial Conference team. This will be Krebs third consecutive nomination to this team.

The team looks to prepare for the NCAA Mid-East Regionals this week. Krebs says that they will “try to forget about conferences,” and “not stress about regions.”

In men's action, J.B. Haglund of Haverford College came in first on the 3.97-mile course with a time of 26:15.75. This broke the previous record of 26:20.98 set by Jeff Olsheck of Goucher College.

Terror Sports Trivia

Who is the only NBA player to order a pizza from the bench during a game? Answer: Next Edition

To promote a more interactive sports section, each edition we will be asking a sports trivia question. If you would like to submit a question to be used in the next edition, please send a campus mail note to Box 501 or call x 8600.

Terror wrestling: another championship season?

RANDALL JUSTICE
Staff Writer

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That may be the only word to describe the 2000-2001 edition of Green Terror Wrestling. The team returns a number of quality starters from last year’s Centennial Conference Championship effort that also finished ranked 17th in the country.

Preseason polls place this year’s team as high as 12th and early indications are that the Terror will defend their conference title while breaking the top ten nationally by season’s end.

Senior Jeff Lowe makes an even bolder prediction concerning the not-so-distant future of the WMC grapplers, “With everyone on the team that has eligibility next year, we could conceivably be putting together a team that could challenge for an NCAA title.”

The off-season was a tremendous success for the Terror as well. Division I transfers Andy Chesnack (Burgers) and Levi McVey (Washington & Lee) join a lineup that already features four previous conference placewinners in Mike Macey, Eric Bartczak, Bill Bobbitt, and Josh Galenkoski and three defending conference champions in Chris McNally, Rob Johns, and Vinny Pedalino.

Seniors Todd Burby and Josh Kurjan also promise strong contributions on the mat in addition to their invaluable leadership ability.

Volleyball season comes to a close as two players named to all-conference team

MATTHEW E. HUFF
Sport Editor

The Western Maryland College Women’s Volleyball team finished up their 2000 regular season campaign on the road in Elizabethtown, Pa. for the yearly Halloween classic vs. Moravian, Salisbury, Susquehanna, and the host Elizabethtown.

The Terror lost 0-3 and 3 matches to Salisbury and Moravian respectively.

In the match against Moravian, sophomore Kate Wall played a vital role with 16 kills and 11 digs.

On the season, Wall leads the team with 390 kills and 341 digs, along with 22 blocks and 45 aces.

Against Salisbury, senior Brianye Bray supplied the power in a losing cause.

The terror rallied back with a 3-2 victory over Susquehanna and in a resounding 3-0 shutout of the host Elizabethtown Blue Jays, she had 12 digs.

This tournament brought the Terror overall record to a respectable 17-15 mark for the season, while the squad recorded a 6-4 tally in Centennial Conference action.

The Green Terror was also named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference South postseason tournament as a #5 seed.

They will face off against #4 seed Grove City College to move further in playoff action.

The action will take place on November 10 at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg, PA.

The other colleges participating in this tournament are #1 seed Carnegie Mellon University, #2 seed Johns Hopkins University, #3 seed Keyst University and #4 seed University of Scranton.

This past week, several players on the volleyball team have received individual honors.

For the second time in their respective careers, seniors Brianye Bray and Honey Drumgoole have been named to the All-Centennial Conference first team.

Drumgoole was a selection to this team in the 1999 season for an outstanding overall performance, while she made the second team during the 1998 season.

Bray was a nomination to the first team during the 1998 season, and was a member of the second team a year ago.

Drumgoole was outstanding this season, as she participated in 98 games in which she had 360 kills and 259 digs to go along with 35 blocks.

Brianye Bray was also a very powerful force in her senior year.

She participated in 105 games in which she racked up 209 kills, 246 blocks and a team leading 88 blocks.

Vital freshman support came from Alice Osolnik, who participated in 114 games, which is second only to Kate: Wall’s 115 games played.

Osborne added 125 kills, 59 digs and 40 blocks to the 2000 campaign.

Senior Jen Martin has also been invaluable this season, providing 188 digs to the effort.

Galer stands out of the season include Junior, Jessica Rouse and Abby Barnett.

Rouse was particularly solid in providing a team leading 55 aces.

Meanwhile, Barnett had 95 kills and 111 digs over the course of the season.
Men’s Soccer enters ECAC playoffs with a four game win streak

When the WMC Men’s soccer team walked off the field for the last time this season, it was not on the terms that they had wanted.

After putting together a late season surge in which they compiled a 4-0-1 record, the 2000 campaign ended in a 4-1 loss to Penn State-Beihrend in the first round of the ECAC men’s soccer tournament.

This undesirable result cannot, however, overshadow the successful season enjoyed by the Terror. Coach Mindy Mfinolovich named the men’s soccer team to the All Conference Second Team, a group of players who will be a solid base to the Terror. The Terror recorded 10 wins in the last 16 games, held its opposition to only 31 goals, and were strong core of sophomores and a junior and a freshman who were strong offensive threat.

The Terror were led by a balanced squad of seniors that included doubles the number of victories from the previous season. Moreover, six of nine losses were by one goal. The Terror also showed prowess on defense as freshmen implemented a defensive strategy that restricted the other team to one goal. This demonstrates tremendous improvement over last year’s record including doubling the number of victories (from five to 10) and cutting the number of defeats from 11 to nine.

Despite having a man advantage, the Terror still scored three goals in the second half, putting the Terror on track to reaching the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament.

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Field Hockey concludes its season with overtime loss against Washington College

The Western Maryland Field Hockey Team concluded its 2000 Season in a heartwarming fashion versus visiting conference foe to Washington College. The game, dedicated to the four seniors, gave them an opportunity to shine. But the shine wasn’t bright enough as five minutes into the second overtime, Washington capitalized on its second shot of the period to take the game 2-1.

Before the game there were tears from coaches, players, and parents as the four seniors were saluted.

Fifteen minutes into the first half, senior Shauna Oplinger showed them that she had more offense left by tapping the ball into the goal off of a Tracy Kessler pass to put the Terror up one to none. Unfortunately, it was not enough.

With that assist, Kessler matched the school’s record for assists in a season with seven. Senior Heather Arnold showed prowess on defense as she kept the ball out of the Washington attackers, preventing them from getting shots off and preventing them from scoring. The Terror attack outshot Washington 26 to 16 including eight to three in overtime. Unfortunately, it was not enough. Freshman Kristin Barrick had four of the team’s eight shots in the two overtime periods, but none could be fin-

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Men’s Basketball

Wanted: Sports Writers and Photographers.
Women’s Soccer defeats Lebanon Valley in ECAC playoff

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Assistant Sports Editor

With many records and honors, this has been a tremendous season for the Western Maryland College women’s soccer team. The team broke a school record this season with 17 regular season wins and many players received all conference honors.

The team fell short of their first league title, but received a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament (ECAC) and advanced to the championship game.

Trying to end their regular season on a good note, the Green Terror played road games at Widener and Haverford. In a 3-1 win at Widener, freshman Carah Medill scored two first half goals and sophomore Melissa Merson added another goal. At Haverford, Medill added to her conference records in points, assists, and goals with two more goals to give her 30 on the season.

Her two goals also provided the offensive punch in a 2-0 win. Ending their regular season, the Green Terror played a emotional game against conference rival Gettysburg. Behind a packed crowd at Gill Field for Senior Day, the contest would live up to its billing.

In a one-sided series, Gettysburg has won 12 games in a row against the Terror; a streak which has spanned 13 years. The Bullet's started out fast to, getting off their rival and registering a 2-0 lead at intermission.

From there, the Green Terror put the game away when Merson scored her first goal of the game to put the team ahead 3-2. WMC would make history by holding off their rival and registering a 3-2 victory. For the first time since 1987, the Green Terror had defeated Gettysburg.

Boosted by their huge home win, WMC gained a invitation to the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament (ECAC) in Baltimore, MD. Seeded second out of a six team bracket, the team played their first round game against Lebanon Valley College.

The game was very hard fought and points were difficult to come by as the first half ended in a scoreless tie. The second stanza brought more of the same, until Green Terror freshman Christine Mayne scored a goal at the 60:00 minute mark to give the team a 1-0 mark that wouldn’t relinquish. The play of senior goalie Becca Lyter was key as she stopped five shots to preserve the slim 1-0 victory.

With their narrow win, WMC ventured into the championship game against number one seeded and tough rival, Johns Hopkins. Earlier in the year, Johns Hopkins had handed the Green Terror a heartbreaking 2-1 defeat and the team was looking to redeem themselves.

Unfortunately for WMC fans, the day belonged to the Blue Jays. Riding into the contest with a ten-game winning streak, the opposition jumped on WMC early with three goals in the first half to take a 3-0 lead at intermission.

In the second half, the Terror still could not muster any offense, as Johns Hopkins punched in another goal and played tight defense to shutout the Green Terror and leading to the ECAC title for the Blue Jays.

Western Maryland College

Terror on a roll, defeats Hopkins

MICHAEL JENKINSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Green Terror football team recorded three victories in as many weeks, and entered this weekend with a 9-1 mark. These victories carried over rival Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, and Widener. All three victories were fairly one sided, and a testament to how well the Terror have played in the second half of the season.

The most recent of these victories was the 41-7 destruction of Baltimore area foe Johns Hopkins. The Terror defense dominated, and the offense was consistent in putting up their 34 points.

Highlights of this victory include senior placekicker Brent Sandrock nailing his former best for field goal length of 39 twice with kicks of 41 and 42 yards.

On the kicks, Sandrock said that "the last few weeks I have been kicking really well. " He feels that the competition with Chris Patterson for the kicking job has made practice more like a game situation, thus relieving pressure in real game situations.

The most exciting play of the day came from the shortest man on the team, freshman punt returner Frank Pope.

The truly amazing return effort featured "Frenchie" (Pope's nickname) leaping over the Blue Jays punter after he had slipped directly in front of Pope.

Pope has been outstanding in the role of punt returner, as he has returned for 386 yards and 11.4 yards per return.

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After turnovers early in the game, and excellent offensive execution, the Terror opened up a 24 point lead early on the Patriots. Widener was able to post three scores, but the Terror was much more dominant than the 35-21 score would indicate.

Will football playoffs be at home?

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It’s now mid November. And with this time of year comes yet another Terror run in the NCAA D-III Football playoffs. This is the team’s fourth consecutive trip to the playoffs. Only Mount Union and Trinity University have accomplished that feat.

Coaches, fans, staff, and players were all surprised to learn on the afternoon of November 12, that the Terror will be traveling in the first round of the playoffs this year.

On Saturday the team head- down to Pennsylvania to take on the ODAC champs Emory and Henry. Emory and Henry finished their season 8-2, but still host the Terror.

The reason for including 28 teams for any sport that can compete in the NCAA D-III playoffs creating a potential first round upset.

This year they would play Hardin Valley from the South. If the Green Terror is victorious in the opening round, they will host the top 20 nationally ranked team in the second round; with the final two teams playing in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Virginia in December.

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College considers three proposals for building new dorm on campus

Megan K. Martin
Student Government Reporter

Unlike the citizens of Florida, students at WMC had a second chance to give their approval to the Student Government Assembly's student bill of rights on Tuesday and Wednesday.

According to Sarah Mitchell, SGA secretary, the SGA would like to go before the faculty and administration with support for the student bill of rights from at least ten percent of the student body, or 200 students.

"We don't want to open up a dialog with them until we know that this is what the students want," Mitchell said.

Voting on the student bill of rights also took place earlier in November. None of the votes from the first round of voting have been tabulated yet because 200 votes were not collected.

Mitchell said, "We're not going to count [the votes] until we have all the votes we need."

She expressed the SGA's hope that every student would participate in discussing and voting on the document.

Not just any taste test

Clare Adams
News Editor

While students and faculty have been working on finishing up the fall semester, President Joan Develin Coley has been hard at work in her new position and plans to be for quite a long time.

Coley, who was elected on October 20, explained that some aspects of her new job are different from when she was previously Provost. The newest thing has been "an amount of time I spend fundraising," she said. "I envision doing that consistently in my presidency."

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Drug arrests examined

MATT MCCOWAN
Staff Writer

The October 16 issue of the Phoenix reported that on October 29, 2000, three Westminster Police officers removed six persons from the WMC campus for being found with marijuana. A confirmation of the incident with Director of Campus Safety Mike Webster has revealed that seven persons were arrested in the early hours of that Sunday morning, and that four of these were WMC students, one of whom was later cleared of charges within the school's own judicial system.

Since the current semester began on August 28, there have been five drug-related incidents which resulted in arrests or citations, and three which proved to be unconfirmed. Each of the three arrest cases occurred in Rouzer Hall, producing a total of eleven arrests, and both cases which resulted in citations were reported in Blanche Ward Hall, with the third still resulting from the two previous.

The first of these incidents happened on August 29 in Rouzer, the day after classes began. Though drug use is a problem on WMC's campus, says Webster, "I don't believe that, relatively speaking, WMC has a drug problem any worse than that at any other college, and it may well be better."

A national survey conducted in 1992 and released in 1997 by the National Center for Disease Control's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion showed that nationwide, 14 percent of college students had used marijuana at least once during the 30 days preceding the survey, and that about half of students surveyed, including graduate students, had used marijuana at least once in their lifetime.

Philip Sayre, dean of Student Affairs, agreed with Webster that marijuana usage at WMC is not an overwhelming problem, although it is certainly on the administration's collective mind.

"We do what we can to make students aware of the consequences of drug use," he explained. "Throughout Orientation Day, New Student Orientation and other events, we do our best to explain our position."

Webster described this position as one of "nonadherence," and Sayre stated simply that, "we are not here to enforce the laws of the state of Maryland. We enforce our own rules, and that's as far as we can go."

Beyond these, the matter is given to Westminster Police.

"Our policy for dealing with the discovery of drugs on campus is possibly the simplest we have," explained Webster. "Both Residence Life Staff and Campus Safety Officers are trained before they take their positions to recognize the odors produced by various illicit substances."

Coley settles into new presidency

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room occupancy in other dorms and also based on increase social and common areas in other dorms. A small portion of the number estimated would allow for a modest residential population growth. This modest growth would result for two reasons: the College’s Long Range Plan calls for 1600 students, and there are previous residential students who live off campus for a while but then decide to move back on campus, Sayre said.

The second conclusion, he said, was that this idea of more housing is fairly urgent. "The thrust here is to accommodate the number of students we have now," remarked Ethan Seidel, vice president of Administration and Finance. Possible locations for the new facility were discussed by the subcommittee.

In October, the Buildings and Grounds committee recruited three architectural firms to analyze the needs and possibilities for a new dorm. According to Sayre, the consensus is that there are three possible locations.

The first location would be located near the water tower, where a building or series of buildings could form a "mini village" with the nearby PA Avenue houses.

Seidel feels that this location is ideal for the construction of new houses, where there is "enough room in the vicinity of the water tower to build enough houses to facilitate 100 students."

Sayre said the second location is between Blanche Waddell Hall and Whiteford, and the third possible location is the current faculty parking lot between Hoover library and Albert Norman Ward Hall. The Committee is not only discussing location, but also what type of housing they want to build. The "mini village" of houses, and a traditional dorm building are two styles they are addressing.

Seidel said another idea is one that would offer a "more suite-style living as opposed to the traditional dorms."

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When a report of these substances is made by a student or an RA, one of our checks is cut. If the officer confirms that he is smelling dope, in most cases he will then secure the room so that when Westminster Police arrive, no evidence has been tampered with.

The results of a best very dependent on whether drugs or drug paraphernalia are present, and how much of the former if any at all. The discovery of drug paraphernalia results in a citation, or summons, by the City Officer(s) who responds, and any discovery of drugs results in immediate arrest. Both types of incident end before a county judge.

“We don’t handle drugs. All cases go right to the City Police once we’ve confirmed that drugs are in use, or that paraphernalia is present,” added Webster. “If they find either, they typically search the room in which they find it.”

No student has been busted for dealing marijuana, according to Sayre, in any of the years since he came in 1984. “In the seventies, there was a culture which made a point of testing authority. Drugs were recreational, and administrations tended to look the other way, giving students a sense that drugs were separate from the rest of society.”

According to Sayre, some colleges foster that sense of freedom. WMC, he went on to say, does not. If students have problems concerning marijuana or other drug use, Sayre went on to say, “often the best way to deal with it is to confront the person with the problem. This can be especially difficult if that person is a roommate, but often this middle ground, between letting it go and reporting to the administration, produces the most positive results.”

Because the on campus drug problem is most often brought up, the best way to deal with it is to either Residence Life or Campus Safety. This can be especially difficult if the student is a sophomore, junior, or senior. They are often reluctant to report the incident to the administration, producing the on the rare occasions that they are, both Webster and Sayre agreed.

Both Webster and Sayre agreed that alcohol is a much more prevalent problem on campus, as the CDC survey showed it to be on campuses nationwide. Neither could remember any confirmed use of substances stronger than marijuana within the past five years, with the exception of a case involving psilocybin, or mushrooms, three years ago. Sayre believed this case later proved to be unfounded.

A recent FDA report stated that, nationally, the use of illicit substances continues to decline. An other survey by the CDC, however, which looks at trends from their surveys in 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999, showed that cocaine use among college students has more than doubled and that lifetime marijuana use has also increased, from 31.3% in 1991 to 47.2% in 1999. Epidemic heavy drinking saw very mild increase through the nineties, with 29% of students engaged in such activity.

Whether there are students at WMC using harder substances or dealing is not known for sure by either Residence Life or Campus Safety, though Webster does not believe that dealing is happening on campus.

Charges against students for dealing are most often brought up, on the rare occasions that they are, because of an excessive amount of marijuana in the student’s possession, rather than evidence of sales. Sayre, in closing, reminded, “Frankly, I don’t understand it. Especially in the residence halls. Students know the risks, and need to know that it is not the college’s place to enforce state laws. So city police are always brought in.

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety.doc documented the following reports from the month of November which include:
10/31/00 at 6:00 pm domestic situation in which male student’s property was taken by three non-student females. Threats were made by the three non-student females. Third party student allowed the male student to see the female and written threats to be made.
11/1/10 at 5:41 pm someone threw rotten meat in the hallway in Blanche Ward Hall; at 12:00 pm a male student was chasing a fellow student with a six inch knife and pinned student against the wall in the bathroom in Albert Norman Ward; at 10:17 pm a student was discovered dealing in Blanche Ward Hall, was taken and written threatening threats to be made.
11/1/10 at 12:35 am student failed to comply with college personnel in Blanche Ward Hall; at 1:20 pm a student in possession of alcohol in a public area and under age possession/ consumption of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall; at 2:45 pm a student in possession of alcohol in Blanche Ward Hall; at 3:00 pm a student in possession of alcohol in McDaniel Hall. Students were extremely noncompliant; at 6:17 pm mud from fire floor floor hand held thrown through Rouzer second floor stairwell.
11/1/10 at 11:51 pm undergraduate male student with beer inside jacket in Decker Student Center.
11/1/10 at 5:00 pm student reported theft of several CDs and a portable tape player in Alumni Hall; at 2:10 pm noise violation proceeds to failure to comply when non-student becomes confrontational in Blanche Ward Hall; at 3:50 pm several items (including bowling ball) were thrown from second floor window, officer arrived to find several males being extremely loud and a non-student became verbally abusive and confrontational in Blanche Ward Hall.
11/1/10 at 4:35 am two antique doors damaged in room 314 in Lewis Hall.
11/1/10 at 4:14 am three students jumped into the back of Decker Student Center; at 5:30 am towed a car with 13 tickets in Whiteford Lane.

New York, New York

Heads up from Smith Home! Please be very assured that only one fine use syringes with needle attached which are for flu injection. These syringes are enclosed in a sterile sealed package. Depending on the size of the person, we may remove the sterile needle, we will insist that it away and receive a new sterile needle. This is an accurate intramuscular injection. If you have any questions please contact Dan or Joan at ext. 700 or Smith House.

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Correction

The November 16 issue reported that the newly hired registrar, Jan Kiphart, is currently the registrar at Mt. Saint Mary’s College. Instead, Kiphart is employed at St. Mary’s College. The Phoenix regrets the error.
Letters to the editor about campus issues

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Dear Editor,
I am writing to the Phoenix as a very nervous and concerned student at Western Maryland College. It is now my senior year here, and I find myself dealing with a problem that has never worried me before: my safety.
Within the last month or two, there have been three incidents involving suspicious people, one resulting in an attempted robbery and assault. Though I feel I have always acted intelligently and safely when travelling across campus, I do think that there are other things that the administration should do to lessen the chances of incidents like this happening.
First of all, though most of the campus has plenty of lighting located on pathways and parking lot areas, there are a few key places that could use more. One of those places is the parking area behind PELC. This parking lot, in addition to the alley that stretches behind the Pennsylvania Avenue Houses, where at least one of the incidents took place, has barely enough light to illuminate a student's path. Students who live in the houses have no choice but to walk down that path every day, and they do not always have the luxury of having someone with them.
Another area that is poorly lit is the parking lot behind Harrison House and the Art Studio. I am an art major and frequently go to the art studio by myself, late at night, in order to finish my projects. Until recently, I have never felt nervous visiting my "second home," but I now jump at every shadow that moves. And, it is not just the parking lot that is dimly lit, but the areas in between the buildings and even the buildings themselves. I used to think that the school has a very tight budget, but it has to follow, but what is it going to take before they use money to install new light posts? A rape, a hospitalized student, or heaven forbid, a fatality?

Is marijuana a Problem?
"Drug use is an issue at WMC, though use seems limited to marijuana."

This line, lifted from the November 16, 2000 Phoenix, raises a vital and fundamental question in my head. Is marijuana use, as the assistant features editor states it, "an issue?" I can't find any reasonable answer to conclude yes. The only answer I could muster is that marijuana is illegal.

The issue, in my eyes, is the incredible waste of time spent dealing with minor offenses such as pot smoking, both by Campus authorities and by your newspaper. Unless these six people (some students, some not) caught in Rouzer Hall on October 29 were operating a sophisticated and brutal syndicate involved in the trafficking of large amounts of drugs, then what was the point? I would venture to say that most of them would probably smoke again.

Many of my friends, when released from police custody after arrest, ran immediately from the police station in order to smoke up and forget about the laughable B.S., they had to put up with that night.

In a strange, way, I feel sorry for Mike Webster II of the Campus Safety Officers. Busting eighteen-year-olds for pot is probably not what they went through extensive training for. Well, at least they can put their training to the back for taking dangerous criminals off the streets.

Think of the man-hours, physical resources and salary money the school wastes on such trivial and minor incidents. If anything, the school should be pleased with pot smoking here. I guarantee it increases business at the pot shops. After a month of legalizing marijuana,Cigar almost passes as genuine when smoked.

So, Mr. Assistant Features Editor, what is the issue?

Are students jumping out of their windows because of the "crazy reefer?" Is everyone who tokes falling out of school at this moment? There is an issue Mr. Editor, and that issue is marijuana use at this issue.

It is a false one, created only by the authorities at this campus, who most students take pot smoking seriously anyway and by your newspaper, which thinks a pot bust of some freshmen students deserves a spot on your front page and the line "drug use is an issue?"

Edgar K. Schultheis

Gore should concede for good of the country

When I first sat down to start typing, I was already sure of what I wanted to write about — Mike Massina. I have such strong feelings about this issue that I decided to write a lengthy letter. I have been writing about Massina's recent departure from the Orioles, I knew that Matt was more than up to the challenge when it comes to commenting about Major League Baseball, and especially the New York Yankees.

But now that the Massina story was of limits what was I going to write about now? "Oh drat," I thought to myself, "what am I going to write about now?"

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Second, everybody is different. This campus is full of people from every walk of life, diverse in nationality, religion, sexual orientation, education, background, and creed. And you certainly don't have to agree with anybody else's life decisions, but you do need to have enough courtesy, maturity, and respect to refrain from your spray-painting your opinion on a wall. I personally love to discuss and debate my own personal views with that of others, but I still respect their opinions, even if I don't agree with them.

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I wish I had a "Glar" like that, in Paris, with so much food and so much diversity. There you have to rank the dishes yourself to reach the cheapest university cafeteria in the world! I'm sure you have only 10 minutes for eating. Sure, it is cheap (just under $2) but you have only one plate of food you take it or you leave it (typically, a small salad, no choice in dressing, one hot plate, and a yogurt or (not and) an apple).

Emmanuelle Bednarek gives a thumbs up to Glar for their food selection.

Have you given up trying to understand other cultures, trying to spice up your taste buds, or having a taste of local food and a new experience? Have you ever tried a new dish in your life? Have you tried a new festival or a new country? Have you ever tried a new culture or a new religion? Have you ever tried a new language or a new sport?

But with the recent election, one would think that college students must care at least a little about what's going on in our country and how this could affect their future.

For election day, I got only five back, then I asked another 15 students their views. I have to say that the perception that younger don't care about politics, though slightly true, may be changing. Out of the 20 students, 12 said they would vote that day. But more importantly, when asked if they cared about this presidential election, all but one said that it was important, and some even said that it will affect their future.

Some kisses were important and vote-worthy because it may have an effect on our lives in the future. Junior political science major, Kate Boyle, believes "people don't have a reason to complain if [they] don't vote. Really important issues are decided based on who is or isn't elected. Those votes count."

Trevor Jones, a junior, feels that "if people take a moment to consider the decisions that make the affects that our lives."

Some students were very interested in this election, but their interest has somewhat died. Junior Cathy Pendrey says there were "times when I wanted [the election] to drop off, but wanted a fair ending."

Ilaria Brun del Re, a junior, said "I'm getting to the point in which I don't care." However, some students interest has remained big, such as junior economics and business Nicole Novotny. "Things have not gotten more and more ridiculous as Gore drags things out. It's quite amazing, an amusing history."

Senior Jeremy Lignelli says that he's "tired of seeing the election a lot," but thinks, "I'd rather have a clear winner right away and who won the votes."

Many care about the election because they realize that the political situation could mean future changes in our government.

Senior foreign language major Amber Lawrenz says one of these problems is "the laws governing the way elections are run and the methods for collecting and counting votes and need to be revamped."

Boyle says the election is "horrible for American political prowess. It delegitimizes the political process because people go out to vote but have a lame-duck presidency. Our president isn't going to anything done in the next four years unless voted on."

Senior biology and environment major Jon Bear believes that the election process needs to be looked at. In a statistical sense, no one won this election. Bear said not much will happen in the next four years with either president in office. "Neither will be able to carry the next eight years."

Whatever outcomes present themselves in the presidential future of our country, it is safe to say that many college students do not care somewhat about what happens in this country, it will affect them.

With student comments such as "Bush is too dumb to be president," "America has had enough life decisions, but you do need to agree with anybody else's life decisions, but you do need to have enough courtesy, maturity, and respect to refrain from your spray-painting your opinion on a wall. I personally love to discuss and debate my own personal views with that of others, but I still respect their opinions, even if I don't agree with them.

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I think there should be an honor to respect food, just to remind people that they should not be taken for granted.

To remind them to look around them. They just have to go, not so far away, not in our underdeveloped country, but just on the streets of Westminster. Here, they can meet...
Which is Christmas really about: money or love?

BJ Shorb

“Money makes the world go round.” That is what they say right? It isn’t too hard to believe, especially now that the holidays are here.

Along with every Christmas holiday season, comes more toys for the kids, more nifty gadgets and games for the teenagers, more power tools for dad, and more appliances for mom.

It’s as if the stores hold back the secret goods they have hidden in the back room for the past six months. Then, once Thanksgiving Day comes and goes, NOOM, The products are up on the shelves and people run as fast as they can to the malls and department stores.

Why on Black Friday, a day most people have to work, aren’t they sleeping-in? They are up, dressed, and at the stores’ front doors by 5 o’clock in the morning.

Do they think they are beating the rush? Probably, but they aren’t—they are in the rush.

It is insane, totally insane! Does that purchase really mean that much?

To some I suppose it does. As incredibly ridiculous as it may seem, people have been doing it for decades.

So, it must be true; money really does make the world go round; right? Green paper and little metal coins, actually it is plastic these days, mean everything in our society of consumerism. It’s a hard fact to face, but true.

The question is: Does it have to be that way? Is it possible to change what makes the world go round from money to something else? Hmmmmm. perhaps it is but what could replace it.

Maybe “love” could make the world go round. Love doesn’t require money; it is free. We naturally have a place in the holiday season. Correct me if I am wrong, but isn’t love the original reason for the Christmas season. Isn’t it about the birth of a savior that has expressed more love than any human could ever possess.

On my birthday, I receive presents. I imagine that is the case with many of you also. I don’t, however, receive gifts on my birthday; I give them. Instead of buying your hair out, trying to figure out what to buy your significant other, spend time with them. Make the gift from the heart, not from the store.

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Local townies" trespassing on WMC’s campus

Joe Lucas expresses his concerns about having strangers, randomly hanging around campus.

Recently I have noticed people on campus who do not belong, meaning they are not students, faculty, staff, or special visitors. Well you could call them “special visitors” if you like, but I prefer to call them Westminster townies.

The WMC campus is a place where we should feel comfortable in our small, friendly atmosphere and recognize most people because it is such a small campus.

However, lately I have seen “the locals” in various places on campus.

I was eating lunch in the Pub today with my fiancee and near us was a child watching television in the Pub. It was obvious that he was neither a student nor accompanying anyone else because he was alone.

I also watched this child beg the Pub staff for ice cream because he didn’t have any money. I don’t pay $24,000 a year to attend a school that the “local townies” think is a play ground for their children.

This is completely unacceptable and I feel that the campus community as a whole should be doing something about this problem. Instead of pretending like we don’t see these trespassers we should ask these unwanted pests to leave.

Also, campus safety needs to take a proactive role so that these “locals” don’t even come to our campus in the beginning. I have spent a couple of summers at WMC as well and know the problem is much more prevalent by the end of that time. Realize the children are out of school, but not a city park or playground.

WMC is a private institution of higher learning with family and friends, the Pub, Red Square, the Quad, and other areas on campus are for us, NOT THEM!

Please keep this in mind for the future. You may want to carry some insecticide with you.

Misunderstandings about MSA’s cultural fundraiser

Rasheeda George responds to an issue that was brought up in the previous Phoenix issue.

This article is in response to the article with the headline reading “MSA’s event sparks debate.”

First of all, what debate is this article referring to? This article should not have been written without factual information. MSA stands for the Multicultural Student Association, not Alliance.

This proves that the person who wrote the article stated above or anyone else’s birth- day for that matter.

Why then, do we receive gifts on Christ’s birthday? Following tradition, we should be giving him gifts.

Instead of moms and dads running around the malls and stores shopping for toys, they should be home spending time with their children. Instead of putting your hair out, trying to figure out what to buy your significant other, spend time with them. Make the gift from the heart, not from the store.

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As noted in the article of dispute, these types of organizations aren’t criticized or accused of having “only unity within a specific group.” Just like these fundraisers people are allowed to put money in any of the containers, not their “favorite” group. This might not be a voting suggestion but the organization is here to promote diversity, not factionalism.

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By making people aware of AIDS and educating them about ways to prevent themselves from becoming infected, she said, "it's a gift of life we are trying to spread." Ron Baker works along side Culver as he goes into area schools testifying to what his life with AIDS is like.

Upon finding out that he had tested positive for AIDS, he remembered not being able to think about anything but the clock. He also recalled seeing parts of his life flash before him. He was dedicated and lost all of his friends, except for his best friend, who is now his wife. He wants to make young people aware of his life, so that they never have to experience it. HIV is something that affects everyone. "We will all know someone with it in our lifetime," Culver said.

Michael Baker, the president of Allies and a member of ASAP, said, "I'd like to see a world where we don't walk down the street and pass people who are infected with AIDS." His interest in AIDS awareness is why he joined ASAP. Culver, too, would like more than anything for this to be the last commemoration of World AIDS Day.

However, the numbers show otherwise. She said that just last year 2.8 million people died of AIDS, and another six million became infected. Every hour, two people under the age of 25 become infected, she added.

Since Ron Baker has been counseling individuals who have AIDS, he has seen people becoming infected at extremely young ages. In fact, Baker is currently counseling an 11-year-old girl who contracted AIDS because of her unsafe sexual behavior.

Cathy Pendorf and Matt Winner played Lydia and Jack, respectively, in the skit performed at Thursday night's program.

From Left to right are Cathy Pendorf, Matt Winner, Lisa Van Auker, Libby Liu, Pat Dougherty, Shauna Dominguez, Jennie Callos, Karen Pizzolato, Mohindra Ramphal, Joan Faulkner, Dan Mueller, and Allison Rupert.

**Features**

**Bj Shown**

Assistant Commentary Editor

"AIDS isn't over."

This is the message Ron Baker wanted to send to students, as he gave his presentation, "Living with AIDS," at the World AIDS Day program held in Ensor Lounge on Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The program was cosponsored by two student organizations: ASAP (AIDS Support, Awareness, and Prevention) and Allies. Founded in 1994, ASAP has been holding World AIDS Day programs for approximately four years.

The two large panels of the AIDS Quilt displayed in Ensor Lounge, there were 16 names of AIDS victims. The panels are made by close friends to get the individual to symbolize who they were and how they will be remembered.

There are now 42,000 panels total; that is enough to stretch over 25 football fields. ASAP, through the National Youth Education Program, acquired the panels for a fee of $465. The money raised by the AIDS quilt rentals will go toward AIDS research.

The program opened with a song from RENT, performed by five members of WMCC's Madrigals. Then, members of ASAP performed a skit. The skit was written by co-Vice President of ASAP, Lisa Van Auken. The skit illustrated how easily AIDS can travel through sexual activity.

I don't want to, from the Carroll County Health Department, spoke about the AIDS Quilt and the existence of this disease, not only in the world, but in Carroll County. By making people aware of AIDS and educating them about some more effective than others.

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**Disclaimers**

**Hello Kitty**

"I'm worried, I'm usually very responsible, so it comes to safe sex.

But this guy and I have been together for 3 weeks, and just so not easy to slow things down so we can get a condom. I mean to use one, but then, just I don't.

I feel really bad about it after what. What should I do? I know birth control could work, but I don't know how to get it. Are there any other alternatives?

-Swept Away

Dear Swept Away,

It's a positive step that you are concerned about it. There are several things you can do now.

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**Dear Kitty**

Dude! My buds keep taking my Bud! It's starting to make me really mad!

It's not usually care, but I'm a little tired now and end of the semester stress makes this situation VERY important!

I don't want to be an ass about it, what do I do?

-Bob Dude

Dear Dude,

Don't think this is really bothering you, should think about talking to your buds. Let them know how you feel, that you don't usually care but you are low on funds. Maybe suggest that they chip in or take turns buying the refreshments for the evening.

From the information you have given me, it does sound like an unfair situation and there is definitely a diplomatic way to address it.

Don't hold things in. The bottom line is that communication is key. Your buds just might not realize how you feel. So take this advice and take control of your situation.
To get or not to get: perfect gift ideas for everyone on your list

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With the holidays approaching, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Bath-tub Party Day, etc. it is time to think again of what the holiday season means to you and what you will get for those you care about. Here are some "inexpensive" holiday gift ideas:

For the environmentalist-

Good gift ideas: A $1000 donation to a save the rain forest fund, several subscriptions to an adopt-an-animal program, or an electric car. These gifts may be expensive, but they make the Earth happy. Cheesy gift idea: A bag of dirt. This is actually a very useful gift. It can be used to grow plants in the spring, to create yummy mud pies, and to track on the carpet and irritate your roommate. Bad gift idea: Stock in an oil company.

For the incompetent ex-

Good Gift Idea: Why would you be giving them a gift anyway? Cheesy Gift Idea: A bowling ball. Even the most incompetent ex will like this! They can use it

For the golfer-

Good gift idea: A $1000 donation to an animal rights organization. This gift may be expensive but it makes animals happy. Cheesy gift idea: A box of animal crackers. Vegetarians can eat these without feeling guilty. Bad gift idea: A side of beef. This would be a bad gift for anyone.

For your roommate-

Good gift idea: For one day, promise to A) Pick your dirty clothes up off the floor B) Turn the music DOWN C) Wash your dishes and/or D) Remove the large animal from the room. Hey, what could be better than giving a gift that is free of cost? Cheesy gift idea: Return everything you ever "borrowed" from them (hint: don't mention that it was already theirs). You know they'll like it because they had it before. Bad gift idea: Give them something you would rather have for yourself (so you can steal it back later).

For your significant other-

Good gift idea: Tickets for a romantic getaway for two to their favorite place. If they feel as strongly for you as you for them, you know they'll like it because they had it before. Bad gift idea: Give them something you would rather have for yourself (so you can steal it back later).

For your pet-

Good gift idea: Their favorite treats. Vegetarians can eat these without feeling guilty. Bad gift idea: A $1 gift certificate to a music store. Of course, if your pet is a bird, you can give it a band pass to Tiger Beat. They can get monthly pin-ups of those teen idols everyone loves.

For your parents-

Good gift idea: Send them on that long cruise they keep saying they're going to take when you graduate. They deserve it after raising you to be the nice, responsible adult that you are. Cheesy gift idea: Offer to move out without their financial support. They might actually like this one. Bad gift idea: Move them out while they are not at home, you know, while they are on that cruise you're going to send them on. Oh and don't forget to change the locks.

For your professors-

Good gift idea: Tell them you won't ever be in their class again. But wait, if they teach in your major, you probably will. So instead get them a new red pen because they'll need it with you in their class again. Cheesy gift idea: Give them a great review on semester-end evaluations or get them an apple from the pub. The first will be appreciated greatly and the second, well, teachers love apples. Duh. Bad gift idea: Give them your 200-page senior seminar paper, even if you aren't a senior.

For your pet-

Good gift idea: Their favorite treats. They'll love you for it, even if they already love you. Cheesy gift idea: Reindeer antlers or some other degrading pet clothes. They don't want to be dressed up even if you think it's cute. If you happen to have a bird or fish, get them food. What else are you going to get them? Bad gift idea: A trip to the vet.

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College Band Concert
Alumni Hall Mainstage
Friday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.

The Carroll County Children's Choir
Big Baker Memorial Chapel
Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 p.m.

Encore Orchestra Winter Concert
North Carroll High School
Sunday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m.
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** FEATURES **

Room 403G: What’s up with F****?

Lisa Dale Van Auden
Staff Writer

Welcome to room 403G, It's small, cramped, cluttered, and five flights above Rozzer parking lot. We call it home.

I don’t blame you if you’ve got a problem with the F-bomb. I myself drop it from time to time, but if you don’t like it, it’s understandable.

It’s been crammed so densely into conversation that taking it out would cut our vocabulary in half. But time after time, there’s just something that always makes us fall back on that most profane of all profanities, that most offensive of obscenities, the queen mother of all curse words (don’t say I didn’t warn you): fuck.

I decided recently to start documenting the number of times that my roommates and I hear fuck shouted outside our fifth-floor window.

And after a month, the empirical evidence points us to one conclusion: fuck is unavoidable.

In two weeks, we documented a total of six different occasions (usually weekends) that someone (usually a male) shouted usually at night) the profanity.

That means, on average, we hear a swear about screaming the obscenity outside our window 45 times a semester, 90 times a year.

In the beginning, fuck was a perfectly acceptable word. Most likely, the word derives from the Old German word ficken: “to strike or penetrate,” later meaning, “to copulate.”

The first recorded fuck was in 1503, but in the 18th century, during Queen Victoria’s reign, the word was censored.

Interestingly, Victoria also decreed that saying table limbs was inappropriate as to saying table legs because legs was too sexual.

So, fuck became a dirty word because of one woman’s sexual hang-ups.

It wasn’t until a 1960 court case in America that fuck was legally printable. Lucky for me, huh?

So what’s the big deal? The word fuck is really just a bunch of sounds, right? The only reason it’s dirty is because we think of it that way.

Well, the truth is, we need an arsenal of curses at our disposal.

Horoscopes for Happy Holidays

Lisa Stanley
Staff Writer

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov 22- Dec 21)
Happy Birthday Sagittarians! Party extra hardy. Those Scorpios know how to have a good time, so meet up with one and you’ll both have entirely too much fun. Your best food is Turkey, and your lucky numbers are 2, 21 and 34.

CAPRICORN
(Dec 22- Jan 20)
This Holiday season let someone know how much they mean to you (no, family doesn’t count,) and just watch their face light up. Your best food is some cranberries any way you like them and your lucky numbers are 9, 27 and 31.

AQUARIUS
(Jan 21- Feb 19)
Hey you beautiful people! Show the Scorpio in your life what you call fun; keep their party jumping, and of course a gift from an Aquarian is not necessary. Your best food is Pineapple Stuffing (if you’ve never heard of it you don’t know what you are missing) and your lucky numbers are 4, 18 and 29.

PIECES
(Feb 20- Mar 20)
Watch out who you spend the holidays with; remember the Set- tlers were nothing but liars, so just keep that in mind. Your best food is corn on the cob and your lucky numbers are 11, 15 and 23.

ARIES
(Mar 21- Apr 20)
Start some new traditions this Holiday season, that is always fun especially for any young kids in the extended family. Your best food is apple pie and your lucky numbers are 1, 17 and 33.

TAURUS
(Apr 21- May 21)
This season put aside your pessimistic tendencies and really enjoy this time of year with an open mind and an eye on your family. Doing this, Taurus, will make your holiday the best ever. Your best food is honey baked ham and your lucky numbers are 5, 19 and 26.

GEMINI
(May 22- June 21)
Make sure to put lots of time aside this special time of year for your family Gemini, they all won’t be around for long so cherish them while they’re able to reciprocate their love. Your best food is apple pie and your lucky numbers are 6, 20 and 36.

CANCER
(June 22- July 23)
Keep an eye on your younger cousins, nieces, and nephews and relaeh the joy and wonder of the holiday season, it will do your heart good. Your best food are some

60 SECONDS

What are you going to do over winter break?

-Compiled by Brad Widner

“Sleeping and regulating the 4th floor of McDaniel.”
Josh Bronson ’01
Sociology

“Working, working and working…”
Andrew White ’03
Business

“Two words -- Road trips!”
Emily Perry ’02(left)
Business

“Fretting over what I’m going to do with an English degree.”
Kris Sevillena ’01
English

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Men's Basketball starts out strong, defeats Swarthmore

GREG LEDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been a strong start for the Western Maryland College men's basketball team this year as the team has a positive 3-2, 1-0 record to begin the season.

The team has been very surprising given that it has gone through back to back four win seasons.

On December 1, the Green Terror opened up their conference season with a home game against Swarthmore.

For a team winless in their first five games, Swarthmore came out firing and dominated the boards to a 23-8 advantage in the first half, but WMC held on and found themselves down 43-40 at the half. In the second stanza, the home team responded with aggressive defense and incredible long range shooting.

The Green Terror defense held the opposition to a poor shooting percentage (11-33 from the floor) and used a balanced attack to come from behind 87-76 win.

Sophomore guard Greg Hill led WMC with 18 points and senior forward Mike Furey had 16 and eight rebounds to help pace the team. Freshman Alan Hoyt and junior Earl Armstrong both contributed with 14 and 10 points respectively. The Green Terror made an amazing nine three-point shots on the night and have already tied their conference win total from last season.

The team is very optimistic and positive about how the season is going. "We are very positive, undefeated in the conference so far," says senior forward Matt McVey.

Playing well early in the season, the Green Terror welcomed very tough Otterbein College of Ohio, on November 28. This was to be a mismatch for WMC as the opposition is led by tough center Jeff Gibbs, the best rebounder in division III last year.

WMC played tough throughout, hitting six three point shots in the contest, but were overmatched on the boards 36 to 18 by the invaders.

Freshman Sam Anstead paced the Green Terror with 13 points and Larson had nine points and six rebounds, but they couldn't match Gibbs' 21 points and game high 11 rebounds in a 77-68 loss.

In one of the greatest offensive games in the team's history, WMC broke out against non-conference foe, Gallaudet. With a home crowd cheering them on, the Green Terror went on a scoring binge with 67 points in the second half to take an 86-78 win. The 108 point total was just seven points shy of the Green Terror record for points scored in one game.

Senior guard Jack Kowalik poured in a career high 25 points and Sam Anstead also played well with 12 and 11 points respectively in the high scoring affair.

WMC guards Greg Hill and junior Desmond Esteves also played with 12 and 11 points respectively in the high scoring affair.

"We are playing better offensively and defensively this year," says senior guard Jack Kowalik. "We're playing much better at the offensive end and that is something that Coach is really stressing that we do."

Earlier in the season, the Green Terror kicked off their season with the 19th annual WMC Tip-Off Tournament. In their first game, WMC played a very strong Villa Julie team.

In a high scoring affair, the opposition was very hot from the outside throughout the game and didn't relinquish the early lead in taking a 98-80 victory.

The loss spoiled the head coaching debut of WMC coach Darrell Brooks, but the game was closer than the score indicated as the Green Terror were able to close the gap to eight in the middle of the second half.

Anstead led the team with 15 points and Sean Pond chipped in 12 to pace the Green Terror attack.

WMC was looking to get back on the winning track in the consolation game of the tournament against North Carolina Wesleyan.

In a close game, the Green Terror played the two-time defending Centennial Conference champion to a poor shooting performance. The game was a defensive struggle with WMC holding their opponent to 21-8 advantage in career high 23 points and Sam Anstead

Levi "focuses on staying relaxed and having fun, just using his quickness." It also doesn't hurt that McVey continually makes his contributions to the team's success on the floor.

Levi has found a unique balance, dedicating himself to his sport while cultivating other interests.

He and a friend joined forces to gain a founding charter for a new chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Ocean County, New Jersey. McVey also participated in both basketball and soccer at the varsity level while attending Pinecrest Regional High School.

While his passion for wrestling, coupled with a series of knee injuries, forced him to give up the other competitive outlets, he still enjoys them both as a casual participant and a fan.

At present, McVey remains focused on winning the Centennial Conference title in the 174 lbs weight class and giving his best effort at nationals while helping the team break the top ten in national rankings.

Levi McVey does a number of things and he seems to do them all remarkably well. With him on the mat, similar success for the Green Terror cannot be far behind.

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Sports Trivia
What is the team mascot of UC Santa Cruz?
Submitted by Alex Lendrim
Answer from 11/16: Olden Polynice

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Former Field Hockey players show the value of having alumni on the coaching staff

Amy Bittinger
Staff Writer

At this year's annual alumni hockey game, there was only one coach on the sideline. That is because both assistant coaches are participating in the game as alumni. Assistant coach Natalie Hambline graduated in 1999 while Amy Eggers graduated in 1997.

Head coach Mindy Manolovich feels that there are both benefits and disadvantages to having alumni on the sidelines coaching. Manolovich explains that the biggest advantage to having alumni on the coaching staff is recruiting. "Because they have been students, and know what it is like to be a student-athlete at WMC, it is easier to sell the school and the program." she says.

Manolovich also adds, alumni are more "specific and informative about aathletic aspects of college life at WMC." For example, the alumni have lived in the dorms and have eaten in the dining room and therefore, can better express what those aspects of the school are like. Hambline agrees with Manolovich and because she had "such a good experience here and can honestly convey it" to recruits.

However, there are more benefits than just recruiting. Manolovich often referred to the assistants when there were conflicts with practice to determine their viability. For example, room draw and student scheduling may conflict with practice time. Also, Hambline, an exercise science major and Eggers, a chemistry major, realize that lab times cannot always be altered to accommodate practices.

Furthermore, the alumni add an understanding of the school and program's history. Because the alumni have played in the big games they can sometimes better understand the importance of the rivalry.

Manolovich is quick to add that there can be problems with a recent graduate changing roles from a player to a coach.

For example, when she was at Oberlin College in Ohio, she had a graduate coach who would not retrain from partying and hanging out with the team.

Manolovich said that this "caused players to lack respect for her and the team." So, before she hires an alumna to be a coach she explains to him or her what his or her role is as a coach and another problem that sometimes occurs with alumni coaches is that when the alumnus is young it is hard to establish a good rapport with parents. Similarly, for some it is difficult to make the change from student-athlete to coach.

In the case of assistant coach Hambline, she began coaching at WMC just two semesters after graduating from the college.

She was coaching three classes of players with whom she played. Although, for all of those classes she was a captain.

This set the tone for her changing role.

As a captain she was well respected and taken seriously. In her first season coaching she had little problem being a coach except that she "wanted to be coach of the year." Standing on the sidelines was hardest for her. However, what made it up for it was "seeing the girls with whom I played grow and get better."

Former teammate and present player for Hambline, Lisa Weber explained that the transition from teammate to coach of Hambline was "good because she acted professionally, like a coach."

Weber also explained that she was a great coach to have on the sideline because "she knows the chemistry of the team, she knows each individual's strengths and weaknesses, and she knows the opponents best." Hambline admits that having had her first coaching experience in the familiar setting of her college has made it easier.

Eggers enjoys this coaching/teaching situation. And Manolovich equally enjoys Eggers and Hambline coaching here at Western Maryland College.

Matthew E. Hurff
Sports Editor

Well, Baseball's best team, the Yankees, just became even better, as they exploited the financial dis-parities in the game once again. That's because this past week they signed former Orioles ace Mike Mussina for a whopping six-year, $88.5 million contract.

This means that the Yankees now boast a starting rotation that contains Roger Clemens, Mussina, Orlando Hernandez, and Andy Pettitte, while having an outstanding bullpen led by Mariano Rivera out back them up. How is this fair? The answer is simple: they cannot.

The Orioles have now lost their ace and heart of their team. Mussina has been stellar for the past 10 years in service of the O's, compiling a 147-81 record, and sadly, they do not have anyone of his caliber to step up and fill his shoes.

This means that Sidney Ponson or Scott Erickson will now be Baltimore's ace Barring any free agent signings. That's ridiculous. Ponson shows promise given time, but he is still young and has not shown the prowess that an ace needs. Erickson is coming off an injury plagued season and is unreliable at best. However, even when he was in prime form, he was not ace material. He certainly was able to absorb many timing pitches, but at the same time, he let up a high number of earned runs and losses. Ideally, he would be a third starter in an average rotation. So, without an off-season acquisition, fans will basically see a AAA pitching staff at Camden Yards in 2001. This trend is happening all over baseball. Last year, the Phillies lost their marquee pitcher, Curt Schilling to Arizona. Likewise, this off-season, the Cubs will lose Sammy Sosa, the Mariners will lose Alex Rodriguez, and Tony Gwynn may depart from the Padres.

All of whom will be going to the greener pastures of New York, Atlanta or Boston among other locales. Many of the players departing their teams claim that they are leaving because they want to play for contenders, not because of the money.

Is this true? Maybe in some cases, but in others, money seems to be the main motivation. Alex Rodriguez wants to leave the Mari- ners despite the fact that they had an outstanding season last year, winning the AL West. Manny Ramirez is interested to depart from the Indians; a team that has been successful for most of the 90's and should not be counted out in 2001 by any means.

Looking over all of these trans-actions I was very depressed. At least until I read over the contract proposal of former Met relief pitcher Turk Wendell. Wendell says that if any team signs him to a three-year contract, he will play the fourth year for free. If the team must, by law, pay him, he says that he will donate the salary to charity.

Wendell is by far not one of the highest paid pitchers in the game, but this is still an encouraging sign. It is doubtful that any of the other big name free agents have this attitude though.

I also can't believe the players who want to leave because they want to play for a winning team. How can they have so little faith that their team will get better given time. When a marquee player leaves citing this "desire to win," they are just making it even more difficult for a team to lure new talent.

Maybe I am just being unreal- istic, but I'm certain that I'm not the only one who would like to know that their favorite player will still be on the same team for most of their careers. Can you imagine trading Joe DiMaggio, Cal Ripken, Mike Schmidt, etc in their prime years. Absolutely not.

But it seems to happen almost every off-season for the past five or six seasons. Another problem is the lack of economic equality. Obviously, a team in the city the size of New York will have a larger fan and economic base than the Montreal Expos. Bud Selig is trying to fix this, but most players don't seem to care about equality, they just care about their wallets.

Steinbrenner buys former Oriole Mussina:
Can small market teams compete?

Winter Sports Schedule
Men's Basketball
Vs. Franklin and Marshall
Dec. 6, 7:30 pm
@ Catholic
Dec. 9, 4:00 pm
@Mary Washington
Dec. 17, 2:00 pm
Randolph Macon Winter Classic @Ashland, VA.
Dec. 29-30

Women's Basketball
Vs. Franklin and Marshall
Dec. 5, 7 pm
@ Notre Dame
Dec. 8, 7 pm
@ York
Dec. 10, 2 pm
@ Lebanon Valley
Jan. 4, 7 pm
Swimming
Vs. Elizabethtown
Dec. 5, 7 pm

VS. York
Dec. 8, 6 pm
Indoor Track
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State Invitational
@ Prince George's
Jan. 6
Wrestling
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Dec. 5, 7:30 pm
Florida Citrus Open
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Football season ends with loss in Texas for third straight season

MICHAEL JENKINS
Staff Writer

The third time is supposed to be the charm, isn't it? That's how the saying goes, anyway. Unfortunately the third time wasn't the charm for the Terror as the football squad lost in Texas for the third consecutive year, this time in a 22-10, second-round loss to Hardin-Simmons.

The previous two years the team lost to Trinity College in San Antonio.

The game itself, which took place on Saturday November 25th, while most WMC students were relaxing on their Thanksgiving break was close at the half, but went sour in the second stanza. A TD run by freshman Louie Wright opened the scoring in the game.

Hardin-Simmons QB Travis Jones led his team to 18 straight unanswered points before the Terror proved they could win games without All-American QB Ron Sermarini.

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Women's Basketball jumps to a solid 3-1 start to the season

CRAIG P. JOHNSON
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Harris wasn't able to recover fully from the severe pull and was only able to accrue 12 yards on 13 carries.

In the game against Emory and Henry, the Terror won a first round playoff game on the road. This game was a standout victory for Western Maryland as they won 38-14.

Harris, despite being removed in the third quarter because of the hamstring pull, threw for 248 yards and a pair of TD's.

One of the TD's went to sophomore WR Joey Ellis. Ellis had 143 yards on 8 catches in the game. The Terror defense was able to hold the ODAC champions offense to 14 points on strong play from LB's Aaron Bartolfain and Matt Wilchinski.

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This first round tournament game saw WMC hold Virginia Wesleyan to just 36.5 percent shooting from the field, but managed only 34.8 percent themselves. Still, it was enough to advance to the championship game the next day.

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**Former WMC student banned from campus**

TAMMY SLATER  
Staff Writer

A fun night for independents and Bachelors turned into a night of drunken fighting on the fourth floor of Blanche, leaving two students in the hospital.

It broke out around 3 am, when a former Western Maryland College student and Bachelor, John Waters, confronted two independent students.

According to a WMC student, who wishes to remain anonymous and was present at the scene when the fight broke out, two independent students had apparently taken off their shirts at a party, walked into the hallway, and Waters took offense.

Waters reacted by screaming and professing that he held authority on the floor, and they must obey him, according to the anonymous student. When the two independent students ignored Water’s request, he threw an empty beer bottle at one of them, resulting in an injury to the eyebrow area.

In an act of defense, people joined in on both sides of the fight.

The fight, where alcohol was a significant factor, resulted in two independent students being sent to the hospital. Two students were given temporary expulsions.

Waters was ordered not to return to campus. After being charged with violating probation, Waters had previously been criminally charged with the following: assault, trespassing, burglary, and violation of probation at WMC.

Currently, future precautions are being taken to ensure that Water’s does not return to campus, however, a ban cannot be enforced in this regard.

There is also a warrant out for Water’s arrest as a result of his escape before police could arrive.

Mike Webster, director of Campus Safety, and Philip Sayre, the dean of Student Affairs, both confirmed that charges have been placed on the four Bachelor students that were involved, and the case has been turned over to the Honor and Conduct Board, where the necessary actions will be taken from there.

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**WMC welcomes five new people to the Hill**

STACI L. GEORGE  
News Editor

Positions have been filled by newcomers. Jan Kiphart, Elizabeth Keefington Towlie, Katherine Moncure, Jennifer Fisher, and Toni Condon.

Kiphart was hired at the end of last semester as the new registrar. Before coming to WMC, she was the registrar at Mt. Saint Mary’s College of Maryland for ten years and also worked in the admissions office for five years.

She began working in her new office on January 5.

“T’S been very busy, but everyone’s been wonderful. I’m learning a lot,” said Kiphart.

Her only complaint so far is that she has not had the privilege to meet a lot of students. She has, however, offered to attend an SGA meeting, as well as meet with any group of students at their convenience.

As a mother of “three very active, young children,” Kiphart spends her “free” time at their athletic events. She also likes to garden, shop, and travel.

Although she has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii, Kiphart and her family are content “exploring the local area,” she noted. “With family in Colorado and the New England region, they also travel to these states to visit. Taking on the responsibilities of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the position recently held by Scott Kane, is Elizabeth Towlie. Before coming here, she was the Associate Dean of Student Development at Mt. St. Mary’s College.

She had been at Mt. St. Mary’s continued on page 3

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**Committee discusses new housing**

A meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee was held on Wednesday, February 7 to discuss the prospect of new housing.

“We’re thinking that we’ll build six small low-rise buildings in the area behind the water tower,” commented Philip Sayre, vice president and dean of Student Affairs.

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**Smoke without fire**

MICHAEL JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Smith House office manager Maryann Nalevano doesn’t go into Smith House on a daily basis, but when she opened the door and stepped in on December 21st, 2000, she was greeted by an overpowering smell of smoke.

While the smoke was caused by furnace problems, and not flames, rumors circulated around campus about a Smith House inferno.

What appeared to be a fire began some time between 8:00 and 8:30 am, the exact time is unknown. Large amounts of smoke poured out of the chimney, filled the building with a terrible smell, and forced the office to be shut down for the entire Jan term semester.

Despite the smoke and flames, Smith House remained standing and not in a pile of ashes.

The real problem involved the old oil-burning furnace, said Thomas Stroebel, director of Human Resources. Somehow, the oil in the furnace bucked up, continued on page 3

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FREE TAX HELP

The Ravens aren't the only ones who have talent!! Bring out that creative side in you!!

Send Contrast your poetry and creative writing by March 1 either at the information desk or by campus mail to box #888.

Don't Delay!!!
Smith House smoke scare
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and turned almost into a soot-like
substance, he said.

Stebeck explained that the furnace
should have shut itself off at this
point, but instead continued to chug
away. Thus, the soot and smoky,
oily residue was pumped through
the entire Smith House building.

The result was a thin layer of
oil crust throughout most of
the building, as well as a horrible
stench.

Nalevanko was one of the first
staff members to reenter the build-
ing on the day after the incident.

"The smell was hard to stand.
It made your eyes water, and they
burned... when you needed to go in
to the building you had to try and
go in and out real quick," she said.

Luckily they did not need to go
into the building too much.

Cleaning and repairs began
right away, on the $20-25,000 dam-
ages.

An, now, more efficient gas-burn-
ing furnace was put in the very
same day.

An outside company, Service
Master, was right to work clean-
ing out the building. The entire
insides of the building were cleaned
from the basement to the third
level. And yet, the awful smell was
still present.

Stebeck handled the situation
with the insurance company. Ac-
cording to him, "All of the carpets,
paint on the walls, and blinds were
replaced to eliminate the smell... A
new sealant was put in between the
first floor and the basement floor as
well."

Stebeck also mentioned that
there may be plans to eventually re-
place all the furniture in the build-
ing.

Smith House itself may have been
out of use for a few weeks, but its
staff still had to get their job
done. At first, the employees stayed
at home and did what little they
could from home on their comput-
ers.

Later when students showed up
for Jan Term, the Smith House staff
was temporarily moved to the Leidy
room, in Decker Center.

The room was adequate for their
needs, but the worst part was hav-
ing to run back to the building to
tell things that we found that we
needed," Nalevanko said.

The incident will be covered al-
most entirely by the school's insur-
ance plan. The school will only pay
a $1000 premium on the estimated
$20-25,000, said Stebeck.

Bursar and Registrar break-ins
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Later that day, a computer and
keys were reported stolen from the
Registrar’s Office.

The Registrars said that, unlike
the Registrar Office, which has more
valuable information, “its inherent
within the Registrar’s Office to have
lockable and fireproof equipment to
safeguard negotiable items and stu-
dent loan promissory notes.

Still though, Schmidt says,
"we’re always self-conscious. You
just don’t take things for granted."

Future precautions are being
taken in the offices Webster says,
but they cannot be revealed.

Campus Safety Blotter
The Department of Campus Safety documented the follow-
ing reports which include:
* 1/15/01 at 12:00 pm one
employee reported harassment
and verbal threats by another employee
in Campus Wide.

2001 Maryland Wine Festival Design Competition
Announced- $1,000 Prize to winning Artist

The Carroll County Farm Museum and the Carroll County Arts
Council have announced the annual design competition for the
Maryland Wine Festival Poster.

The winning artist(s) will receive a 1,000 cash prize. The
winning design will be reproduced on posters, t-shirts, brochures,
and various other promotional materials. The 2001 Maryland Wine
Festival will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 10 am - 6 pm
and Sunday, September 16, from Noon- 6 pm.

Any two-dimensional media may be used to design the poster,
including painting, drawing, collage, photography, computer-
generated design, etc. Artists must be 18 years of age or older
to enter.

The deadline for design submission is 3 pm on Friday, March
16, 2001. Interested artists and designers must contact the Arts
Council at (410) 848-7272 or (410) 876-8550 to receive a copy of
the official design requirements and entry form. The Arts Council is
open from 10 am- 4 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Friday;
10 am- 8 pm Thursdays; and 11 am- 4 pm Saturdays. Artists may also
send a self-addressed #10 envelope to the Arts Council at 15 East
Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157 to receive entry materials.
Letter to the Editor: Preferential Treatment

Dear Editor,

The last Phoenix of the previous school year brought us an article concerning preferential treatment for athletes, especially football players. The only response I saw stated that there is no preferential treatment. I do not believe that anyone is receiving any kind of preferential treatment, but that the Phoenix is simply held up as an example of how to make a college newspaper.

Second, athletes have coaches trying to get them into our college. Unlike athletes, there is no coach on this campus who can make a well-placed call on behalf of a student government president.

A fight to the finish between CBS/FOX and NBC in the battlefields of television broadcasting. As the two superpowers have made prime-time viewing the best it has been since "Seinfeld" left the air. The biggest battle is the one that occurs every Thursday night between CBS and NBC.

Yes, there is a fight to the finish between CBS’s show "Survivor" and NBC's show "Friends." While some critics stated that "Survivor" was just a fluke and that a sequel would be a flop, the latest installment of "Survivor" was only 30 minutes long, with "Survivor" being an hour long. So NBC, in all of its infinite wisdom, decided to "Friends" into a 30-minute show with "SNL Prime-Time" taking up the last 20 minutes.

Now before I go any further, I must say that I have been a "Survivor" watch since it started. And I was looking forward to the new season as much as any other fan. But there is something about this new season that is different than the first one. Maybe it is just a feeling or the fact that last year it was a new show and this time around it has lost some of its appeal. Maybe it is just me, but I think I liked the first season better than the current one. However, you can still find me grilling to the television on Thursday nights watching "Survivor."

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It is cool watching these people run around and jump off a cliff because they want to get a set of rockstars or a fishing kit, or the treasured immunity idol. It is cool mainly because it is not me having to chew cow brains or do other things like that. However, watching the people try to scheme and conspire, that is worth watching the TV show by itself.

So while it may not be as "original" as the first show, the new "Survivor" is just as much fun to watch. The majority of the people who have seen the new show will definitely agree with me. So if you haven't had a chance to watch the new season yet, you sit down one Thursday night and watch "Survivor." That way you can find out what all the hoopla is about.

Edward K. Schultheis

The Phoenix does officially left its old confines in the basement of Daniel McLa.. No more studding heat, no more cramped spaces, and hopefully no more of a chore. We are now able to breath and work with- out sweating to death. And our office has a prime location, in what used to be the office of "The World," near Glar and the Pub.

So, we're pretty happy campers, need- less to say. And, along with a new office we have a new staff. Co-editors-in-chief Claire Adams and Edward Schultheis, News Editor Staci George, Commentary Editor B.J. Shaw, Features Editor Shauna Dominguez, and Sports Editor Matt Hurff.

Over the next semester we have many hopes. For seeing the Phoenix grow, we'd like to give the paper a bit of a face lift and, make it more visually appealing. But we had to make it through the first issue thinking about making changes. So we embarked on publishing our first edition of the Phoenix with two new editors-in-chief and a new commentary editor.

While we knew that it was a hard and decrees. When news came out that "Survivor" was going to be on Thursday night, instead of Wednesday like it was last year, NBC went scurrying to find something that could compete. The problem was that "Friends," one of NBC's money-makers, was only 30 minutes long, with "Survivor" being an hour long. So NBC, in all of its infinite wisdom, decided to "Friends" into a 30-minute show with "SNL Prime-Time" taking up the last 20 minutes.

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Edward Schultheis and Claire Adams discuss the changes awaiting the Phoenix this year:

- Time consuming job, we had no idea how difficult it was going to be. So that leaves editors here, at 7 pm on Monday night writing this story while the paper is still being laid out to be finished and get her applications turned in.

- We knew from watching the previous editors-in-chief, Laura Kelley and Jen Sirkis, that this was going to be an arduous task, and that we had to make sure to come to college and that I should be in the Honors program. None of them were swayed.

- Before I left that day, I mentioned to my coach that I would probably go to another college because I could not afford WMC. The next day I received a call from admissions telling me that I would receive $2000 more a year in financial aid, and that I had been accepted into the Honors program. While hanging out in the Athletics Office late at night I have heard on several occasions a football coach saying, "Well his grades and SAT's are too low, but he's black and has great speed, so I'll call up admissions tomorrow and get him in." Once a student has completed the application, the coach of WMC will make the biggest decision for that athlete. Everyone's financial aid is still met; it's just that athletes have someone pulling for them to get grants.

- I don't think there is anything wrong with these policies. It is just one of the ways the college uses to make each incoming class as strong as possible. Colleges are in the business of educating, but they are also in the business of attracting the best possible class of students, and athletes are the most recruited.

- I think it is a great idea to attract stellar athletes to WMC. Just don't let it be ridiculous to pretend that nothing like this occurs.

- Terry Dalton
COMMENTARY

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Using library reserve system: student problems and alternatives

When have we paid enough? No matter how much you pay there is always another "hidden fee." You pay for tuition in order to come to WMC. If you go to the campus, you pay for room and board in order to stay at WMC. You pay outrageous prices for textbooks in order to learn at WMC. You may even pay for fees in order to take certain classes at WMC. Still, you aren't finished paying yet...

Allow me to explain what I mean. I mean the pressure of going to the library to borrow books...

First option: you could find a seat and read the articles immediately. Second option: you could copy all the articles, but you would have to spend more time studying them in your room and at your own leisure. Third option: you could turn them in right away and say "heck with you." I believe many cash starved students may go to the library to borrow books, but then again the articles must stay in the building, so that wouldn't help.

Since our tuition probably buys you a place to copy in bulk somewhere on campus and you don't have to pay for pay-for reading, you'll be unprepared for participating in class.

If none of these suggestions work for you, then perhaps you should stick to the required texts and eliminate additional readings altogether.

Students have enough college expenses without having to pay "hidden fees" for their homework assignments.

220-meal plan treats all students the same; they are not

Jeremy Kell expresses his feelings regarding the current 220-meal plan

The WMC meal plan for the majority of residential students is exactly the same: 220 meals for everybody. But, hardly anybody uses 220. I think that the plan is unfair because it treats everyone the same.

The small girl who eats just over 100 meals pays just as much as the big guy who eats twice as much or 200 meals. They pay exactly the same even though in theory a male consumes four times as much food as a female. The average amount of meals used is between 165 and 180 meals, while the meal plan gives us 220 meals.

Why have a meal plan that forces students to pay for meals they don't use? It is a pay-for reading system...
Amy Bittinger discusses the true meaning of an internship through her experience at AON.

While most of my friends spent their summer hanging out, waiting tables at a local restaurant, or cashing in at a local liquor store, I was in my own cubicle with a computer, phone, pass card, and company paid metro pass.

I was dressed in a colorful colored pant suit or khakis with a nice button-down shirt. I was hired as a summer intern to work in the actuarial department of Aon Consulting's Baltimore office.

I applied for the internship in April of 2000 because I wanted an experience that would add to my well-roundness and prepare me for what was to come after graduation.

At the end of summer, I was convinced that the three-month internship was the single most valuable experience in the four years that I have been an undergraduate student. The internship exposed me to office life, etiquette, and procedure. While at Aon, an employee benefits consulting firm, I learned about actuary science, a field that I am considering entering.

I also gained extensive experience and knowledge of Microsoft Office, which has also benefited me in the math classroom. To the surprise of Aon, I had little knowledge of how that software, but because of my computer science background, I picked it up with ease.

While at Aon, I did work on a vast array of projects and clients. My first two weeks at Aon I compiled data for an auditor's request. This is where I quickly learned Excel. I input data from DOS and formatted it in Excel. After that, I spent a lot of time filling out government forms including the 5500s and attachments and PBCGs. I filled out the forms based on financial reports and data valuation runs. As I worked there more, I participated in the Defined Benefit trainings and a lot of questions to improve my employee benefit knowledge and my actuarial mathematics. So when government forms were complete, I began working on calculating individual benefits for retired and terminated employees of our clients. I was given the opportunity to test programs that were created to perform these individual benefit calculations.

For tasks that I had included the least exciting archiving of old files, filing of documents and correspondences, and more rewarding jobs of doing valuation runs, completing expense disclosures, and report as- sembling. I had a ball using the binding machines.

However, above all, my internship built my confidence. It proved to me, for the first and only time in my college years that all of my hard work was paying off and was valuable.

My experience writing for the Phoenix enabled me to more effectively write discussion sections of financial reports. My experience with all of my clubs and organizations helped me to understand that a task can be completed inaccurately.

In college, students have to hand in homework. If I knew that it is not right or completed, but in a professional setting tasks must be done thoroughly and accurately.

My experience with lacrosse gave me a chance to understand a team attitude, which in Aon is organized. I was the doer, a co-worker was the checker, and as associate was the finalizer.

Even though I was merely a college student, I had an important role that could not be taken out. Also, in terms of mathematics required for the job, I was thoroughly prepared.

As a result of my internship, I have more confidence in myself, what I have to offer to a company, and all of the educational experiences that I have had from Western Maryland College.

But, I wasn't the only one to benefit from the internship. Aon benefited as well. In an economic way, the work that I did was charged to clients at a nominal rate an hour, while regular full-time employees are charged at a much higher rate per hour.

Furthermore, interns can be given more mundane work, which would be inefficient for full-time employees to work on such as filling data, checking data, and envelope stuffing.

One afternoon I stuffed two pieces of paper into each of over 1,200 envelopes. The biggest advantage that Aon benefited from having interns is that they had the opportunity to see how the interns worked so they could decide if they wanted to hire their interns for full-time employment or not.

In the case of the group of interns of which I was a part, they gained two full time employees. The internship was also an opportunity for me to see if I wanted to be a pension actuary, and if so, I wanted to work at Aon.

I cannot think of a better way to have spent the summer between my junior and senior years of school as well as three days a week in a full semester. And I am sure that when I embark on my career after graduation, I will be glad that I did.

I wish that I could have had more internship experiences to have an even better idea of what is out there.

I encourage all students to seek an experience similar to mine.

Close call: studying matters

Michael Wiles

As any of my friends can confirm, my mantra of the past two weeks has been one single phrase. "Man, it is good to be back."

No, I don't dislike my family and friends from back home, but there is just a certain pleasure in returning to school after a six-week break—well, at least there is a pleasure in returning to campus (the "school" part I could do without). If you agree with me that campus life is indeed a beautiful thing, imagine how you would feel if you could do without. If you agree with me that campus life is indeed a beautiful thing, imagine how you would feel if you could do without. If you agree with me that campus life is indeed a beautiful thing, imagine how you would feel if you could do without.

I found myself in this situation over winter break. Apparently, a 2:02 semester GPA does not justify the $26,000 outlay of money my parents scrape up to send me to this fine institution. I even attempted the coup by fail- ing a class in my major, which, understandably, just added insult to injury.

After much deliberation, as I am sure most of you were able to infer, my parents and I struck a compromise and I have returned to WMC, hopefully on the road to turning my act around. Now, having won a privilege and with a new sense of purpose, I am happy to finally be back on "the hill."

Understandably, this situation got me thinking. Although most of us like to complain about the rigors of college life (people like me that is), the world that exists outside a college campus is quite different from the world to which we all, as college students, have become accustomed.

Aside from facing a situation of this sort myself, I gained a whole new perspective by hanging out with many of my old high school friends over break. Several of them had failed out of school this past fall. I guess, you never realize how important studying is until you see how it can honestly alter the course of your life. It certainly made me look at that history exam more seriously, does it not?

But, of course, it was not the studying that I envisioned missing the most had I failed out of school this past fall. Don't get me wrong; education and enlightenment are both fun and exciting. But, in the end, it really is the little things that you miss most of all.

Not returning to WMC would have meant...no more nights in the pub, no more all-night study sessions with friends, and, most importantly, no more feelings of independence—which might have been the greatest loss of all.

All of this really makes a person think. And, what is more, it really makes someone appreciate what they have.

The next time that classes have you down, remember that you are among the lucky few that get to explore the opportunities and education programs that WMC has to offer.

Remember that you should make the absolute most of the opportunity. Unfortunately, this means hitting the books as hard as you can, turning your efforts toward self-past laziness and procrastination.

In the end, as I hope you will all agree, the benefits and the eventual outcomes of all your hard work can make everything well worth the effort. Undoubtedly, of course, you live in Roulle Hall. Not one positive outcome exists that could justify having to live in that place.

Parking is not just annoying—but dangerous

Sara Hoover enlightens us about parking via her commuting experiences.

When I first sat down to write this article, I thought to myself, how redundant. Practically every issue of this paper has someone complaining about the parking on campus. Unfortunately, WMC would probably suggest that it was your fault, that you should have walked, and that you should have gotten there earlier. Unfortunately, WMC would then suggest that it was their fault, but I am not so sure if that is true.

Second, I think that at least one parking lot devoted to computers should be close to campus. Why do residents receive the prime parking spots if they do not use their cars to get to class? Many of the cars seen to park in the same spot all the time. I bet that if you tried to park in one of those spots, the car would not be the same next time. Unfortunately, WMC would suggest that it was your fault, but I do not think that is true.

When I returned to my car around 11:20 AM, I found myself unable to get my car out of the mud. The ground was too wet, so when I tried to back up I found myself and my car stuck. Luckily, a man from the grounds crew came by to help me out (thank you, whoever you are). This instance simply illustrates my point.

I encourage all students to seek an experience similar to mine.

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Students learn hands on aboard the S.S. Universe Explorer

PHILIP VOGT  Staff Writer

Every year, the Western Maryland College study abroad program affords students the opportunity to experience a new culture first hand. For two WMC upperclassmen, however, the program provided an opportunity to study a handful of foreign cultures—fronts the deck of a cruise ship.

Junior Jamie Morris and senior Aleya Horn both participated in the Semester at Sea program during the fall. A unique experience in which "campus" is a cruise ship, classes are at sea, and "field trips" span several continents.

"The idea was to get involved in cross-cultural learning, not just in class but by actually going places," Horn explained.

Roughly 700 students and faculty joined 300 administrators and a full crew for the 100 day trip, which departed from Vancouver at the start of the semester and included stops in Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba.

The ship docked at each location for extended periods of time, during which the program provided an in-depth, personal study of each culture. In addition, the group performed a variety of service projects.

The combination of formally studying the various cultures, then actually seeing them and interacting within them, heightened the learning process and cast the notions of cross-cultural studies into an entirely new perspective.

According to Horn, nothing you read in a textbook can prepare you for actually visiting the countries and seeing how the people live. In India, for example, she had heard of the widespread poverty but hadn't expected it to manifest in very nearly every region of the country.

She described the feeling as one of wonder, saying "Wow! This stuff we read about in the texts really happens."

"You can see the real India or the Taj Mahal," Horn explained, noting that the program, while valuable, tended toward the touristic at times.

However, her own independent travel allowed her to make observations of such things as India's rigid caste system, a topic with which she was very interested.

While certainly exotic and very different from the traditional college classes and lectures (both Horn and Morris had the opportunity to hear Fidel Castro speak in Cuba), the trip was not without it's conventional college aspects.

In addition to typical cruise ship features, the boat had residence halls (complete with a residence life staff that put on periodic programs), classrooms, a pool, a gym, a library, and a computer lab.

Both students took a variety of classes unrelated to the trip itself for regular credits which transferred to their WMC transcripts upon their return. Ultimately, both Horn and Morris enjoyed the experience considerably and were quick to recommend the program to others, citing the opportunity to see several countries during the semester rather than just one as the main reason they chose to participate.

"Staying in one country [for a semester] allows you to really get to learn that place, but with this [program] you get to see more" and experience many more cultures Horn said.

FEATURES

Horoscopes for a very special and romantic Valentine's Day

LISA STANLEY  Staff Writer

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

Happy Birthday! Now is the time for love and you've got a lot of it so let it loose and go to Barney's with your friends. Your lucky numbers are 1, 21 and 34.

Pieces (Feb 20-March 20)

Well you slippery fishes, this Valentine's Day get your groove on, and go on a getaway this month with someone special and hit the slopes if you can. Your lucky numbers are 7, 13 and 25.

Aries (March 21-April 20)

It's time to see red this semester, so take an idea over the top this V-Day and the one on the receiv- ing end will love you for it. Your lucky numbers are 2, 17 and 28.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

Taurus, feeling bullish this year? Well take some chances, walk out on a limb and it is guaranteed that good things will come of it, hint: chocolate is always a good bet. Your lucky numbers are 9, 15 and 23.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

Take a day off and hit the inner harbor, play at the ESPN Zone and get competitive but let someone else win some too. Your lucky numbers are 11, 24 and 35.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)

Watch your stars, they are lucky especially at this time of year, cash them in for your heart and see their magic work. Your lucky numbers are 8, 14 and 32.

Leo (July 24-Aug 23)

Your inner Lion is restless, let this animal guide your actions, hint: not too much. Take this lion and go out with that someone special or a good friend and the spirit of Valentine will be yours. Your lucky numbers are 12, 27 and 26.

Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Virgo, no viagra needed for you. This Valentine's Day play outside in a park, hint: picnics are just sooo romantic. Just don't stay outside too long if it's still cold. But is the day is dreary you don't worry your secret admirer will still come out to play. Your lucky numbers are 6, 18 and 31.

Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Don't let Valentine's Day make you shy. Get out there! As part of a couple or stag this V-Day is full of good surprises for you. Your lucky numbers are 10, 16 and 20.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Scorpio's this semester work hard and play hard with select others, hit a hot tub and a bottle of wine, with this a night will ensue.
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Ask Kitty: helpful advice about romance and relationships

CATHY PENDROF
Staff Writer

Dear Sincerely Stressing,

I don't think you need to spend a lot of money to get someone something special. He said he didn't want anything and maybe he really doesn't. He may just want to spend some time with you. You could plan something nice for the two of you to do together or maybe you could make something for him.

It really is the thought that counts, and sometimes just saying the right words can be the perfect gift.

If all else fails, refer to the list of Valentine gift ideas found in this issue of the Phoenix!

Dear Kitty,

I have a wonderful boyfriend and I love him to death - but I have one problem, he does not understand the need for personal space. He calls me several times a day and visits every night. He says he wants to be with me 24/7. Can you say, "smothering"?

How can I make him understand that I love the time I spend with him, but need time to myself? I just don't want to hurt his feelings.

-Kitty

No breathing room

Dear Kitty,

Maybe the key to making your boyfriend understand you need time to yourself is to just tell him. Be direct - don't hint around.

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Do you ever have those pressing problems to which you wished you had a quick answer? Well, there may not be a quick answer, but Kitty will read your problems and maybe give you a few options you hadn't thought of yet, so go ahead ask for help, Ask Kitty...

If you have a question, a problem, or just a situation you would like an opinion on, write a letter and send it to Kitty. Just send your letter through campus mail to box 797.

Disclaimer: The author is not a licensed professional, but just wishes to present a forum for people who would like to look at their issues in a different way.

Dear Kitty,

With Valentine's Day nearly here, I am freaking out about what to get my boyfriend. He said he doesn't want anything, but I have to get him something. Don't you think it would be rude to not get him anything at all? I want to get him something special, but I don't have a lot of money to spend. I am so confused! Please help!

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Dear Tom and Confused,

First of all, the guy you like, why are you putting up with his crap? He has a girlfriend.

He says he's breaking up with her, but your instincts tell you he's lying. Trust yourself.

When he flirts with you, remind yourself it's bad news and get away from the situation. And you say he gets jealous, well, so what. That's not your problem.

As for the guy who likes you, decide how you feel about him, and then follow through. If he's not your type and you don't like him, don't lead him on.

You say he's a great guy, be a great friend to him.

I can't really tell you what to do, that's something you have to figure out on your own, after all, you're the one who will have to live with the decision.

If it were a game, you could toss a coin to decide, and if the option you end up with isn't the one you can live with, then maybe the other is the one you want...

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Nearby:

Improvisations with the Jon Seligman Group

McDaniel Lounge
February 19, 2001
7:00 p.m.

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I Believe: What do you believe in?

Anyone familiar with the movie Bully Durham remembers the emo-
tioned-packed scene when baseball
groupie Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon) angrily asks Crash
Davis (Kevin Costner) what he be-
lieves in.
Crash launches into a mono-
logue that includes, "...I believe that
the novels of Susan Sontag are self-
indulgent, overrated crap. I be-
lieve that Lee Harvey Oswald acted
alone. I believe that there ought to be
two states in Texas. I believe in the
sweet spot, soft-core pornography,
opening up your presents Christ-
mas morning rather than Christmas
eve, and I believe in long, slow,
deep, soft, wet kisses that last for
three days."

Using this monologue as a
model, instructor Lisa Breslin re-
cently asked her ENG110 students
to create "I Believe" statements.
Their writing proved to be "inspir-
ing, revealing, poignant and ex-
tremely well-written," Breslin
adding that she could not take
credit for the assignment idea be-
cause she had pulled it from Joel
Salzman's book, If You Can Talk,
You Can Write.

Starting with this issue we will
be running the column, "I Be-
lieve." Some of Breslin's students
are the first to contribute; our hope
is that "I Believe" statements start
pouring in. They offer a unique
glimpse into the lives of WMC stu-
dents, their priorities and their
dreams.
-Shauna Dominguez
I believe in true friends, being
happily married, having a fine ar-
cricle, catching fireflies during the sum-
mer, making children laugh
and only eating #8 spaghetti. I believe
that the Coyote will catch the Rou-
drover one day: a View Master is
as good as a television; everyone
should have a Mr. Potato Head; you
should always have clean socks;
and that making a wish on the first
star that you see at night is an obli-
gation. I believe the greatest job
in the world is being a kid, and I be-
lieve in only playing with soccer
balls that have 32 panels. I believe
in eating apples with a spoon and
not eating the cheese on pizza.
-Katie Champion

For a romantic date that doesn't
have a gift for your sig-
nificant other. What are you going
to do? Keep reading, that's what
and find out what we see that
special someone on the date
that was made to celebrate love
and passion.

Problem is, when we order, we
do things wrong. We ask for
the luncheon menu and the wait-
ress says "not on weekends." We
order ked-tea and she tells us that
it's better if you drink it.
I'm hoping the food is as tasteful as the deco-
rating.

"It's cramped, five-stories above
Rouzer parking lot. We call it
home.

So we go to New York City this
past weekend to see a show and we
stop at this tall place for lunch. In-
side there's only a few tables: a couple of women in the
corner in dress-suits and some
Asians near the window in fashion-
able New York black. I'm hoping
that the feeling that we've uncon-
bravely broken every rule of eat-
ing etiquette that exists.

Etiquette sounds a little too
Martha Stuart for my tastes. But the
ting is, as a young upcoming aca-
demic, I have this feeling that I am
slowly being ushered into worlds of
eating etiquette that I'm not pre-
pared to swallow.

In my room the most rigid eat-
custom we have is the "five second
rule." And how can you
learn that you're supposed to keep
your elbows off the table when you
don't even have one?

Even the English geek, I thought
I'd head to the library to find out
what I've been missing. In light of
the holiday, here's a few pointers I
picked up to help you wine and
dine your loved one.

Don't hold onto your fork and knife
during the meal. Don't put your
napkin on your lap when you sit
in a movie theater. Don't sip from the
fork. Don't eat soup by scooping it to-
down into your mouth. Don't pick up your napkin if
you drop it (let the waiter do it).

But these conventions seem a little
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"Shana Dominguez and
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For a romantic date that doesn't
be romantic cities are also good, Paris
is romantic. And if Paris is a little
much, Virginia is for lovers.

For all you extra-cheap college
kids just buy one of those teeny
tiny boxes of chunky hearts and
call it a present. Or if you have a little more
money, buy them a box of choco-
alates or one of those adorable large
kisses. But don't buy the huge chocolate
lips. Those are just old fashioned.
They look like they belong to the
girlfriend of the average Grant Giant.

For those of you who think pre-
sees on Valentine's Day's ruins
the meaning of the day, show your
sweetie how much you like her by simply telling them
how much you care. It's mushy and sort-
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like to hear that kind of thing.

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Student research & creativity grants

To apply for an award, a student must have a
WMC grade point average of 3.2 and obtain the direct
involvement or close sponsorship of a faculty member.
The awards are competitive. The grants are intended
to encourage special projects that complement students'
major academic emphasis; they are not intended to
cover the normal expenses of a course. Dean Case
will review all viable proposals
students may devise. Grants may range from $25 to
$500. Applications are available in Dean Case's office.
The deadline for applications for student
research and creativity grants for Spring, 2001 is
The Sideline View: XFL, football or flop?

Jeff Grever discusses Vince McMahon's newly created XFL. Is it really as "hard hitting" and exciting as promised?

Disappointment. That is the first, and only, word that comes to mind when you think about Vince McMahon's new football league, the XFL. This league was promoted by the man who is best known for the biggest and better than the NFL. The advertisements used hard hits, sex, and fewer rules to draw in the viewers.

Well I can begin by saying that I was initially excited to see a few harder hits, and maybe some "should have been" NFL players make their marks.

And the league certainly got what they were hoping for, which was everyone's attention.

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The league had millions of people watching its opening weekend, but only being two weeks into it, I am already predicting those numbers will drop each week, and thus the ratings for this league by the season's midway point.

But it didn't take long for the disappointment to settle in. I should not have expected much from a league that was started by the man who is responsible for the WWF, which is the biggest waste of prime-time television hours that I have ever seen.

But back to the football league. Or is it even worthy of being called football? OK, so they are supposed to be tougher than the NFL. Like the lack of a "fair catch" rule, but how tough is it when they add a five-yard halo rule? College football has a two-yard halo rule, and the NFL has no halo rule. I think there is more of a chance for a big hit in the NFL than in the XFL. And the harder hits?

I have yet to see a really hard hit in any of these games yet. The NFL has several huge hits every game, and if they don't have a monster hit during the game, they try and try up a cheapy hit and show it over and over again.

Which brings me to the announcers. Dennis Miller can ram legs around these guys as far as I am concerned.

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The commentary sounds just as cheezy as the WWF, and they make a big deal about nothing. The announcers repeat themselves constantly, and they need frequent breaks from interviews with fans, players, and the announcers during the game.

The worst example of the announcers lack of football knowledge was when one of them tried to predict, "They may attempt a fake field goal" on 2nd and down and three yards to go while the offense was still on their 34-yard line. That was almost as disturbing as a knowledgeable football fan as Mike Young's most revealing incident on pay per view last spring, which still haunts me to this day.

Another downfall to the XFL is the quality of the actual game.

The level of play in the XFL is about as entertaining as a JV high school football game. The teams are constantly trying big plays, and they never use strategy towards gaining yards in an efficient way. Big plays don't happen when the little plays aren't made to set them up.

Teams trying for a deep pass on third downs in a row is not entertaining, and besides being redundant and predictable, it just isn't fun to watch two teams full of quasi-skilled players attempt to score on one another.

Other issues couldn't rain on their parade.

Michael Jenkinson gives his predictions for the upcoming Wrestlenia

Every spring, the Super Bowl of pro-wrestling, Wrestlenia, explodes on the scene. Each year, the event is another chapter in wrestling history that takes place in either February or early April.

Participating in the main event at Wrestlenia is the most coveted spot in the wrestling business. It is something that few have done, and a mark of elite status that will insure a wrestlers place in wrestling history.

With Wrestlenia less than two months away, wrestling fans have begun to speculate who will be in this year's main event.

The three leading candidates are The Rock, Triple H, and Stone Cold Steve Austin. Austin appears to be a virtual lock. Not only is he the single most popular wrestler in the world today, but he has already won a spot in the match since he won the Royal Rumble this year.

The Royal Rumble is a pay-per-view match consisting of 30 wrestlers that take place every January.

The winner of the match is supposed to be given a feature in a main event appearance in the main event at Wrestlenia. However, with wrestling's wild storylines, several wrestlers have won the rumble but have been left out of their title shots later on.

Despite that, Austin is most likely going to be in the match. But who will he face?

1996 Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle is currently the WWF champion, but it seems unlikely that he will retain his title until Wrestlenia.

The other two favorites left are Triple H and the Rock. But there are problems with both of these men.

Stone Cold Steve Austin and Triple H are facing off in a grudge match in a February pay-per-view, and it seems unlikely the WWF would choose to feature Wrestlenia with a match that happened the previous month.

So that leaves The Rock, right? There are problems with The Rock/Austin match as well. The Rock is a "face," a wrestling term for a good guy or fan favorite. Austin is also a "face." The last two "faces" fought in the main event at Wrestlenia was more than ten years ago when the Ultimate Warrior challenged Hulk Hogan.

There is a chance The Rock could turn heel, the name for a bad guy or rule breaker. However, there are other problems with The Rock/Austin match besides the previously mentioned ones. The Rock will go into the main event of Wrestlenia two years ago, and never in the sixteen years of the event's history has there been a repeat main event entry.

Another possibility is a three way match featuring all three superstars.

Coming off of last years extremely unpopular four way match that featured The Rock, The Big Show, and Mick Foley, I doubt that WWF would repeat the concept.

Perhaps a fourth, unsuspecting man could pull off a surprise appearance. And Undertaker, and Chris Jericho could all be possible darkhorses.

There are also rumors that the legendary Shawn Michaels could possibly retire from wrestling this year, and wrestle again for Wrestlenia.

Swimming end solid season on losing note

MATT HUFF
Sports Editor

The Men's and Women's Swimming teams finished the season slate the same way they began, by dropping two straight heartbreaking meets.

This two-game slide occurred when the Terror met Franklin and Marshall in Lancaster, Pa in a 58-141 Men's loss and 77-127 Women's loss.

Before this loss, the women's squad was in the midst of a 6-2 tear while the men's squad had won five of their last seven meets.

In the loss against Franklin and Marshall, freshman Melanie Pulley smashed her own school record in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 10:53.06.

Meanwhile, Pulley also picked up the 100-yard breaststroke victory with a time of 1:12.55.

Another highlight from the women's action were the 1-2 finish in the 50-meter fly by Annie Smith and Katie Tomarelli with times of 2:18.96 and 2:26.83 respectively and the victory in the 400-meter freestyle by Jen Figley with a time of 56.82.

In the men's action Dan Pickett came through with a win in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 10.15.08. Pickett also suffered a heartbreaking 1-2 finish with the Diplomats Mark Woodall in the 200-meter backstroke, as Woodall edged out Pickett with a time of 200-54 compared to Pickett's time of 204.57.

Another key performer in the men's match was Chris Clemmens who placed second in the 200-meter freestyle and the 500-meter freestyle and also participated in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

In the final regular season meet against Washington College in Chestertown, Md, both the men's and women's squads lost, ending the season on a two game losing streak, as the women lost 61-127 while the men dropped a 66-127 decision.

Meanwhile, Pulley also ran another Western Maryland College swimming record, this time in the 1650-meter freestyle with a time of 18:09.29 breaking the time of 15:59.31 set by Kelly Brown in 1995. Despite this record, Pulley only managed a 2nd place finish in the event.

This record gives Pulley the 4th fastest time in the Centennial Conference this season.

Other top female performers include Aimee Smith and Mary Easterday, who had a 1-2 finish in the 100-meter fly with times of 1:04.17 and 1:05.53 respectively.

Chris Clemmens led the men's action with a win in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:48.93 while also having a 2nd place finish in the 200-meter backstroke. Jason Stockhouse also posted a first place finish in the 200-meter butterfly with a time of 21.15.

A solid performance was put forward by Dan Pickett who finished 2nd in the 1000-meter freestyle, the 200 I.M. and the 500-meter freestyle.

The Men's swimming squad now heads into the Centennial Conference Championship in Lancaster, Pa on February 16th-18th with a 5-6 regular season record.

Meanwhile, the women's team heads into the post season with a 6-6 record on the year.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

Why do the Orioles start every season at home?

Last edition's answer: The Banana Slugs

Thick post season with a 6-6 record on the year.
Women's Basketball

Wrestling

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**Women's Basketball**

**hard at work during January break**

**CHARG P. JOHNSON**
Assistant Sports Editor

While most students were home during the month of January relaxing and enjoying the time off, the WMC women's basketball team was still hard at work. The winter session held many twists and turns for Western Maryland, as they posted a 6-4 record. However, three wins in the last four games have the Green Terror headed in the right direction entering the home stretch of the regular season.

During the winter session, Western Maryland posted wins over conference opponents Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore, and non-conference opponents Villanova, Catholic, and Gallaudet. Losses during this campaign came at the hands of Lebanon Valley, Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, and Muhlenberg.

During the month of January, the WMC offense was primarily driven by the play of three individuals. Senior Jill Ibe, who is averaging 15.4 ppg, led the team in scoring five times. Sophomore Jen Piccolomini, the team's second leading scorer at 14.5 ppg, led the team in scoring four times. And Senior Patty Russo, averaging 10.1 ppg, led the team in scoring three times.

The team has gone 3-1 since the student body made its way back to the hill for the spring semester.

The Green Terror made the first day back, January 29, a memorable one by posting a 69-59 home win against Mary Washington.

The Green Terror trailed at the half by a score of 31-28. However, led by Jill Ibe's 16 points, and Jen Piccolomini's 15-point, 11 rebound double-double, Western Maryland managed to prevail over the visiting Eagles. On January 31, the Terror traveled to Lancaster, PA to take on a tough squad from Franklin & Marshall. Patty Russo tallied 15 points, including 6 from behind the 3-point line. But in spite of this offensive effort, WMC was unable to pull out a conference victory, losing by a score of 83-63. The loss dropped Western Maryland to 13-6 (5-4).

The month of February opened on a winning note as the Green Terror rolled past Ursinus for a 78-66 conference victory. Once again, WMC found itself trailing at halftime, 37-36. However, a strong Green Terror defense held the Bears to just 19 points and a 23.3 percent field-goal percentage after intermission.

The offense was spearheaded by Jill Ibe's game high 16 points and 12 rebounds. The WMC attack also saw a trio of players finish with nine points: Patty Russo, Toby McIntire, and Brooke Brenneman.

Finally, on February 6, Western Maryland squared off against the Red Devils of Dickinson in Carlisle, PA. Despite trailing 30-28 at halftime, the Terror gained a 38-36 lead midway through Tuesday's second half and led by as much as five down the stretch, defeating Dickinson 59-56.

Jill Ibe led all scorers with 19 points for WMC, while teammate Jen Piccolomini contributed 18 points of her own. The victory improved Western Maryland's record to 15-6, 7-4 in the Centennial Conference.

The Green Terror returns home at 1 p.m. on Saturday for Senior Day. After the game, they will be presented with the highest award offered by the University, the Bullets of Gettysburg. February had been good to WMC so far. Hopefully, that crucial element known as momentum will remain on their side.

**Scoreboard**

**Standings**

**Women's Basketball**

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**Women's Basketball Schedule**

**Baseball**

vs Barton College  March 4th  @ 1:00 PM

vs Villa Julie  March 7th  @ 2:30 PM

@ Lincoln University  March 10th

@ Messiah College  March 13th

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**Men's Basketball Schedule**

**Baseball**

@ Villia Julie  March 3rd  @ 2:00 PM

@ Cabrini College  March 3rd  @ 2:00 PM

@ Widener University  March 10th  @ 2:00 PM

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**Men's Lacrosse**

vs St. Mary's College  March 1st  @ 4:00 PM

vs Susquehanna  March 10th  @ 1:00 PM

@ Franklin and Marshall  March 14th 4:00 PM

**Women's Lacrosse**
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but the effort is there," says guard Anstead. "We’ve caught a couple bad breaks, but we are playing hard.

On January 31st, WMC went on the road again for a tough game against conference powerhouse Franklin and Marshall. The game was a story of two halves as the Green Terror played the role of underdog and played well enough to be down only four points at halftime. The second half was another story as Franklin and Marshall dominated the contest as they outscored WMC 52-14 in route to a 96-68 victory. WMC was very sloppy at times they committed 27 turnovers and found themselves buried by the offensive attack of the opposition. Freshman forward Alan Hoyt, the team’s leading scorer, led the team with ten points and seven rebounds on the night. The Green Terror finished second in the league in three point shooting.

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Staff Writer

There are only thirteen female senators currently at work in Washington... WMC was honored to have one of them here for a well-attended event recently.

Maryland’s own democratic Senator Barbara A. Mikulski visited on Wednesday, February 20, 2001.

In “A Conversation with Barbara Mikulski,” as this event was called, Mikulski discussed her past achievements, the road to her seat in the Senate, and the importance of community service during college through private organizations and involvement in public policy making.

Provost Sam Case made the opening remarks and introduced people who had been instrumental in arranging Senator Mikulski’s visit to the Hill, such as Alec Reinstein and his wife, as well as Dr. Herb Smith, chair of the Political Science Department.

Mikulski, a sociology major who later continued her education with studies in social work and social strategy, recalled being active in both the anti-Vietnam movement and the Civil Rights movement.

During the tragic year of 1968, after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., Mikulski decided to return to school again, this time to prepare for a cabinet position in a future presidency, she explained.

However, she was soon made aware that there was a plan to build a sixteen-lane highway through ethnic and minority neighborhoods as well as in Central and Northeastern Maryland.

Thus, she began her career of a “highway of firsts,” as Smith claimed in his introduction.

In 1969, she took up the fight against the highwaymen and won, stopping the destruction of both the political ladder.

In 1986 she ran for and won a seat in the United States Senate against Republican Linda Chavez, and has held onto that seat for the past two elections.

Mikulski was the first woman to serve in both houses of the United States government, the first woman to win a state wide election in Maryland, and the first woman to win a seat that had not been previously held by her husband.

She said, “In life, the path may not be clear—you’re going to have to take a chance.”

Mikulski spoke on a variety of issues, beginning with the inclusion of women to the United States Senate.

No longer ‘acting’: Case becomes Provost

JOAN FAULKENER
Asst. News Editor

Imagine entering WMC as a freshman and being here 49 years later. Too tough? Than just ask newly appointed Provost Sam Case, who entered WMC as a freshman in 1959.

On Dec. 12, 2000 President Joan Dewelin Coley announced the appointment of Dr. H. Samuel Case as Provost and Dean of the Faculty at Western Maryland College.

Case has been part of the faculty at WMC for 36 years. Senior Dave Hanyok, a exercise science major, said that Case is “not only one of my favorite people at this college. He has shown me support and assistance that I’ve only previously received from my mother.”

Hanyok, who has taken four classes with Case adds that, “It’s cool that he’s the provost, but it lacks that he can’t teach. He’s indescribable.”

Case agrees that one of the biggest transitions he has had to make is, as he says, “the fact that I’m not teaching as much.”

Case, who taught in the department of exercise science and physical education, will continue to teach Backpaking and Physiology of the Extreme Environment.

Case has also had to adjust to not being as actively involved in research as he used to be and now has a different working relationship with faculty.

The political ladder.

Theatre on the Hill, and financial aid.

Coley agrees that there are transition issues one has to make when taking over as provost, such as knowing the intricacies of WMC.

Although Case attests to making some difficult transitions, Coley believes that “the transition, in fact, has been seamless, in part continued on page 2

Lewis Project receives $350,000

JACKIE LEAZER
Staff Writer

Built in 1914, and renovated in 1966, the Lewis Recital Hall lacks up-to-date electric wiring support necessary for modern technology.

That will soon be rectified with a generous gift that exemplifies a commitment to Western Maryland College and what it has to offer.

WMC’s ongoing fundraising campaign, “The Lewis Project,” recently received a significant $350,000 donation from The Helen P. Oenir Charitable Trust, as money was also given toward the building of the science laboratory center. The trust, pleased with the success of the lab building wanted to continue their support, Myers said.

“We are thrilled to receive support from the fund,” said President Joan Dewelin Coley.

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...or who they are,” she said.

Tom Drenay, professor of foreign languages, asked a question concerning the United States foreign policy with Cuba.

Mikulski encouraged the ending of the embargo, citing political and economic gains for both countries.

Mikulski also answered a question concerning the expectation of three Supreme Court judge appointments during Bush’s presidency.

She first focused on the appointment of Senator John Ashcroft to the cabinet position of Attorney General, relaying the same sentiment as when she spoke on the Senate floor approximately a month ago.

“He is the wrong man, at the wrong time, at the wrong agency,” she said.

She commented that she hoped the current justices remained well, and should appointments be made, that Bush stick with moderates rather than those on the far right.

Mikulski’s visit allowed the students and staff to meet their representative in an arena that made her seem very accessible and down to earth.

Senior Ryan Ewing remarked that he thought Mikulski’s visit was, “very positive and held a nice message for the students on this campus. She seemed to speak what she believed.”

Dear Question Marquis: Well... why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover.

You simply must play your cards correctly.

Q: Ask the Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features?

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an extensive scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through any book. And many of the author’s own sources are, how you say, “hyperlinked.” So you can follow the writer’s train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information, so don’t go gossiping about like a bunch of Montesquieu’s concubines. Now I wish I hadn’t told you.

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Q: Ask the Question Marquis: My sister’s boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? —Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia. About how much more free time she will have when she’s writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use, je ne sais pas, to get to know each other better? If you know what I... wait —you said your sister’s boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions.
Calendar of Events
Thursday, March 1: 4th Annual "Reach Out WMC" Auction; doors open at 4:30 p.m., and auction starts at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2: "Little Shop of Horrors" opens at 8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall; shows also on March 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10.

Sunday, March 4: Opening reception for Calvin Edward Ramsburg's "Point of Entry"; 2:00-5:00 in Rice Gallery.

Friday, March 7: Guest Lecturer Dr. Robin Blake; "Date Rape" at 7 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge.

Tuesday, March 6: Women's Lacrosse Basket Bingo at 5:30 p.m. in the forum.

Wednesday, March 7: Presentation by David Ivry on "Seeking Peace"; 8:00 p.m. in McDaniel Lounge.

Friday, March 10: Marching band break starts; residence halls close at 7 p.m.

Correction
The last issue of the Phoenix reported that Jan Kiphart, registrar, previously worked at Mt. St. Mary's College. Instead, she worked at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The Phoenix regrets this mistake.

Alpha Phi Omega helps Campus Safety with escorting students

"We have 11 uniformed officers, plus myself. We also have a full-time office manager and one work-study student," said Webster. He feels these numbers are adequate. "I think it's a good number. We have a desk attendant around the clock as well as part-time dispatches.

The main reason the fraternity is doing this is because it enables Campus Safety to have more time to tend to their regular responsibilities, said Bronson.

The service has "worked with moderate success so far," said Bronson. They have escorted a few people already, but the service should be used on a more frequent basis in the near future, he said.

"It hasn't been well publicized. Student Affairs will begin to advertise soon," said Bronson.

The Escorts often help resident assistants on their rounds by escorting them down to the Pennsylvania Avenue houses late at night. Another beneficial aspect of the service is the availability of a golf cart.

The cart, which is supplied by Campus Safety, can help anyone with a disability or someone who has suffered an injury and may have trouble getting around campus. Any student interested in getting an escort can simply call Campus Safety at extension 202, or the Alpha Phi Omega member who is currently on duty.

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Campus Safety Blotter
The Department of Campus Safety reported the following cases which include:

2/10/01 at 1:45 a.m. student gaining unauthorized access to Decker Center.
2/8/01 at 11:15 a.m. student observed with beer, under 21 near McDaniel Hall.
2/9/01 at 11:47 p.m. student under age possessing alcohol at Blanche Ward Hall.
2/9/01 at 2:30 a.m. underage possession of alcohol by a student at Blanche.
2/11/01 at 2:51 a.m. a non-student was drinking in the hallway in Blanche.
2/10/01 at 2:45 a.m. non-students were involved in an altercation with a student resident in Blanche.
2/1/01 at 4:30 a.m. a mirror was stolen from a vehicle in Rouzer Hall.
2/1/01 at 12:10 a.m. a student was driving under the influence of alcohol in McDaniel Hall.
2/1/01 at 5:00 p.m. a student was driving under the influence of alcohol in Blanche.
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Recently, after being pulled over by police for speeding, a student was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SAFETY

IST ANNUAL AIDS WALK
SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2001
11:30-3:30 PM
WALK BEGINS AND ENDS AT CARROLL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

SPONSORED BY AIDS SUPPORT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION GROUP (A.S.A.P.) AND CIRCLE K.

SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR WMC STUDENTS IS AVAILABLE
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN ON THE WALK, CALL MOHINDRA RAMPHAL AT (410) 751-8213 OR ERIN OWEN AT (410) 751-8235.
Array of cuisine and clothes

Imagine taste-testing food from around the world without ever having to leave the WMC campus.

No this was not a special night in Gator bar but rather the annual International Dinner.

The theme of the night's festivities was "Open your mind, open your mouth."

Two hundred guests enjoyed the dishes prepared by students of various cultures.

Along with the array of food, there was also a fashion show of clothes from around the world.

As the participants modeled their culture's clothing, some even offered such entertainment as playing a German song on the guitar, doing a Spanish dance, or singing an Italian song.

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Many countries' culture was represented at each of the participants served the food they had cooked. This allowed the 200 guests to ask them questions about their new dish.

Generous gift will be used to update the technology of Lewis Recitation Hall

raise both the prestige and visibility of the college. Gifts like this help reinforce that the college is on the right path," said Coley.

According to Doug Myers, with the Denit Charitable Trust's gift, alumni, friends of the college, and corporations are also being approached for similar investments in the Lewis Project.

The project's case statement states that gaining an overall goal of $4 million in private funds will help toward the cost of the renovation of Lewis.

Once completed, Lewis Recitation Hall will have accommodations for the sciences, as well as providing future homes for the departments of mathematics, business and economics, communications, and sociology.

According to the case statement, the building lacks computer labs, as well as "necessities such as a sprinkler system and central air conditioning."

With the $100,000 of the trust's donation specifically aimed toward improving technology, the college is now preparing itself to accommodate students with state-of-the-art equipment.

The project committee, chaired by trustee Charlie Moore, class of '71, along with the Board of Trustees, administration, and alumni, is continuing its efforts to secure gifts toward this important effort.

With donations like the Denit Charitable Trust gift, the college can continue to provide new and advanced facilities.

Case becomes new WMC provost

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because Sam knows the college so well."

Case plans to "improve the quality of faculty and services to students and make everything they do more easily accomplished."

His agenda also includes the desire to "expand the diversity of students and faculty."

In the memo sent out by the Coley, she describes his leadership as "persuasive, serving on virtually every committee to which he could be elected to and leading curricular reform in the '90s."

Also according to the memo, Case has published more than 35 articles in scholarly journals, served as associate editor of two, been awarded the Antarctica Service Medal, and been re-appointed chair of the Governor's Commission on Fitness.

Case singles out WMC as being better than other colleges because "there's a sense of community here. People care about each other."

Junior Cheryl Skelley, a social work major, who had Case for Nutrition describes him as "really passionate about the subject that he taught."

Skelley adds that "he's like a pillar of the college."

Case has been at WMC for over 40 years, he's planning to be provost to lead the college through the Middle States evaluation process in 2002-03 and then help look for his successor, according to the memo.

He then plans to retire because he has a lot of things he has still always wanted to do.

Coley said, "Sam Case has been an integral part of WMC for his entire professional life... no one cares any more deeply about the college than Sam. He is the perfect provost."

SEEKING PEACE

David Ivry, Ambassador of Israel to the U.S.

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

McDaniel Lounge at 8:00 pm

Come and learn firsthand how he manages conflict resolution at Western Maryland College's annual lecture endowed by Alvan and Elaine Mintzes in honor of Alleck and Harriet Resnick.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact (410) 857-2290

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Please call Karen Orchard at 410-848-7859 to schedule an appointment.
Maintaining priorities: academics are first, then athletics

Amy Bittinger gives her perspective on athlete preferential treatment.

Well, I play because it is fun. However, I was not recruited and I was not expected to gain because of my sport (as per generally being a division three school), I do not think that playing lacrosse will benefit me in any other way that other activities have.

Furthermore, according to Shulman's research, athletes with the same college league scores (NCAA SAT scores) as non-athletes who have similar time restraints as a result of participating in drama, musical ensemble, or other activities, perform less well academically in school.

This shows that athletics hinder academics. Therefore, academics are not necessarily linked to winning a team. This is because of the amount of time and effort required in athletics.

At first, I just thought I would learn that "Napster" is quickly losing its battle against the record companies, and they will most likely have to drop in the towel soon, or possibly even charge for it to continue.

In any event, I feel a bit let down. It seemed that Napster was the last man standing at the party just as it was coming to an end.

I think most can agree that, if Napster has to charge for its service, that will probably be the end of its social influence. As great as the service is, it could not possibly survive with such a price tag.

I think that the death of Napster will be one of the most important events of the year, along with the death of the music industry.

I think that the death of Napster will also bring down the amount of spaces available and giving upperclassmen the right to park to the limit and continuing to get paid until something is done.

However, the school knows that we have dwelt on these issues, and it's obvious that the need is there, so there really is no point except to pass it on. It's just something we've already told us every class, and we feel your pain. But we don't want to hear about it anymore.

Thirdly, most students have hectic schedules. This is because of the amount of stress that people walk around complaining about is self-induced. I know that I am not alone in finding new ways to get more stress for myself. I get involved in so much until I am pushed to the limit and completely stressed out. Then I start walking around telling everyone how busy I am and all the things that I am involved in.

If you really do feel the need to state your opinion about the dining establishment here, do it once and move on to the next big thing.

I, of course, include myself in the mix, since I have already been to dust off my CD player and look for one of my albums. It was fun while it lasted, and I will miss it when it is gone.

---Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

I don't consider myself an athlete. I am a commuter at Westmoreland College, I consider myself a student who participates on the lacrosse team, and in other clubs and organizations. My first priority as a student is academics.

Recently, I read an article in the Washington Post in which comedian Chris Rock complained that he feels as though he should not be admitted to college because he doesn't have a good jump shot.

Similarly, I read in New York Times magazine that many schools that have successful athletes do not necessarily yield great financial gains as a result of spending on recruitment, marketing, and scholarships.

Just the other day, I read about Annapolis native Susan Reinherr in the Baltimore Sun saying that especially in America's commuter colleges, students are more likely to get into college because of their skills than their SAT scores. However, I believe an important element has been neglected from many of society's arguments: what is in the best interest of the athlete?

I guess I am lucky that I lack athletic skill because if I had gotten into Princeton or Duke because of what I could do on a field, I would have struggled academically to the point of probably having to drop out of school.

Students who get into Ivy League or prestigious schools on the basis of athletic skill and with little regard for academic preparation will undoubtedly be negatively hindered academically in college.

This is true because, not only will students have less time for school because of all of the time demands such athletic programs require, but he or she will not be as prepared for such academic rigors that IVY league and other schools expect.

This is why I hope that students at Western Maryland College are not given admission preference based on athletics. It brings down the academic integrity of the whole school.

Susan Reinherr explained in her column that based on research done by James Shulman in "The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values" that financial benefit is not related to athletic success at all. The research says that college programs regularly lose money and that "Athletic giving is not linked to the winning team in the long run." Nor is it the case, according to these research, that college athletes make better leaders or employees after graduating.

So what benefit is there to encouraging athletics in college?

I have to admit, I am new at this. I got a spity new computer for Christmas. Among the various new features it possessed, it had one ability that stood out from the others: the ability to play mp3's.

Now, prior to this acquisition, I really didn't know how much I was getting recorded on the hop in the "Napster Battle." Artists should have the right to protect their music and not have it spread around the Internet with no financial compensation.

However, after considering how I would feel if my band, "brandi Crawford" was recording placed on the Web, I began to look at the situation differently.

If one is to stay in a positive mindset, they might come to see the Internet as a means to free publicity. Therefore, they would see massive downloads of "Napster interest," as a sort of honor.

This type of thinking made it that much easier for me to install "Napster" on my own computer. However, I have to try this thing for myself.

So, like the last guest to arrive at the biggest party of the year, I finally joined my peers on "Napster'".

At first, I just thought I would download a few songs. And, to that same end, I would not download any LE P version (those that are not copyrighted) nor would I steal the just the rare stuff that the artist probably never meant for people to hear. Somehow, that sounds worse than that the published stuff, does it not?

Anyway, I was enjoying my new hobby last week when I learned that "Napster" is quickly losing its battle against the record companies, and they will most likely have to drop in the towel soon, or possibly even charge for it to continue.

In any event, I feel a bit let down. It seemed that Napster was the last man standing at the party just as it was coming to an end.

I think most can agree that, if Napster has to charge for its service, that will probably be the end of its social influence. As great as the service is, it could not possibly survive with such a price tag.

I think that the death of Napster will be one of the most important events of the year, along with the death of the music industry.

I think that the death of Napster will also bring down the amount of spaces available and giving upperclassmen the right to park to the limit and continuing to get paid until something is done.

However, the school knows that we have dwelt on these issues, and it's obvious that the need is there, so there really is no point except to pass it on. It's just something we've already told us every class, and we feel your pain. But we don't want to hear about it anymore.

Thirdly, most students have hectic schedules. This is because of the amount of stress that people walk around complaining about is self-induced. I know that I am not alone in finding new ways to get more stress for myself. I get involved in so much until I am pushed to the limit and completely stressed out. Then I start walking around telling everyone how busy I am and all the things that I am involved in.

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I, of course, include myself in the mix, since I have already been to dust off my CD player and look for one of my albums. It was fun while it lasted, and I will miss it when it is gone.

---Michael Wiles is a sophomore English major.

The more athletics allow, the more students are recruited. A greater percentage of these students are academically qualified at the school. A greater percentage of teams are recruited, so a team is picked in a year advance.

The less on a team, the greater the integrity for the less-than-stellar athlete. This is what I consider myself. Chances are if I was a senior in high school, I would not have come to WMCC, then I would not be playing. But, I hope that I would have still gotten accepted. I hope that a less qualified athlete would not have taken my acceptance. I also hope that the academic integrity of the school is maintained in my time here and will continue to be the future.

---Amy Bittinger is a senior mathematics major.

Perhaps some things are better left unsaid

Brandi Crawford explains why complaining is unfruitful and annoying.

When I read the commentary section, I usually notice the same sorts of issues being discussed: parking, food, etc. And, although this can be rather redundant, it really doesn't bother me very much.

Why? Because I would rather read well-written articles discussing these issues than to hear people constantly complain about them from various locations on the campus.

It seems that lately everywhere I turn I hear people complaining about one thing or another. So, I am going to give my own personal opinions on these issues in a constructive way, through writing, instead of blasting my complaints to the ear of unwilling listeners throughout the campus. So, to all of you complainers, listen up! First of all, GLAR can get boring after awhile. Everyone acknowledges this fact. Let's move on. There's a decent variety to be creative. Don't just keep repeating the same thing over and over in your writing.

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Lamentations on the American Dream

Edward K. Schultes

In February 9, the USS Greeneville, a United States nuclear submarine performed a rapid ascent and ramming off the coast of Japan through a Japanese fishing boat, the Ehime Maru.

What makes the accident even more alarming is the fact that some civilians were at the controls on board the Greeneville.

This fact has lead Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to temporarily ban civilians from the control of all weapons until questions are answered about the role of the civilians in the Greeneville accident.

The accident, which occurred off the Oahu coast near Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, sank the Ehime Maru in a matter of minutes. Of the 35 people aboard the trawler, 26 were rescued, but nine people are presumed dead after the Navy has yet to recover the bodies.

Because of the international implications, the United States Navy is doing their best to dispose of the matter by assigning blame as quickly as possible. Cmdr. Scott Wadden, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer, and Lt. Michael J. Coen are the subjects of the investigation, although the Navy has not ruled out other members of the crew being involved in the inquiry. According to ABCNEWS.com, the Navy's Court of Inquiry, which could react to an initial court martial, has been postponed until March 5 after Wadden's attorney asked for a delay.

What could this mean to the Navy? If nothing else, it does mean that they will have a long time before civilians are allowed at the controls of a nuclear submarine or any of the other ships in the force. It could also mean the end of more or less careers in the Navy if the inquiry finds that negligence was the cause of the accident that sent the ship to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

I personally don't care if civilians were involved because it is the crew's job to make sure that the surface is clear before making any kind of ascent, especially a rapid ascent.

What makes matters worse is that some good store, once full of wooly outreach stuff. The ultimate "nackpack revolution" store in a baphazard way.

The company has been around for a long time, and maybe what it has become is another natural conclusion. Still, it's hard to believe if you're not from thinking that the store used to be and are looking for a good razor or some. Now you can buy T-shirt designed so that the pattern becomes a key to the store. It's brilliant quite frankly, but none
thesewhicharegeneratingunderestimatingtheintelligenceoftheAmerican people.

What this all means is anyone's guess. To what purpose does this writing serve? Maybe it's trying to bring us a bit, but I expect no. This can be said, however, the American Dream is not dead, as Mr. Thompson had thought.

It has been revived time and again as the tool of pirate-profilers. Some day it might once again be revived and monopolized by those who truly have the right to inherit it, the hordes of discontented left behind in parts unknown but to themselves. But, then again you can wish in one hand and... (finish the sentence at your leisure).

--Zeno Muhl is a senior history major.

Submarine accident causes doubt in Navy

Edward K. Schultes

In the long run, the library will provide an online electronic reserves system, enabling students to access scanned information from their home computers and thus eliminating present access issues. Such systems are now commonplace in universities and very wealthy colleges, and will soon be affordable for smaller institutions with smaller operating budgets.

But it may be premature with the present method of placing paper copies on reserve so that students may read or make copies for their own use. And until then we continue to strive for a balance between security, access, and convenience.

Sincerely yours,
Dave Neikirk, Library Director

Letter to the Editor: Library Reserves

Zeno Muhl III expresses his thoughts on the evolution of the ideal American Dream.

In 1967 Hunter S. Thompson wrote a letter to the editor of The Nation, Carey McWilliams, lamenting the death of the American Dream. With Manifest Destiny complete he felt that, "the bunglers and rapists" had reached the coast and had no place else to go.

A hundred or so years before, Thompson continues, they had always moved west, continuing to cut their swath of destruction across the unknown, but never franchising it. Mr. Thompson felt that the events, of the late sixties, were a natural conclusion proving that, "California [was] the ultimate flower of the American Dream, a nightmare of failed possibilities." He cites civil rights riots, drug laws, the Free Speech Movement at Berkeley, and the capstone to it all, the gubernatorial victory of one Ronald Reagan as proof.

This may have been true then, but never could Hunter Thompson have imagined at the time that the rapists and bunglers would roll back across the country and begin a vicious game of Ping-Pong between the West and East Coasts. Truly the American dream has been preserved, but the hippie version died long ago at Altamonte to the tune of "Sympathy for Devil" and the dance of the Hell's Angels on it's head. The dream of this land of milk and honey was long ago packaged and marketed to each succeeding generation as mass consumption.

Now it's our turn. The 60's generation is now "in charge," for good or ill, and they have revamped the VW Bug to sell us their own "protest songs" they sang in defiance of "The Man" and "The Establishment" are sold as 60's Collections on CDs, not records, and raped of their meaning. It's straight economics really, beautiful in its simplicity.

We, of course, fall in lock step fantasizing about a better and more stimulating time that never happened, and if it had, it was never achieved. The illusion of the American Dream time that the rapists and bunglers did. It means that it will be a the crewman did.

Appleseed 26 people were rescued, but nine people are the crew, especially the captain and executive civilians in the Greeneville accident. ship to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. officer to oversee the workings of the submarine.

What makes the accident even more alarming for me was the cause of the accident that sent the crew.

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I am writing in response to Ms. BJ Shorb's article in the previous issue, "Using library reserve system: student problems and alternatives."

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Sports world mourns
Amy Bittinger conveys her feelings about the tragic death of Dale Earnhardt

Call me heartless! Call me cold! But when a man, who earns millions by driving a car, drives his 3,200-hp Chevrolet Monte Carlo wall into 180 mph dies, I wonder so many people get upset. I don’t get it. To begin with, to make NASCAR 100% safe, Dale Earnhardt was an idol, an image, a caricature. Few knew him personally, so why are people so disappointed in the death of a hero? I feel a loss for those who knew him who lost a friend, a father, a teammate, or a spouse. But for the rest of the world, it happens.

The biggest problem with how he died, though, is that millions witnessed it either in person, for those who cannot provide for their families or children, or on television. The accident didn’t look much like, we knew, while reruns were shown on the nightly news and broadscreasts that he died in the moments of that accident.

In the past few years, four drivers have died in similar ways. Kerry Irwin and Adam Petty died on the forth comer of that accident. Earnhardt’s career, he decided because his teammates, Michael Waltrip, and son, Dale Earnhardt Jr, driving one or two cars, ended it in a basket when in 1990 Loyola-&-St. Francisville against the man behind the icon in that have left them paralyzed.

As drivers, we all need to be extremely cautious when the weather is bad. I learned this just after I got my license.

I was driving to work one evening, and I thought I was going to drive my life, but I am endangering the lives of others.

Unbelievably, when I call out of school or work, I feel guilty for not being able to make it. I shouldn’t feel this way. Sure, missing classes or work might set me back.

However, there is nothing that I would’ve done or learned that day that means more to me than life, when it is mine or someone else’s.

When you think about it, other people will stay home too, so you won’t be the only one. Depending on where you work, severe weather conditions may cause it to be a slow day anyway.

Like making any decision, you have to weigh the risks and benefits of each option. If you’ve done that and still feel that you must drive out into the dangerous weather, please do cautiously. Drive slow and do not tailgate, or you may cause the next pile-up.

--BJ SHORB is a junior communications major.

Winter storm not only gives road crews responsibility—drivers too

It can no longer be ignored that NASCAR racing is dangerous...

Earnhardt died on impact at Daytona.

The first three racers were three positions. The fourth comer was sideways. The fifth and sixth positions were not traveling as fast. However, it makes it more dangerous because if one car misjudges even a tiny bit when it is in a 30 car chump then it is more likely to take out more cars.

Even though Earnhardt’s crash involved only two cars, blame can be placed on having many cars so close together. Thanks to the finish that all were taking slight risks to beat the pack and get an inch ahead for crossing the finish line. In the first race for Earnhardt’s career, he decided because his teammates, Michael Waltrip, and son, Dale Earnhardt Jr, driving one or two cars, ended it in a basket when in 1990 Loyola-&-St. Francisville against the man behind the icon in that have left them paralyzed.

However, Dale Earnhardt meant a great deal to NASCAR racing. When he came into the sport in 1979 it was a sport for lifelike, but he turned it into the second most-watched sport. He brought NASCAR into the mainstream. He also had a lot for other racers.

In an ironic twist, at the conclusion of last year’s season, Michael Waltrip had raced his 462nd race without a win. Dale Earnhardt asked to drive his number 15. NASCAR sahined Chevy ear, and he did it in the Daytona 500- and he won. It was Dale Earnhardt’s defensive driving in preventing other races from passing him near the end that enabled Waltrip and son Dale Jr. to finish one-two.

Many drivers believe that they realize what Dale Earnhardt meant to the sport, and more now because of what they have learned from his death. I am a fan of the decade.” In the wake of his tragic death NASCAR may never see the number 3 black ear, instead they may see a white number 28.

The Michael Jordan of NASCAR, the Wayne Gretszy of auto racing made his mark, and ended it in a most tragic way for the whole racing world to see.

Heavenly, but hazardous, was the day for tow trucks and “the day for tow trucks” on the forth comer of that accident. The video clips Channel 11 showed was rather unsettling. However, there was only one fatal in the mass chain of crashes.

How does an accident like this happen when safety devices are “prepared for” the storm and out on the roads? Could it be a result of driver carelessness?

I always hear things like “they never clear my road” or “I haven’t seen a salt truck in hours.”

Let’s face it; there are a lot of roads to clear. Safety devices are not prepared for the storm and out on the roads? Could it be a result of driver carelessness?

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I believe many still need to learn. I always hear things like “they never clear my road” or “I haven’t seen a salt truck in hours.”

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A student gives advice to all complainers

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how busy you are because chances are they are just as busy. You have to believe them out, too.

Of course, sometimes he asks you what you do or why you look like you only got three hours of sleep last night. Tell them. Just don’t tell them every time you see them, whether they want to hear about it or not.

And finally, my biggest complaint: pet peeve: The Health Center. This is one of the areas of college life that everyone: students, faculty, and staff, complain about. I don’t get it. Yes, it’s true that the staff is overwhelmed with patients and usually on a daily basis. If you have valid concerns, then write an article or speak with one of the deans, and they will tell you how your complaint is heard and addressed if necessary.

Just going around complaining about everything is not only extremely unhealthy, but also extremely annoying to your listeners.

So, try and think before you speak. If what you have to say is not going to have a direct impact on those around you, then it probably will probably be better left unsaid.

--Brandy Crawford is a junior dual major: music and English.
Pro: Ravens should keep summer training at WMC

Tammi Slater discusses the advantages of having the Ravens continue to use our facilities.

While many Western Maryland College students were moving back into school on Sunday, January 28, Baltimore was preparing to witness a dream come true for many. The University of Baltimore held its annual football team autograph session on Sunday, January 28, and it was a success. The event was attended by over 2,000 fans, who were able to meet and autograph programs with some of the Ravens, including quarterback Joe Flacco, running back Ray Rice, and wide receiver Anquan Boldin. The event was also a fundraiser for the Baltimore Ravens Foundation, which supports youth development programs in the city.

Con: Ravens’ return will bring about negative effects

Joan Faulkner explains the disadvantages of hosting the Ravens summer training camp.

It may not occur to the WMC community that having the Super Bowl Champions practice at WMC over the summer could be a bad thing. Heck, it’s more money for the school and more publicity than any small college could ask for. A small liberal arts college hosting a now Super Bowl-winning football team with its limited resources and space may dampen our image as a private small-town college. Already it’s a huge growth of stores and restaurants on Route 140 that has taken business away from Westminster’s main street. With the manipulation of WMC’s campus for the Ravens’ practice season, it will only add to the exploitation of this small town community.

Just for the month and a half of the Ravens’ practice, according to Barry Bosley, director of management and auxiliary services, a great deal of planning goes into their practice season. The Best Western is closed to the public and open exclusively to the Ravens. The weight room is cleared out so the team can bring their own equipment in.

Also, the Ravens take over the base- ment of the field house, the field by the gym, and the stadium for practice.

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Students share what thrills them

From warm weather, to the warmth of friends - from the perfect turkey sandwich, to music that keeps them sane, Western Maryland College students were quick to contribute to a new feature in the Phoenix called "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe. Share what thrills you by sending in your own "I Believe" statement.

Try to keep your statements to 75 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Decker and please put "For the Phoenix" across the top.

I believe that all human beings are equal. I believe that women should have the right to choose. I believe that is possible to gain 15 pounds as a freshman in college. I believe in God. I believe that teenagers are not ready to become parents. I believe that I have the greatest friends in the whole world, and that love takes time. I believe that women are more emotional than men. And I believe that people need to work hard to achieve their goals.

— Lauren Day-Lewis

I believe in love, in finding that one person. I believe that people are generally good, and that it shouldn't be earned or given with a wink fully away either. I believe in perfect turkey haggies and good hugs. I believe that friends are what make life perfect and that nothing beats comfortable furniture.

—Iris Stymianek

Spring horoscopes to get you out of those winter blues

LISA STANLEY Staff Writer

PIECES

(Feb 20-Mar 20)
You fish really take to the water so this birthday test some new water and you will find change suits you well. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 3,8,16,21,24; 39.

ARIES

(Mar 21-Apr 20)
Can you feel Spring yet? If not you need to check your pulse. To do this get outside for a game of Frisbee or a walk and that springtime energy will knock you off your proverbial rocker. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 2,9,14,23,32,39.

TAURUS

(Apr 21-May 21)
Take a deep breath...now let it all out. Too much stress can do any- one in, it is time you took a break and really let loose with your spring fever. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 1,7,19,28,32,39.

GEMINI

(May 22-June 21)
Love has not left the air yet for you, and this time of year that is not a bad thing, use spring to your advantage you may find your springtime friend. Your lucky lottery numbers are: You have too much luck already.

CANCER

(June 22-July 23)
You crave need to hit your natural environment this upcoming spring break, that means dig in at the beach. However a beach with palm trees in the vicinity is even better to get you into that happy mood. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 5,7,19,22,27,36.

LEO

(July 24-Aug 23)
All right, let your lion out on Valentine's Day now it is time to show your love for yourself and find new haunts. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 3,6,11,19,24,30.

VIRGO

(Aug 24-Sep 23)
Watch out, don't let spring fever get the best of you, keep your head, enjoy the sun but don't forget about what really needs to be done. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 4,9,14,20,31,41.

LIBRA

(Sept 23-Oct 23)
Take a blanket out to the quad and get a tan, enjoy your friends, and catch a sunburn in the warm sun. But don't forget the sunscreen. This will be just what you need to keep going. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 2,5,17,19,34,43.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24-Nov 22)
Don't let your stinger (temper) get in the way of a good friendship or a good time. Let the sun soothe you and get ready for a relaxing spring break. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 4,10,13,15,22,35.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23-Dec 22)
Winter blues still got you down? Never fear, the solution is here in your horoscope. Change your scenery; whether it is with an old friend you have not seen in awhile or hitting a vacation spot with some buddies, it will do you good. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 13,15,22,25,31,42.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22-Jan 20)
OK, it's time to get it into gear. Do something extras special for yourself, like read a book that you have been postponing, or get some friends together and play in the sun. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 3,9,11,20,27,38.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21-Feb 19)
Now that you birthday is over, do not think the party is too. Let all the springtime energy rejuvenate you to have a good time and work hard at your studies. Join the Pisces in their new-found water. Your lucky lottery numbers are: 1,18,21,23,34,41.
The musical "Little Shop of Horrors" equals big laughs

BRANDI CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

A beautiful naive woman. A geeky yet lovable guy. An overbearing controlling shopkeeper. A sadistic dentist. Three singing street urchins. Winos, druggies, hookers, and thieves. A blood-sucking plant trying to take over the world. Put them all together and what do you have? A delightfully comical and surprising musical that will leave you rolling in the aisles and maybe even reaching for your hankies.

The opening number, "Little Shop of Horrors", sets the scene for what is about to happen, as it warns the audience to "beware" because something is out to get them! Lights up on Mushnik's Skid Row Florists, a little whole in the wall of a flower shop right in the heart of Skid Row.

Here we meet Mr. Mushnik (played by Dave Trader), and his two employees, Seymour Kreiborn (played by Hendrik Lammers) and Audrey (played by Julie Keough). Audrey has come into work with a black eye, a gift from her good-for-nothing creep of a boyfriend. But Audrey isn't the only one with injuries. Seymour has been coming into work with Band-Aids on every finger, results of cutting himself with pruningshears, or so he says.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mushnik is fretting over the lack of customers, and tells Audrey and Seymour not to bother coming into work the next day. This, along with Audrey's encouragement, prompt Seymour to run to the backroom and get that "strange and unusual plant" that he has been working on. Immediately customers begin flocking to Mushnik's Florist to see this amazing creation, which mysteriously appeared following a total eclipse of the sun.

All of a sudden, business is booming. Calls are coming in for orders from all over the country, and Mr. Mushnik is elated. Seymour is doing radio interviews and television appearances just to promote this interesting plant, and of course these promotions aren't hurting the flower shop either.

Audrey keeps coming to work to help with the rush; but new injuries keep appearing: a cut here, a bruise there, a broken arm; all from her good-for-nothing creep of a boyfriend. But what Audrey and Mr. Mushnik don't know is the real nature of Seymour's injuries. They don't know that he has been cutting himself on purpose to...feed the plant? It's time to look elsewhere. Surely someone out there deserves to die and be fed to a hungry plant.

But who? Where can he turn? Who can he trust? Can he trust the plant, affectionately named "Audrey Two" after Audrey, the woman of his dreams? What will become of him? What will become of Audrey One? What will become of Audrey Two? And who will live to tell about it?

There's only one way to find out! The show will be playing for six performances only, on March 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 at 8:00pm on Alumni Hall's Main Stage.

On March 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10, the Western Maryland College Theatre Department will present the musical "Little Shop of Horrors". The musical, under the direction of Theatre professor Elizabeth Van den Berg, features incredible talent from students right here at WMC. The show takes place each night at 8:00 pm on Alumni Hall's Main Stage.

This is one of the events of the month of March.

BSU celebrates Black History Month with music and fun

Upcoming CAPBoard Events

Friday, March 2 - Speaker Dr. Robin Blake on "Date Rape: How I Never Wanted to Spend Last Saturday Night" - Hill. Room 108, 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 7 - Movie "Proof of Life" - Hill Room 108, 8:30 pm

Thursday, March 8 - Band "Radio Caroline" - Pub, 9:00 pm

Friday, March 9 - Casino Night with band "Crawldaddies" - Forum, 9:00 pm

Thursday, March 14 - Movie "Chasing Amy" - Pub, 9:00 pm
FEATURES

Ultimate Frisbee Club on the rise

PHIL VOGT
Staff Writer

Imagine you are walking through the woods on a beautiful, sunny spring day. You cross a small, bubbling stream, scaring away a handful of deer who had stopped in the shade for a cool drink. As you reach a small hill, you see below you a large, open, grassy field. Is your first thought "Man! I wish I had a Frisbee and a dozen other people!!!"? Okay, probably not. Nevertheless, the newly formed intercollegiate Ultimate Frisbee Club team would love to have you.

The fledgling team, which earned official campus recognition this semester, is looking for men and women interested in having a good time, enjoying some friendly competition, and traveling to other colleges in the region.

Currently, the team has roughly 15 active members, but team captain Ted Stephen urges everyone to give it a try. "We all love having a great time and that is really the reason we are all out there," said Stephen, a junior who has played competitively for about seven years. "Everyone is welcome and we love seeing new faces and spreading the spirit of the game."

The team, which was first conceived of during freshman orientation last year when Stephen met Sean Carroll and Andy Ewing, meets on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, as well as Wednesday nights, for practices. Sunday afternoons are reserved for games, usually beginning around three o'clock in the Quad.

Requirements for joining the team are very relaxed. Essentially, anyone interested can play as much or as little as desired. The Sunday afternoon games are open to players of all skill levels and the goal is simply to have a good time.

Similarly, the weekly practices are open to anyone with a little more interest in learning the game and improving their skills.

The traveling portion of the team, meanwhile, hopes to consist of dedicated, serious players who are all out there to win. "We are hoping the actual travel team will be fairly competitive but our goal is still just to have fun," Stephen added, admitting that he wasn't sure how the team would fare against the numerous established teams in the region.

"We have a lot of talent and speed," Stephen noted. "I really like the people we have coming out. They are all pretty dedicated and fighting and I think there's some kind of love story going on. Oh yea, the king falls in love with his sister."

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is an excellent film, although (sorry to disappoint you animal lovers) it features neither a tiger nor a dragon as the title promises. It is also in Mandarin Chinese, so be prepared to read.

"Erin Brockovic" Doubles as a movie and an ad for "the water brain." For a full commentary, see the review in a back issue of the Phoenix.

60 SECONDS

What are your favorite things about Spring?

compiled by Brad Widner

"No more EVIL snow!"
Nicole Nickerson '03 English

“Those girls in their tank tops and short shorts.”
Dan Saul '02 Biology

"Baseball Season. Go O’s!"
Jen Pohl '03 Education

"All the blooming flowers in the dewy meadows and Wrestle Mania."
Steve Sharkey '02 Political Science and Astro Physics

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4th Annual
"Reach Out WMC" Auction
Thursday March 1, in the Forum
Doors open at 4:30 pm
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Come out and support SERVE - profits go towards their trip to rebuild homes in Dungannon, Virginia

TECHNOLOGY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Whether you need help with WebCT or PowerPoint, members of SWAT (Student Web Assistance Team) can help.

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7-9 Sundays Writing Center
7-9 Mondays Windows Lab
8-10 Tuesdays Writing Center
8-10 Wednesdays Windows Lab
7-9 Thursdays Writing Center

Note: There will also be a workshop on PowerPoint from 7-9 on Sunday, March 4.
Ask Kitty: advice dealing with friends, roommates, feuds

CATHY PEDDORF
Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 797 and maybe she can help you out. Maybe not professional counseling, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

My roommate is completely passive aggressive, and it drives me insane! When we have conflicts, she stops talking, storms off after giving me a stony look, and slams around the room like I don’t exist. She'll talk about me to mutual friends, and of course I find out, but I suspect her intention was for me to find out all along. I am an assertive person, and I long to confront her, but if you feel uncomfortable doing that, there are other things you can do. You both could sit down with a mediator and talk it out, or if that is too much, perhaps you could follow her less confrontational example and write her a letter. Writing a letter may be assertive enough for you, but nonthreatening enough for her. Whether she responds or not may be a different issue.

I suspect though that the reason you are so upset, is that you have a lot of things you want to say and no way to say it. If you write down what you feel and think, then you may feel a lot better having gotten it out.

Dear Kitty,

Hello. I have been living with my current roommate for awhile now, and things are great, but there is something that I am keeping from her. I am a lesbian, but I don’t know how to tell her, or if I even should. Do I owe it to her to tell her? Or should I just keep it to myself? I don’t want things to get weird, but I don’t want to be dishonest with her either. What do I do?

-Anonymous

Hi Anonymous,

This is an interesting question, how much does someone’s roommate really need to know... Well, if you feel comfortable telling her and want to, then you should. If she is your friend, then she’s not going to judge you for your sexual orientation. If you don’t want to tell her or think it is unimportant, then you shouldn’t.

You don’t hear of many people living with someone and worrying about whether they should tell them they are straight. It doesn’t have to be something that is “kept,” you can just be who you are and if it ever comes up then fine. But you really have to do what is best for you, it is your life and your roommate.

If you feel you need support, there are people you can talk to, your RA, friends or family, or Allies, an organization on campus dedicated to education and support.

Hello Kitty.

I have a problem of major proportions and I am praying you can help me out. A bunch of my friends are not getting along very well and everyone has been talking behind everyone else’s back. I’m upset about it and I feel like I’m caught in the middle, especially now...

What I mean is that today I overheard a conversation between two of my friends. I heard them say my name and a few other names, so I stopped by the door to see what was being said. So maybe I eavesdropped. But it was not very difficult to do considering I heard them walking past their room (their door was closed).

So anyway, I heard some stuff that would upset a lot of people, but I don’t know what to do. What I heard upset me and I want to share it with my friends, but I’m afraid that will only make matters worse. Please help me!

-Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck in the Middle,

Being stuck in the middle can be a big fight sometimes and it can be a very sticky and upsetting situation.

The conversation that you heard, you said that it was between two of your friends and that you were eavesdropping. Well first of all, the problem with eavesdropping is that what you hear isn’t always what was said. Meanings and intent can get very warped even when it’s thought of as a small space, like a door. If it really bothers you, then you should just talk to them directly. Letting it stew or talking about it to everyone else, would probably just be adding to the problem.

Approach the problem rationally and directly, that may be the key to avoid being stuck in the middle.

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A student gives his fond farewell to extreme wrestling

Michael Jenkins

Extreme Championship Wrestling, which has existed for six years, will soon be closing shop. While this information is not yet official, it has been all over the sites.

A large portion of their talent has already left to join the greener pastures of other organizations such as the WWF and WCW. The company is no longer touring for house shows, and they only have one pay-per-view date left on the schedule.

ECW has always been the third league, and never big and strong enough to battle with the WWF and WCW for supremacy in the United States.

They did have a very strong, die-hard following, however. The organization, which was once based most exclusively in Philadelphia, began to travel the country in the past few years.

However, ECW has always been number three, so why should mainstream wrestling fans care? The majority of WWF fans have never watched an ECW event on television, nor have they ever been to an ECW event. (Something I personally would recommend for all wrestling fans).

The problem lies in the fact that, besides losing a fun, capable wrestling show for die-hard wrestling fans, ECW will no longer be around to supply the other leagues shot at winning the intercontinental and/or world titles. Neither Lynn or Tajiri are as talented or entertaining as Tazz. However, they are both talented in-ring workers, so they may have a career working house shows and appearing in occasional matches, but this won’t last longer than a year or so.

Justin Credible has a slim chance to really make it. Credible does have some personality, but it is just minimal. Credible does have one advantage that many of the other ECW rookies have. Connections. Credible has already served one tour of duty with WWF a few years back before he went back to school in Montoya. So he knows some of the higher ups in the organization. Even more important is the fact that he is close personal friends with WWF stars X-Pac and Triple H. Wrestlers tend to have a lot of backstage power. And having two established stars on your side certainly will help.

He will last longer than Lynn or Tajiri. He may even have a shot at winning the intercontinental title one of these days. Right now, he is filling in for Tazz. However, it is doubtful that he will win the world title or main event at any pay-per-view event.

Unlike his fellow ECW graduates, Rhino might just have the tools to do it. He has enough size, and is mean enough in demeanor to be a serious "bad guy" in the WWF. Furthermore, he is very young, 23 in fact.

His personality will need some polishing, but the WWF has the ability to turn someone who seemed boring in another organization and turn them into stars. Just ask Eddie Guerrero and Steven (William) Regal.

They both had sputtering careers in the WCW before they went to the WWF and became refreshing new stars.

Right now, Rhino is more talented than either Guerrero or Regal did in the WCW. The end of the ECW is certainly a sad event for all wrestling fans. Even for those who barely knew it existed.

Let’s just hope that the ECW alum who are still wrestling in the WWF and WCW can carry on the torch and help us remember the glory days of the little number three league.

Jeff Grever discusses the causes of the Heisman curse and its effects

Have you ever heard of the Heisman curse? Well if you haven’t, then you probably don’t watch SportsCenter very often during the football season.

For many a football fan, looking through a list of past Heisman winners has been a moment of nostalgia. The names that appear on one of these lists were all very famous at one time or another. Do you remember guys like Gino Torretta, Rashaan Salaam, and Desmond Howard?

There are all guys whose professional football careers have been cursed by the Heisman Trophy. For one reason or another, it seems to have taken a toll on the career of these players.

And for some Heisman winners, the curse is still very real. Take Tazz for example. He was considered the final graduating class fare in the WWF. How will this class of ECW wrestling be remembered? Even for those who barely knew it existed.

The legacy for the fans of the major league wrestling fans in particular. How will the flow of talent will no longer be a barrier with little or no physical or mental injury.


That was the Dale Earnhardt. I really would like to express my condolences. His memory will live on through his family, and through his career as one of the greatest drivers of all time.

He was supposed to happen. He was supposed to win his 8th championship and retire in 2005 and watch his son take over the reins as the leader of the Intimidator. Earnhardt's black #3 Chevrolet Monte Carlo crashed into the wall between turns 3 and 4 of the 2.5 mile track.

At 5:16 pm, Earnhardt was pronounced dead at Halifax Hospital. Almost instantly, people began questioning the safety of racing. There was speculation that if Earnhardt had the HANS (Head and Neck Support) device, he would still be alive. Off the record, I find this to be slightly incredulous.

I did not know Earnhardt personally. But I can only imagine what his wife and four children are feeling. And it is this thinking that I would personally like to express my condolences.

Racing will not be the same because it has lost a driver that has shaped the sport along with the Intimidator. It’s my hope that the world of NASCAR will keep his memory alive through the years.

And Gino Torretta? Well, I am not sure what happened to him after a promising career at Miami. The point is that no player is invincible. Even for those who barely knew it existed.

That is one reason why I don’t understand how owners can pay unproven players huge signing bonuses and high contracts. This is not just a disease that affects football. In fact, I think that football is doing a better job than basketball and baseball in this area.

There are basketball players coming out of high school that are earning more money in a signing bonus than I will ever see in my entire life. As for baseball, there are players like J.D. Drew and Travis Lee, who are paid the same exorbitant amounts. The only difference is that a baseball player ball with wooden bats, not did they ever have to face a Randy Johnson slider before being paid with a record contract? This is not a disease that affects football. No, and even though this is quite an exaggeration, it is in essence what some owners do to get the best players available.

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Wrestling trio headed to Division III National Championships in Iowa

Mathew E. Hurff
Sports Editor

While the regular season is now over for the Wrestling team, the excitement is far from over. Juniors Chris McNally, Rob Johns and Vinny Pedalino, catalysts from the team that finished with a 14-7 (3-1) record to place second in the Centennial Conference are headed to Iowa Wartburg College for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

For the second straight season, the trio was victorious at the Centennial Conference Championships, giving them births to the National Championships. McNally iced his birth by beating Washington and Lee's Ezra Morse in the 197lbs. final. The victory also gave WMC a four-point edge over Muhlenberg for first place in the tournament. Last year's Centennial Conference Championship was McNally's first win in a tournament, so going to nationals was just icing on the cake.

However, this year "just qualifying wasn't as big of a thing," said McNally. This year McNally was training to win at nationals. To do this, McNally says that he wants to "push our opponents to the limit," and attack them very aggressively. In fact, this is the only way McNally approaches any match.

If the 33-5 record McNally has posted this season, which includes 10 pins, is any indicator of his hopes at nationals, he should achieve his goal of being a major force at Wartburg College.

Pedalino earned his birth by defeating Mike Flor of Ursinus in 10-7, 125-lb. match-up. Among the members of the wrestling team, Pedalino is known as "the wild man" and has "the balance of a cat," according to McNally.

Pedalino has used this quickness to accumulate a 22-3 record that includes 8 pins for the regular season. He also placed 7th at nationals last year, giving him All-American status.

Meanwhile, Johns, the other member of the Green Terror Wrestling squad headed to nationals was victorious in a 9-1 decision over Tim Scarpati of Gettysburg in 157-lb. action. McNally says that a great deal of John's success stems from the fact that he is "explosive and strong with incredible balance." He exemplified that this season as he compiled a stellar 27-6 record. 13 of those wins were pins.

Just like Pedalino, Johns placed 7th at nationals last year, and is certainly expected to build upon his past success.

Other wrestlers who placed highly at the Centennial Conference Championships and are on the verge of earning nation berths themselves include sophomores Billy Bobbitt and Mike Macey who lost in the finals, giving them second place finishes.

Levi McVey and Andy Chencharik also finished strong with 3rd place honors. With such strength returning next season, expect to see the terror win the conference and conceivably sending 5 wrestlers to nationals.

However, what is important at this point is the performance of McNally, Johns, and Pedalino at Wartburg college next weekend.

Phoenix Spotlight: Multi-talented Christa Farrar

Jeff Grever
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Girls Softball team is getting ready for another season; the older and more experienced players will once again have to prove their leadership skills if they want to have a successful season.

One of the leaders for this season whom has not necessarily been the type of leader; that makes all of the headlines is Christa Farrar.

This will be Farrar's fourth season playing softball at WMC. She sets a great example of dedication and hustle for the younger players, even though she does not start every game.

Coach George Dix said, "Christa's great positive attitude is her best asset, she's always on time and gives 100%. She knows what role is expected from her, and she always gets it done." That role is a strong defensive replacement in right field, and a pinch runner.

Both of these positions come in handy in close games when one or two runs can make the difference between a victory and a loss. Dix added, "She's a quick player off of the bench, and she's always ready when called upon.

Aside from being a role model on the field, Farrar has an outstanding academic record at WMC. In her first three years here she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average as a math major and is a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, which is the national liberal arts honor society. She helps out in the community as a member of WMC Unity, volunteering for MADO once a week, and on campus as a math tutor.

Not to mention she also plays volleyball for WMC. Farrar aspires to enter the field of investing computer crime/fraud once she graduates.

Farrar insists that the reason she continues to play is her love for softball and her teammates.

Farrar commented about the team, "We have the best attitude this season that we have had in awhile." Let's hope that this great attitude can lead to another winning season from the WMC Softball team.
## The Green Terror

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- Men’s Golf
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  - March 28th

- Spring Track
  - Washington & Lee Invitational
  - March 17th
Spring Preview: Baseball squad prepared for championship run

GEORGE LEATHER
Assistant Sports Editor

As spring nears on the campus, it is clearly time for another season of Green Terror baseball on the hill. Coming off a strong 18 win season, manager Dave Seibert is expected to see a great season from a team that has 22 returning letterman.

Coaching his 21st season at WMC, Seibert will be looking to have a very good season this year for the team.

"We are young with only two seniors this year for the team," says Seibert. "I'm impressed with them so far."

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Gran P. Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

Heartbreaking. That is the only word to describe the loss that officially eliminated the Western Maryland women's basketball team from Centennial Conference playoff contention.

And while the season may not have ended on the note that they had hoped for, the Green Terror can look back on the 2000-01 campaign as a successful one, finishing with a 17-7 (9-5) record. WMC needed to win its final three regular season games, and receive some additional help in order to earn a playoff berth.

On February 10, Senior Day, the Terror did its part by blowing out conference rival Gettysburg 64-40.

Western Maryland jumped out to a 29-14 lead at intermission as the Bullets hit just 6-of-30 first half shots. WMC's 48-38 rebounding edge also contributed to this critical win.

Jill Ibex capped her home career with a game-high 17 points. Jen Piccolomini also chipped in 14 points, which included 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc. And Senior Cammyian Bann led the Green Terror with 10 rebounds in her final appearance at Gill Center.

Ibex, one of just nine WMC players all-time to reach 1,000 career points, was rewarded for her outstanding play three days later as she was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week.

The Westminster, Md. native averaged team highs in points (16.0 ppg) and rebounds (7.5 ppg) for the week while leading the Terror to two wins.

On February 14, Western Maryland kept its slim playoff hopes alive by routing Johns Hopkins on the road by a score of 66-60.

Hopkins opened the game with a 6-0 run and led 8-2 before the Green Terror went on a 5-0 run to pull within one at 7-6 with 15 minutes remaining in the opening half.

The play was back and forth until WMC went on a 6-0 run capped by a short bank shot from freshman guard Toby McIntire to take the lead for good with 8:25 remaining in the first half.

Forward Jill Ibex led four WMC players in double figures with a game-high 19 points.

Joining her in double figures were senior guard Patty Russo and sophomore guard Jen Piccolomini with 14 points each, and junior forward Brooke Beensman with 11.

In what WMC Head Coach Becky Martin described as the "longest and most nerve-racking game of my 20 year career," Washington College outlasted Western Maryland, 101-98, in triple overtime.

The Green Terror loss knocked the team out of a potential conference playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.

Washington pulled the upset with a 9-6 edge in the game's third overtime.

In all, the teams combined for 368 field goals and 14 free throws. A total of 151 field goals and 87 free throws were attempted.

WMC got an amazing 52-minute, 22-point performance from Patty Russo.

According to Martin, "she played the college game of her life." Russo carried the ball, which was bamped with ailments to two key players: Jen Piccolomini (illness) and Jill Ibex (ankle sprain).

Ibex fought on the boards to lead all players with 13 rebounds.

Freshman point guard Toby McIntire registered a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. While the Centennial Conference playoffs eluded them, the Green Terror still have an outside chance to win their conference playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.

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The team recruited a pitching staff ace Brent Fuchs, Seibert is looking to hold down the shortstop for the Green Terror. He was second on the team last year in runs (4), hits (34) and total bases (57).

Not just a weapon with the bat, Jenkins played spectacularly at first base.

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Solid and consistent from the start, senior captain Mike Wolfe has started 89 of his 90 games at shortstop for the Green Terror. He was second on the team last year with ten walks and a sizzling .315 batting average.

Senior Dan Elizu is supposed to lead the pitching staff this year and brings experience to the rotation.

The team is also poised to have a very good season this year for the team.

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Israel's Moshe Fox stresses the need for peace

JACQUE LEATHER
Staff Writer

The issue of peace in the Middle East was brought directly to WMC when Moshe Fox, Minister of Public Affairs at the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C., spoke at the 2nd Annual Resnick Lecture March 7 in McDaniel Lounge.

Speaking on the ongoing Middle East conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Fox conjured strong opinions within the crowd, sparking a host of controversial questions from the audience during the discussion period.

In a recent statement, according to Fox, President George W. Bush stated that the "US commitment to Israel is [rock solid]."

"It is a great comfort to have the United States on our side," Fox said, referring especially to current threats from Iraq to Israel, Kuwait, and the US, "the US support for Israel is critical."

With Israel's new prime minister-elect Ariel Sharon, even more movements have been made for peace, but Fox believes these efforts may prove to be futile. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has visited the US more than any foreign leader for peace talks but he has never made any effort toward improving the situation, Fox said.

Fox is also confident that the Israeli people made an important choice and a step toward progress by electing Sharon.

"He was selected by ballots and not by bullets," Fox said.

The discussion period held after Fox's speech started off slow, beginning with Phil Sayre, vice president of Student Affairs, asking to compare relations between Israel and the US during the Clinton administration and Bush's.

Fox responded, saying that Israeli ambassadors do not want to continue with previous administration policies and are currently working on new guidelines, but so far Bush has said nothing but positive things regarding Israeli relations.

Questions soon became more controversial, as an audience member asked how Israel can attempt to make peace with the Palestinians, when Arafat has made no secrets of his hatred and ultimate goal of Israel's destruction.

"We are not in a position to choose our enemies, we should continue on page 5.

Doc Robin discusses rape and sexual assault

STACY G. LEATHER
News Editor

Survive—This seven-letter word is the only thing you have to do during a rape or attempted sexual attack.

This was only one of the messages that Robin Blake, a national lecturer on rape, drug and alcohol prevention, and self-esteem, discussed with the attendees of the hour and half presentation on March 2 in Hill 108.

Sophomore Stephanie Knight, introduced the night's subject by reading a poem by Erin Bash that discussed the pain she felt as a result of sexual abuse.

"Doc Robin," as she prefers to be called, has not simply studied sexual abuse and rape, she has experienced it time after time beginning at a young age.

This was not one of those presentations where the lecturer stays at a podium and the audience is five feet away, but rather a presentation where "Doc Robin" walked around the room and was very much in one's face.

"It was a format that I liked. I thought it was engaging how she got people involved in a topic that is not regularly discussed each year," said senior Tom Macurek.

Growing up, she said, she had no self-esteem. "No one ever told me I was pretty...I had glasses, braces on my legs, and a hearing aid," she said.

Then, one day, she thought her luck had changed. She was a junior in high school when another high school student asked her to go out on a date. But it was not a dinner and a movie sort of night.

Instead, he and two friends took her and sexually assaulted her for two hours and then drove back to the school parking lot. They pushed her out of the car and sped away.

"No one ever told me I was pretty...I had glasses, braces on my legs, and a hearing aid," she said.

What was upsetting student's stomachs?

MATTHEW MCGRORAN
Staff Writer

In recent weeks, the WMC community has been suffering the effects of a stomach virus and not food poisoning as a rumor suggested.

Such a stomach virus leaves its victims with "intense abdominal pain, inability to hold down any food or liquid, including water, dizziness, and fatigue, probably from dehydration," according to Michael Baker, a Rouzer RA who fell ill around the February 25, on which date he became the first of a string of WMC students to go to the Emergency Room at Carroll County General Hospital.

A handful of students found their way to the hospital that Saturday morning, amid some confusion as to what was afflicting them.

For several days thereafter, students wondered whether the odd illness going around was the result of a stomach bug or poorly prepared food in the Pub.

Sodexo, the management of the Pub, declined to comment, however The Medical Advisor, a large easy-to-use home medical guide, continued on page 3.

Faculty discuss an unwritten policy

MIKE JENKINS
Staff Writer

Unbeknownst to most of the faculty and student body of WMC, voice mails on campus telephones and messages on campus e-mail are not private property for either students or faculty at WMC.

Since the system belongs to the school, any messages found on either are property of the college.

At the faculty meeting last Tuesday, Ethan Siegel, vice president of administration and finance, explained that the school has the right to read campus e-mails and listen to phone mail messages.

"Seidel was quick to point out that this is not a new policy, but something that was established, at least with the phones, close to 20 years ago," Siegel said.

"Seidel said that since freedom of speech related issues are a sensitive subject he wanted to bring this policy to the attention of the faculty."

Since this policy does not appear in either the student or faculty handbook, many members of the faculty were surprised to learn of its existence.

While some insisted that the policy needed to be included in future handbooks, several faculty members spoke out against it.

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The Student Government Assembly has spent the opening of the spring semester attempting to finish numerous legislative issues, including the Student Bill of Rights, safety problems on campus, and the proposed Admissions Cap.

Jeremiah Kelly, president of the Class of 2001, recalls the advent of the Student Bill of Rights during the 1998-1999 school year. Now, two years later, the SGA is attempting to ensure that students know their rights, having been made aware of them in The Student Guide and Date Book.

Originally the Student Bill of Rights was a separate document that the SGA had proposed be given to the students. However now they are looking to include it in The Student Guide and Date Book so that students are given the information.

Perhaps the most important and controversial issue on the bill states that resident assistants are required to provide a student with a written "ticket" that clearly defines the violation that occurred.

However, at the Open Forum earlier this year some RA's expressed concerns, particularly regarding the power to do this as violations and punishments are decided by the Residence Life Coordinator.

Kelly expressed a feeling of readiness as he and the other members of the SGA discussed their presentation of The Student Bill of Rights planned for Friday, March 9, 2001 in a round table discussion with President Coley and Sam Case, provost.

"I think that we know what questions [are going to] be asked, and we are prepared to answer them," said Kelly.

The Student Bill of Rights is one of the many topics that the SGA discussed at the Open Forum on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. After what Steve Sharkey, president of the SGA, considered to be a successful forum in the fall, the members of the SGA looked forward to another chance to discuss some of the issues with the student body itself.

Another important issue on the agenda for the evening was the proposed Admissions Cap.

The admissions cap proposes that all tickets of the campus, from administration to students, should be involved in a possible increase in enrollment.

The SGA has also been attempting to make student life better by promoting safety around campus. Plans for more lights on the road that runs behind the Pennsylvania Avenue houses and the water tower are being implemented, and Sharkey hopes that they will be in by the end of the semester. The exact timing for their installation is still unknown.

There are also plans for vending machines in Hill Hall, and reworking the SGA web site so that information about people, events, and contacts is more accessible.

Jamin Bartolomeo, president of the class of 2003, and the Public Relations Committee have been busy placing more Honor Code pledge statements in classrooms around campus.

Additionally Bartolomeo has formed a committee of other SGA members to partake in the planning of new housing options that will be built in the near future.

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Doc Robin offers the courage to take control and keep in mind that a sexual attack is not your fault.

him a ride home. When they got there, he invited her inside for a cup of coffee. He later raped her.

But this time, she was not going to let her attacker get away with the crime done to her body. The next time she decided to do all thirteen steps of the kit, one can change your clothes—again, something she had been instructed to "hurt them with your legs, curse, whether it was the body of an assailant or dancer, and bite them. Change your clothes again, something she had been instructed to "hurt them with your legs and curse, whether it was the body of an assailant or dancer, and bite them."

When the incident took place on carpet or ground, you should try to remember where it happened so police can scrape evidence.

If the next step would be to contact a rape crisis center and obtain a rape kit. "That box will give you some of your power back," said Doc Robin.

Although it is recommended that the victim do all thirteen steps of the kit, one can choose to do only those parts they are comfortable with.

KATHERINE STRONG
Staff Writer

If not contained in the kit is one important message. "You must remember that this is not your fault," said "Doc Robin".

For more information on rape and "survival" after a sexual attack, the Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, Inc. is ready to be there for you.

The phone number is (410) 857-7322.

Newsflash:
Sophomore Erin Collins was appointed treasurer at the end of last semester.

Sophomore Staci George was recently appointed to a representative position of the Class of 2003.

Freshman Julie Ogieysko was appointed as a representative of the Class of 2004.

SGA discusses many topics including enrollment, housing, safety issues, and more.
SERVE raises $2,500

JOAN FAULKNER
Assoc. News Editor

A snow storm would usually hinder success of an event, but because of the snow storm on Feb. 22, the annual SERVE (Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Experiences) Auction was able to raise more money than ever. Instead of Thursday, Feb. 22, this welcomed blizzard of money, totally over $2,500, took place on March 2.

According to senior Jeremiah Kelley, president of SERVE, the snow storm was actually “a mixed blessing.”

With an extra week to get the word out about the auction, Kelley said they were able to get more flyers out and go door to door. Because of all this publicity they have put into the auction both before and after the storm, Kelley says it has been “shaping up to be the best auction we’ve ever had.”

Although this was the fourth year of the SERVE Auction, it was the “first year SERVE has done the auction on its own,” according to sophomore Kary Magee, vice president of SERVE.

In years past, SERVE has teamed with Circle K to do the auction.

Because SERVE did the auction on its own this year, Kelley says it was “our responsibility to get all the stuff and public relations for it.”

Due to their big push for publicity this year, Kelley said all the donations have contributed to the “best list we’ve put together.”

The items that went for the most were the free text books in the fall for $360, a weekend at Dein Sayre’s cottage on the eastern shore in St. Michael’s, Clairborne for $299, and a Jacuzzi room for $75, according to Magee.

According to Sayre, “it’s a good job in providing service to people who are needy,” in reference to the overall success of the SERVE auction.

All the proceeds made from the auction go to the club’s trip to Dunnganon, Virginia to refurbish houses.

Several students hospitalized for a stomach bug, and not hospital poisoning

reference, notes that food issues generally take 36-48 hours to manifest. The most prevalent claim concerning food poisoning was that bad food had been served Saturday night, in which case the symptoms would not have manifested until at least a day later.

Reflecting back on the Sunday morning spent at the hospital, one infected student noted, “there was a line of WMC students in the emergency room.”

The distinction, however, between food poisoning and a food borne illness, which the virus seems to be, has yet to be made and is unknown to many who suffered its effects.

Food-borne illnesses are generally viruses which do not originate with the food and are not affected by its preparation, according to The Medical Advisor.

On the other hand, the book said that food poisoning is caused by ill-prepared foods and foods which are used past any date of expiration which might apply. Food poisoning is generally caused by bacteria.

The following incidents were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:

2/17/01 at 11:11 p.m. a student restricted from residence halls gained access in Blanche Ward Hall. 2/21/01 at 3:00 a.m. under age possession in clabroom party in Blanche.

2/21/01 at 9:08 p.m. chief complaint of chest pain and trouble breathing. 2/23/01 female student reported being victim of domestic abuse in Wmson Hall.

2/24/01 at 12:47 p.m. medical for food poisoning by Campus Safety Personnel.

2/24/01 at 11:00 p.m. under age possession of alcohol by a female student in Albert Norman Ward Hall.

2/25/01 under age possession of alcohol by female student at clabroom party in ANW.

2/25/01 at 1:12 a.m. non-student possessing alcohol under age in ANW.

2/25/01 at 12:20 a.m. under age possession of alcohol by female student in clabroom party in ANW.

2/25/01 at 2:27 a.m. three students possessing alcohol under age in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 2:30 a.m. under age possession of alcohol by two students in dry residence hall in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 3:00 a.m. RA reported vandalism in Rouzer Hall.

2/25/01 at 3:34 a.m. student possessed under age possession of alcohol in ANW.

2/26/01 at 12:24 p.m. heart attack patient treated by Campus Safety personnel.

2/26/01 at 4:23 p.m. Renee Lauer hit and run at Rouzer Hall.

2/28/01 at 6:59 p.m. non-student assaulted by another non-student at ANW.

2/28/01 at 8:00 a.m. student vomiting and dehydrated treated by Campus Safety personnel.

3/4/01 at 1:45 a.m. disorderly conduct by a student at ANW.

3/4/01 at 10:27 a.m. silicone or crazy glue sprayed into students’ dorm lock in Rouzer Hall.

3/4/01 at 12:20 p.m. wind broken pats stolen in Rouzer Hall.

Faculty discusses that e-mails and voice mail messages are not private property, but can be accessed by the college

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Seidel went on to explain that last year a member of the faculty had been fired for gross misuse of a computer. This violation would have been found if the former member of the WMC community’s computer had not been allowed to be examined.

President Colby also mentioned that this type of policy is not uncommon, and that other school similar to WMC have similar policies. In fact, she said that WMC’s was less stringent than many other schools.

Still, Bob Sapota, professor of English, was not happy.

He talked about a change in America’s culture as a whole toward free speech, and how “Corporate America trumps first Amendment rights right out of the gate.”

He eventually mentioned that he felt that standards needed to be written about when and where the school has the right to look at the e-mails and voice mails.

Herb Smith, chair and professor of the political science and international studies department, brought up an old slogan used by the school.

The slogan said “Think Dangerously.”

Smith said that perhaps the slogan should be modified to “Think dangerously, but be careful what you say.”

When it seemed that an immediate resolution was not going to be reached at the meeting, the faculty as a whole decided that a separate committee, which would include student government representation, would be needed to from new language and new standards for this controversial policy.

This ADHOC committee will meet and discuss the policy.

Who will be included in this group is unknown, but Schlossberg was asked to form the committee.
WMC deaf education department takes many new leaps

TAMMI SLATER Staff Writer

At Western Maryland College the sounds of silence and sign language represent a sign in the growth of a language which fascinates many, and continues to spread among students. The students are not communicating through verbal communication, but with their hands through sign language.

Sign language at WMC has undergone many significant changes within the last year, with the addition of the minor in Deaf Studies. The addition of the minor is not the only change. Dr. Judith Coryell, associate professor and coordinator of deaf studies/deaf education explained that last February the minor was approved by the Curriculum Committee, where it had originally been proposed as a major.

Coryell believes that the minor is a great opportunity for "undergraduate students who come to WMC interested in deaf education to begin their studies early and develop a solid background in American Sign Language, developing the necessary fluency needed to enter the deaf education graduate program."

According to Sheila Deane, deaf programs manager, WMC is believed to have the best deaf education program in world and so there is much to be said for this program and the individuals who make it all happen.

"The number of deaf graduates from WMC is increasing every year," said Coryell. Deaf, deaf programs manager for five years now, feels that, with the new $1.5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Education, "It's a good program, for deaf students. There are many significant changes within the last year, there are many opportunities for learning on all levels, and for further extending students' knowledge and experience.

The deaf studies minor is also believed to be the start to bringing in more undergraduate students to a designed program that helps lead them to their future goal of a master's degree in deaf education or work with deaf people in other professional capacities.

This experience expands students sensitivity level to deaf people, and their cultural awareness to the deaf community, which is essential for teachers and deaf students.

Sophomore biology major Jennifer O'Hara, a recent transfer student, already feels confident in praising the deaf education department.

"I can tell that deaf ed is a very important part of WMC," she said. "People seem to have a good sense of its meaning, and I feel that it is a very positive thing for the college," O'Hara continued.

In addition to the minor, WMC has made several improvements to the program such as new courses, the opportunity to spend a semester at Gallaudet University, and the ASL Immersion House on campus.

"The Immersion House, which will open in the fall, will provide an authentic language environment for students to live in, where they can develop fluency in ASL in an interactive way while learning about their different way of life through deaf graduate students and models."

There will be two deaf graduate students living in the house serving as house managers and language models, as well as nine students. The students are not only learning sign language, but also learning about the deaf culture of deaf individuals," said Deane.

Coryell feels that the recent addition of Professor Martin, teacher of ASL classes and coordinator of the ASL Lab, has been instrumental in the changes of the department.

Coryell credits Martin for all the positive changes he has brought to the department and for his dedication to improving the deaf studies minor.

"He has hired eight ASL mentors, brought many undergraduate students in, and is coordinating the week-long events for Deaf Awareness Week," Coryell said.

Deane also compliments Martin noting that "he has some dynamite ideas for Deaf Awareness Week this year, and his energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the undergraduate students is evident not only in his teaching but in the ASL Lab and various events he is planning as well. We are so lucky to have him as a part of the program."

Although the department has undergone many positive changes within the last year, there are still many areas for improvement.

Coryell feels that within the department, "there is always a need for more space, more people, and more technology."

Deane stresses that, "In our field, we do not set up classrooms in the traditional way of row-by-row desks. We use semi-circles so everyone can see each other signing, and classrooms that are designed this way are critical to our learning environment. Technology is another big thing since Deaf people rely heavily on visual aids, computers and e-mail, which are all fully accessible means, but we lack in this area. Not just in our program but the campus as a whole."

"The college has been very supportive of deaf education," said Coryell. "The college has been very supportive of deaf education. They come here looking for something that will automatically lead them into that program - the minor is a start."

Coryell, who has been at WMC since 1978, said, "I have seen lots of changes. I've seen incredible growth in the staff and facilities on the campus. Within the deaf education program, I've seen significant changes as we refine courses to meet challenging standards and to maintain professional currency in adapting to philosophical changes."

Currently, the department is in the middle of implementing a large federal grant that was awarded last year to the deaf education department.

"There are several programs that will be affected by the grant, including: the Literacy Specialist Program, the deaf studies minor, community outreach, and the ASL Specialist Program.

Correspondingly, the department is striving to reach more high school students interested in deaf education. Therefore, a web page for high school students learning ASL is being started, as well as the addition of a first year seminar course that incoming freshmen interested in ASL can take.

In the future, deaf studies at WMC aim to produce more interest in students to become teachers for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, while extending their programs and services further.

Though the tasks will take time, the department has already set a standard for itself that it can continue to improve."

In the process of working to refine the department, members hope for enjoyment and gratification from a job which so many involved love greatly and have a huge sense of respect for.

While every job has its ups and downs, Conley feels that the best part of this job is "the students because we work with an incredibly gifted group of people who are enthusiastic and committed to improving the quality of the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing children."

Conley agrees saying that the positives for her are "seeing the enthusiasm and learning take place. The students give me energy so I love having them around."

Considering how far this program has come in the past several years, goals of more growth in the near future are reasonably set, she said.

Staff Writer
Panelists still trying to figure out what went on in election

Kevin Igoe justifies the actions of his country and defends recent insinuations

Fox justifies the actions of his country and defends recent insinuations

give (peace a try, there is no other choice," Fox responded.

Christianna Nichols Leahy, associate professor of political science, also questioned Israel's intentions, as she read a report on allegations of Israeli torturing and killing innocent Palestinians.

"Those inscriptions are completely false," Fox answered, "we are in a state of war and every war manual I know of doesn't suggest that you should wait for your enemies to come out and kill you." More questions, pondering Israeli intentions were asked of Fox who continued to defend the Israeli Defense Force and their objectives. "What we are dealing with is terrible," he said "and we are ready to give 96% of our territory back to Palestine." President Joan Develin Coley, who also introduced Moshe Fox, concluded the evening by thanking everyone for coming to talk about such sensitive issues.

Fox replied to one last question, and finally stating that the Israeli Defense Force is there "only to kill terrorists that have one purpose - to spread havoc and [the Israelis] are not going to have it."

Wills came to the discussion armed with facts and data, showing a Power Point presentation entitled "The 2000 Presidential Election: The Classic American Divide Revisited."

In this presentation, Wills outlined the accuracy of different voting methods.

According to his data, 10% of Florida votes were no votes - that is, votes that machines simply did not count.

"To me, that's an outrage," Wills said.

Wills said that, in the 19 Mary-land jurisdictions that use the optical scan ballots, ballots which are counted similar-ly to the scantron method used on tests such as the SATs, the percentage of "no votes" is much lower.

In fact, in 1996, Mary-land had an overall no-vote of only 2.04%, said Wills.

All the panelists agreed that new voting systems were needed, and that the punch card ballots were fairly inaccurate, leading to much jurisdic-tions.

Noting that African-Americans are statistically predominately Democrats, Igoe said, "Why would Democrats want to disenfranchise blacks?"

Senior

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he said, saying that voting errors were made by blacks in Miami-Dade, Jewish people in Palm Beach, and many other voters of various ethnic and religious groups.

Igoe argued that it was unlikely that blacks were discriminated against because most of the blacks that testified in court on the basis of discrimination were from predominately Democratic jurisdictions.

Charles Chester, Brad Widner and John Willis, a political science/history dual major, felt that the confusion surrounding the Florida election lay in the role of the media, specifically their ability to predict election winners.

"I don't think it should be called, in any way, by the media before the polls close," said.

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- Charles Chester

Missed the show?... Here's some photos from Skid Row.

Do you want to know what's going on around campus before anyone else does?

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Letter to the Editor: No pets allowed, none

Dear Editor,

I don't mean to be a "SORROSO PETS!" but what sign reads on the bulletin board in Rouzer Hall. Yet the RLC, known simply as "Nicole" (if that is her real name), has a pet. The culprit is a white cat. Room 305.

The cat has been spotted eyecatching those who enter Rouzer on the Deck Center side. Why does this resident of Rouzer prefer preferential treatment? If the reason for her excess is the mere fact that she is the esteemed RLC of a freshman dorm, than this could raise many questions. If she is exempt from the "no-pet" rule, then is she exempt from the "no-alcohol" rule as well? She could be the only one in the dormitory who can drink, yet she is not allowed to have a pet.

I just couldn't believe it. Whatever happened to two feet or more? What happened to my possible day off? (Not that I don't love school, but who wouldn't want a day off?) It just never came. So what happened?

In the beginning of March, a snowstorm of epic proportions was supposed to smash into Maryland, dropping at least two feet in some areas, and paralyzing the area in one fell swoop. The storm, which was dubbed the "biggest and worst blizzard since the late 1990s" by forecasters, was set to be a huge nor'easter.

The television stations who were watching the storm develop had everything. They had graphics, footage of past blizzards, mighty predictions, and music to back it all up.

It is just too bad that we have to suffer by the meteorologists. Surely, they didn't cause the storm. The storm, which had even me excited, let me down. And so did the meteorologists.

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I'm not saying that the meteorologists were merely procedural. Simply put, the American public will pay more attention to the storm's potential than to the actual threat.

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"He said he's going to shoot me. He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in a dumpster."

These are words of a 9-year-old girl, of Philadelphia, who was threatened by her 8-year-old classmate, according to an article in the March 7 issue of the Carroll County Times. Similarly, in St. Paul, Minn., two 5-year-old girls were suspended from school because one of them brought a loaded pistol in her purse.

Seven students were arrested for plotting to bomb teachers and fellow classmates, and creating hit lists. San Diego, Santana High School student, Charles "Andy" Williams, opened fire in his school March 5. He killed two and wounded 13 others.

A college student, in Santa Barbara, maliciously plowed his car into five students, killing four, just a few weeks ago. The list goes on and on.

Is it my imagination, or are these sickening tragedies happening more and more often? The following factors they all have in common. The criminals are young, just children. Their actions are all hateful and violent. The fatalities are tragic. Anyone could have been the victim. Finally, they all might have been avoided.

We have actually discussed his intentions with other class mates and adults the weekend before he committed it. Why didn't anyone take him seriously? He could have initially been trying to get attention. Then, when no one took him seriously, he decided to prove himself. It certainly was not a positive way to prove himself, but he has our attention now, doesn't he?

In no way, shape, or form am I trying to divert the blame from criminal to the witnesses. But, I have to wonder how someone can get in such a state of mind without one other person realizing it beforehand. Does it mean you or I might also be neglecting someone like Williams?

I would think that someone doesn't just decide to do something like that overnight. I thought it personally cannot begin to contemplate doing anything like that, I would think that someone doesn't just decide to do something like that overnight. I thought it personally cannot begin to contemplate doing anything like that. My instincts tell me that Williams, as well as other young criminals, think about their crimes for a while before committing them.

It could be days, weeks, or even months beforehand. Who knows? Maybe even since they saw what happened in Columbine.

In order to find a solution, we need to find a cause. So, who besides the actual criminals can be held responsible? The parents, the media, society, who?

I believe the corruption of this country's youth lies in a hands of all three of the above.

Parents. Children need attention. Parents need to be actively involved in their child's life. Every one is busy, and I am sure parentings not an easy task at all. But if you choose to bring a child into this world, you choose to care for that child until adulthood.

I cannot remember one day when neither of my parents asked me how I was. I certainly never had access to a gun at 5-years-old. In fact, I still don't have access to a gun, and I really don't want one.

Media. They are calling this recent chain of school violence an epidemic. Does our sensationalized media coverage of such events give other young people the wrong ideas? Williams intended on "pulling a Columbine," according to the Carroll County Times.

I know that the whole violence on TV issue has been argued over and over again, but it is hard to ignore the fact that the events seem to happen in trends. It is like a snowball effect: one thing happens here, and then another there, and so on.

News is news, and crimes happen. But how many murderers, crime shows are on the air these days?

More than I can count on one hand. It isn't just news, but show after show anymore.

When are these shows on? Of course, when young people can watch them-- in the evenings. Remember the cliché: "monkey see, monkey do?" There really is some truth in it.

So, this is broad. I know. What I mean is that the overall occurrence of moral and values display in the American society is also blame.

When children see certain abnormalities and immoral actions in the society around them frequently, they become immune; indifferent, or desensitized to such things.

For example, people who have lived in an area of crime all their lives will not be affected by a murder in the same manner as someone who has never been close to it. Whether you live in it or not, we all see and hear about it. So, how long will it be before no one is affected by it? It is a disgusting thought, but it could happen.

If none of the above things: parents, media, and society are at fault, then I must ask who/what is?

I certainly don't remember ever being taught that if I didn't like my life, I could take someone else's. Who has that right? No one.

The victims of these crimes are dying in vain if we sit around wait ing for these to happen again. Something needs to change. Unless, of course, we are just waiting until something happens to us.

Newsflash: the locations of the crimes aren't all big cities. In fact, Santana High School has a population very close to our population here at WMC.

What makes us think it couldn't happen here?

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BJ Shorb is a junior communications major.

Splurge of youth crimes leaves unanswered questions

New bill introduced: should we reward for good driving records?

Senator Larry Haines has introduced a bill in the state of Maryland that he intends will reward good driving. His idea is to give positive driving points for safe drivers.

This bill will give one positive point for each year a driver does not get a traffic citation such as a speeding ticket, a ticket for failing to show license, or running a stop sign. The maximum number of positive points that one can receive will be five.

This bill is mostly intended to benefit the good driver who gets one or two tickets in his or her lifetime. According to the February 27 issue of the Carroll County Times, Patrick Walters says Haines could have reduced the number of points, like 5. I have two points, and my insurance has not gone up yet.

The problem with this bill is that it fails to meet its intent. For example, I have been pulled over four times in six years for speeding. I was going 51 in a 55, 52 in a 25, 65 in a 50, and 43 in a 25. As surprising as it may seem, I have sped more then four times in my life.

In fact, I am almost always at least 7 to 10 miles over the speed limit. So, if I had one positive point on my record, guess what I would be doing: speeding. I wouldn't slow down to five miles over the limit, I would fearfully go ten to fifteen over the limit.

Amy Bittinger opposes the recently proposed idea of rewarding good drivers.

So, if I had one positive point on my record, guess what I would be doing: speeding. I wouldn't slow down to five miles over the limit, I would fearlessly go ten to fifteen over the limit.

We do not need a law to build in "breaks" for drivers. By the nature of the system they already exist. No one is ever punished for doing something like speeding. I wouldn't slow down to five miles over the limit, I would fearlessly go ten to fifteen over the limit.

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Amy Bittinger is a senior mathematics major.

Attention: WMC Community Students, Faculty, and Staff

Is there an experience or topic you would like to write about in the Commentary Section?

Please call BJ Shorb 6410-756-2935 if you or someone you know might be interested.
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An allegory full of irony

Dr. Robert Lemieux illustrates a symbolic, but ironic, recent occurrence in his life.

As part of a fund-raiser at a local environment society, Dr. Lemieux was asked to participate in an auction item. I decided on an ESPN Zone gift certificate. A good choice I told myself.

The Saturday before the auction I decided to drive down to the Inner Harbor to pick up the certificate. Before arriving, I stopped at the ATM to withdraw $20 in pocket money, just in case, I needed the change for a tip.

After doing business with the ATM, I have this bad habit of placing my card, the receipt, and the money on a little "shelf" in the inside of the door, next to the steering wheel, just below the speedometer and tachometer. Perhaps your car is different because I hate struggling to find the card, receipt, and money away when I'm strapped into the front seat. I call it a bad habit because sometimes I forget to retrieve the items upon exiting the car.

That Saturday's ATM transaction was like most others, and I headed into Baltimore with my card, receipt, and money on the shelf. The ride into Baltimore went smoothly.

As I approached the traffic light at the intersection of 15th and Charles streets, I feared to be a hopeless man setting newspaper to the motorists stopped at the traffic light. Since my car sat five cars back from the light, I figured he would never reach me. However, the light was long and he was soon at my car window with his terrible of Baltimore Sun newspapers.

I declined his newspaper offer, but continued to give him some change. I gave him all the coins in my change pocket, which was full of silver. He was very thankful, wished me good luck, and moved on to the next car.

As the light turned green, I glanced at the clock. In doing so, I noticed the $20 bill, which I had completely forgotten about. Hence the bad habit). I wondered if the man had seen the $20 bill. If so, he probably did it more than the coins. Further, I suddenly felt euphoric and wished I was wealthy enough to hand out $20 bills to those less fortunate.

Those thoughts hung with me as I looked for a noticed parking spot, which I finally did across from ESPN Zone.

What luck! As I exited the car (yes, I remembered the money), I realized I no longer had change for the meter.

Thus, I drove 18 minutes left on the meter, and hurried into ESPN Zone to purchase the gift certificate. Having never been inside ESPN Zone, I became intrigued and decided to wander around, Needless to say, I lost track of time.

Upon returning to my car, I was greeted with a parking ticket in the amount of twenty dollars. I checked at the ticket. If I had forgotten the $20, I would have had change for the meter and never received the parking ticket. Instead, the City of Baltimore got my $20, and the homeless man got the change.

—Dr. Robert Lemieux is an assistant professor and chair of the communications department.

Of course, the best award show goes to...

Oh boy the TV Guide Awards are an onion to-morrow. I'm sure very few of you exclaimed this night it was broadcast. Why?

Because most awards shows are downright dull and monotonous. They consist of celebrities congratulating each other again and again. The awards have little basis for actual quality.

However, in the biggest awards show, the Oscars, comes on May 25, I'm sure most of you really don't care one way or another. Most of you have probably never heard of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Al-" and "Bambi." (They're movies, just in case you were wondering)

Or some of you might be annoyed that "Scary Movie" or "Road Trip" was left out of the running. I hope you all noticed that the ultra popular "Gladiator" was nominated for 12 Academy Awards.

But I'm here to tell you why you should watch the Oscars. Firstly, the winners have a step in the right direction.

This is not some "save the grass" campaign. For most of you have probably never heard of the instance of the 1999 Oscars, some students are either moving in or out of their dorm rooms, and I am starting to see where he has been the very same to be. anyway too serious for many, and they re-

However, Miramax is one of many small independent studios. I'm sure many of you pay very little attention to the Oscars, probably because they don't honor the films you watch. The last scene you probably read in was when that boom office ship known as the Titanic swept the Oscars three years ago.

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Over the years, many critics have claimed that studios now buy their Oscars off, and that the voters only look at how much money a movie has made and what stars are in it. In the instance of the 1999 Oscars, some people charged Miramax with buying its wins for "Shakespeare In Love" for best picture, best actress, and best supporting actress. I loved the film, but giving voters lavish pres-ents and private screening dinners, hardly seems fair.

However, Miramax is one of many small independent studios. I'm sure the big studios like Paramount and Columbia throw money at the Academy just like Miramax. Miramax might throw more money simply because it serves nothing less than this award.

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Student will receive pilot’s license

PHILIP VOGT  
Staff Writer

Time flies when you’re, well, flying.

Just ask sophomore Jon Pearson, who is about a month away from receiving his pilot’s license. Kind of makes your drivers license seem a lot less exciting, doesn’t it?

Pearson, who began taking flying lessons at the Carroll County Regional Airport last year, currently has a student license and has logged nearly 50 hours in the cockpit, usually with an instructor, but also on approved solo flights.

“[People] never believe me when I tell them,” Pearson says of the reaction he gets when others find out about it.

Case in point: Pearson, himself a member of the men’s basketball team, recently flew to a town north of Philadelphia to attend a girl’s road basketball game. The coaches, however, didn’t believe he’d actually made the flight.

Fortunately, Pearson is not discouraged by the disbelief of his peers. In fact, he would “definitely” recommend that anyone try it themselves, provided they have the time—and the money.

“The past two summers, all my money [from summer jobs] went into flying,” Pearson admits, estimating that he’s spent at least $5000 so far on the lessons (roughly $100 an hour with an instructor for 50 hours).

Additionally, the time constraint can be a bit restrictive. Pearson must juggle lessons with his classes as well as the basketball schedule.

Occasionally, he is forced to leave a class early in order to have a lesson. In those situations, he says he generally gets very strange looks from his professors, but that it’s not a real problem.

The costs, both monetary and temporal, however, are well worth the feeling of flying. Pearson describes the feeling as “awesome,” adding that his “first solo was amazing; sort of a rush. But now, it’s calm and quiet—sort of therapeutic.”

In addition to the emotions, flying has other obvious benefits. After earning his license, for example, Pearson can rent a plane for roughly $60 to $90 per hour of engine use and fly to, say, Ocean City in about 45 minutes (again, that cost of yours is looking pretty inadequate, isn’t it?).

Pearson is now awaiting only the written test and the “check ride,” similar to the driving test needed to get a regular driver’s license. During this test run, Pearson will have to perform such ordinary tasks as holding a course and flying in pattern, as well as simulated engine failures and emergency landings.

His father, who had earned his pilot’s license and would take him along on flights, introduced Pearson to flying as a child. Pearson hopes to take his license into the job market, however, perhaps in the field of law enforcement or as a commercial pilot.

Kathy and Mo bring laughter and critical issues to the WMC stage

On March 29 and 30, 2001 at 8:00pm in the evening, the Western Maryland College Theatre Department will present The Kathy and Mo Show, a series of twelve skits from the play originally titled “Parallel Lives: The Kathy and Mo Show.”

The play, co-written by Mo Gaffney and Veronica Closet’s Kathy Najimy, is a delightfully amusing and brutally honest comedy about the lives of women and issues that relate to them, such as childbirth, menstruation, religion, dating, relationships, friendships, and sex, among many others.

The show is a two-character full-length play performed by two women who portray a plethora of characters, sometimes up to four each per skit. The comedy will be performed by seniors Erin Owen and Martha Tudor, who have both graced the WMC stage many times in the shows “Little Shop of Horrors,” “Lysistrata,” “The Crucible,” “Marat/Sade,” and a multitude of others.

Both women are well known on the campus for their comedic personalities and excellent acting abilities, and their on-stage charisma and chemistry is evident throughout this show.

The show, though feminist in nature, is appealing to all age groups and genders, and may even shed some light on why women sometimes act and think the way they do.

From creating the world as if they were merely decorating a house to one discreetly requesting feminine protection from the other, they attack a multitude of tasks and situations and always seem to get the job done... in their own special way.

“The Kathy and Mo Show” is sure to be a delightful play for adults (some language and material not appropriate for a younger audience). Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at (410)857-2448, and the cost is $5 for adults and $3 for WMC students/semesters.

There will be two performances only, on March 29 and 30, 2001 at 8:00pm in the Alumni Hall Understage, so be sure to reserve your tickets early to see these two spectacular actresses shed some light on feminine issues and the wonderful (and often wacky) world of womanhood.

—Press Release by Brandy Crawford and the WMC Theatre Department.

60 SECONDS

What is your dream Spring Break?

Kelly Norris ’01

History

“Spending a week with friends drinking on the beach.”

Alicia Miller ’03

Psychology

“Some place warm and relaxing, like Disney World.”

Brooke Joseph ’02

Social Work

“Going to Mexico to drink legally.”

James Graham ’04

Art

“Relaxing somewhere warm with the Cobras.”

Courtney Jones ’03

Exercise Science

“Going home to see family and friends and eat some Thai food.”

Chi Sukosi ’03

Music
**AIDS Walk to raise money for local health department**

**Kate Espoito**

Many new options have recently become available to improve the lives of people living with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), including new drug therapies and greater social acceptance. WMC students, however, are finding yet another way to fight the virus: with their feet.

On Sunday April 1, WMC will hold its first-ever AIDS walk through the streets of downtown Westminster. Beginning last fall, many small steps had to be taken to get the project up and running.

Senior Erin Owen came up with the idea for the walk in the spring of 2000 when she became the president of Aids Support Awareness and Prevention (ASAP), a group on campus that educates students and the community about being safe and protecting oneself from getting AIDS and other STDs. The group also works to break stereotypes and provide support for people living with the virus.

Owen decided that ASAP needed to do more in the way of support for people living with AIDS instead of focusing solely on prevention. She learned that over 300 people in Carroll County are currently infected with the disease.

So Owen contacted Bernice Culver of the Carroll County Health Department, who told her about the AIDS Fund of Carroll County (AFCC).

The AFCC is a division of the health department that provides support for people living with AIDS and HIV, including覆盖 cost of medication, housekeeping, home care, and sometimes even rent, food, and clothing, if needed.

Thus, the idea for the walk was born. It would be a good way to raise money for the AFCC and would also help educate the Carroll County community, bringing AIDS back to the forefront.

Owen, along with Mohindra Ramphal, treasurer of ASAP and co-coordinator of the event, began calling organizations in Maryland to find out what others had done to raise money to combat AIDS. "We called two groups who had done a walk before," Ramphal said.

From there they began looking through the yellow pages trying to find places to sponsor the event, Culver was invaluable during this process. "I really didn't know the area or the kind of people that live in the area. I had no idea, but she helped me out," said Ramphal.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the actual organization of the walk began. Owen, Ramphal, and other members of ASAP started contacting local businesses, asking for their support.

This was especially time-consuming because, "in Carroll County you have to talk to the people at [businesses] personally; you can't just give them a call," said Ramphal. "You have to be a pretty good speaker to try to advocate what you're standing for or what you're trying to help the community understand and get involved in."

Around October of last year, another student, Shannon Dominguez, Editor

Everyone has a cause or two they believe in, and for one WMC student, the cause is the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day.

The Avon 3-Day is a 60-mile journey from Frederick, Maryland to Washington, D.C. and will span the weekend of May 4 through May 6, 2001, hence the name "3-Day."

Approximately 3000 people will be walking to raise money for the fight of breast cancer. The money raised will go towards non-profit breast health programs across the country as well as towards breast cancer medical research.

Breast cancer may not seem like such a big deal to some people, but it is a disease that affects over 180,000 new women and their families a year.

Over 40,000 of those infected women will die from the disease (American Cancer Society).

The student who believes in this cause, is Genova Curto, a sociology major from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Genova found inspiration from more than just her family members. "I have found that I am inspired daily by the generosity and kindness of both friends and complete strangers," she said.

Several of Genova's family members will be joining her in the walk, and among them will be her mother.

To Genova, this is "just [another] reminder of her determination. She has handled this disease with more determination than I ever thought possible of a human being."

Genova is proud of her mother's courage and determination that she feels she will be well enough by May 4 to do the incredible walk of 60 miles.

Genova has promised herself to participate, by walking or volunteering, in one of the nine annual Avon 3-Days for as long as she is able to.

If it is not apparent already, Genova is highly serious and passionate about this cause. It is important to her for several reasons, and it shows.

Finding out her mother had been diagnosed with breast cancer made Genova realize how prevalent breast cancer is and she now wants to inform as many people about the disease as she can.

Mary-Kate Genova (left) and her mother Fig. take a moment out of their training session to pose for the camera. In order to walk the 60 miles in May, the two have been training as much as possible.

"Since our membership has been low lately, we thought it would be good to offer another organization out with something," said president Megan Martin. "The AIDS walk was also something we wanted to work on because AIDS research is in desperate need of funding."

Through the network of area Circle K clubs, Martin hopes to have a large turnout of members at the event. "Circle K will be going out to other Circle K clubs in the area recruiting walkers and also asking for small donations," Martin said. "We will also be contacting our sponsoring Kiwanis Club and our local Key Club at Westminster High School for support."

Each person who walks will receive a shirt, along with food and entertainment provided after the walk itself. Some of the entertainment includes the band, Room 402, and a live DJ. The shirts, although not donated, were ordered at a discount and will only require $3 of the $20 registration fee.

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"They always seem to do a good job out there," said president Megan Martin.

"It is a pretty good cause," he said. "Hopefully something good will come out of it."

For more information about the walk, such as specific times and how to register or volunteer, please contact Erin at x8235 or at x8213.

Also, her mother's diagnosis has "made [her] grateful for everything" that she has. She added that she has a "much greater appreciation for [her] friends and family."

"I never realized my mother's strength until recently, she was her caregiver that kept me from ever experiencing anything but a positive outcome," said Genova.

Since she signed up, Genova has been busy raising money and training for this extra-ordinary event. Genova tries to walk between 15 and 25 miles a week in order to prepare for this walk.

About the training, Genova said it is "not at all difficult for me because I am doing it with a goal in mind."

She agreed to raise $1,900 by the quickly approaching date of April 6th. So far, she has raised over $550.

Without the help of friends and supporters, she would not have raised this money. But she is still a ways from her goal, so she still needs the help of foreign friends.

On campus, pledge forms can be found at the information desk. Also, Genova can be reached at 410-751-8253 for questions or form mailing.

She asks that, because the deadline is so near, that donations be mailed directly to her, instead of the address on the form.

The reason for this is that the money takes a while to show up in Genova's account with Avon, and if the $1,900 goal is not met by day 1 of the walk, Genova must pay out of her own pocket.

However, she can take pledge money with her, and this is why she asks that donations be campus-mailed to her.

More information on breast cancer can be found at www.thebreastcancersite.com.
Unsung Hero: Dean Barb Horneff

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Her home and heart touches others in the same way the thirty-year-old chair does. Barbara Horneff, associate dean of the first-year program, brings her past and family tradition to her job in a way that transforms those around her.

"The rocking chair is where I rocked my two sons and now where the students sit," she said. "It will begin to sit in it the day I retire from this job."

Horneff has been working at Western Maryland College for 18 years, first working as the Academic Dean for all students then switching to the position of first-year dean for the past six years. Glancing around her office one can easily see that her job goes beyond her office doors, which are smothered in greeting and thank you cards.

"I am a person of meaning, of relationships, and of memories, therefore everything in my office is special to me," Horneff explained.

The recent publication of her cookbook, "Dinner Winners," reiterates Horneff's personal reward for an innumerable number of hours spent in the kitchen with friends and family and students, baskets overflowing with cards, and endless gifts from students speak volumes for the impact she has had on so many lives.

"I feel that she gains strength from students and learns from the obstacles they face. "Students at WMC are truly my extended family, and showing them in my life is an invitation to soothe the soul," she said.

Horneff has been referred to often by students as their "second mom" or their "mom away from home."

Senior communication major, Anne Butler agrees that Horneff fits this description all around campus. "She's raising everyone here in addition to her own two kids," Butler commented.

"Sophomore transfer and biology major Jennifer O'hara feels strongly that Horneff "really cares about the students, and how they are adjusting and getting along."

Horneff takes pride in being labeled "campus mom" for she feels parenting and upbringering serve as a crucial element in character, and believes she was "born under a lucky star." She always carries much of what I learned from my parents over to my students," Horneff said.

A picture has recently come to my horne hangs directly above the thick, brown, wooden rocking chair complete with a padded seat cushion. It reads, "My day is complete, I saw a child laugh."

"This remarkable woman is the only thing in my life, - a more laugh, a more smile, which bring joy to the job... She feels parenting and upbringering serve as a crucial element in character, and believes she was "born under a lucky star."

Horneff thinks of herself as a role model, which she attributes to several special and key influential people in her life. However, she credits her mother for "modeling for me, what to do and what not to do." She feels parenting and upbringering serve as a crucial element in character, and believes she was "born under a lucky star." She always carries much of what I learned from my parents over to my students," Horneff said.

"She knows how to listen, how to love, how to laugh, and how to enjoy all the time off. You can only lose to your twin this break and never give up," Horneff comments. "You can only lose to your twin this break and never give up."

"I believe that the field hockey ball will not fall to your twin this break and never give up."

"I believe in love, the kind that can only be felt when you have met that special someone. I believe in high ballasts, change-ups, and the perfect swing. I believe that everyone has a niche; they just have to find it."

I believe that the Ford Mustang was the best American muscle car ever put through production. I believe in sex, speed, pushing for that last rep, and never giving up. I believe the bench press is the best and most important lift in weightlifting. I believe in impressing people with your goals; and I believe that only good people truly succeed in life.

Brad Porter

Concert Review: A Perfect Circle

PHILIP VOGT
Staff Writer

American University's Bender Arena played host to "A Perfect Circle" March 3, the first headlining, major-venue stop in this area by the band, known for its rich, surrounded from the top; and Brody's three main soundscapes of "Tool," and the most melodic, emotional instrumental provide an excellent backdrop for Keenan's dynamic, often eerily-organic vocals and vocal quality.

The performance was further enhanced by Keenan's satirical; in both tone and lyrics, a sense of his creative costume change, which featured a pair of black hot-pants with multiple red and green flashing lights.

Musically, highlights included the band's first, and heaviest single, "Judith," and the extended, re-mixed rendition of "Three Libras," clearly a crowd favorite.

Additionally, the previously mentioned "Tapeworm" track drew an intrigued and appreciative response from many of the crowd.

The performance of the song, an as yet unreleased track by a band consisting largely of current and former members of "Nine Inch Nails" and featuring Keenan as a guest vocalist, had drawn a little flack from "NIN" frontman Trent Reznor, who was growing tired of performing the song in its unfinished state.

The show was flawlessly only in its brevity, as the set lasted only slightly over an hour and didn't feature an encore, leaving the audience a bit stunned and clearly wanting more.

Additionally, the venue itself left much to be desired.

Located in the middle of the American University campus, which is located in the heart of Washington D.C., the parking situation was an absolute embarrassment considering the size of the event. The show was not only on a stage but in a large outdoor amphitheater.

The show was phenomenally entertaining and musically well executed. It was obvious in everything from the presence of the band to the smoothness of the show. From Monday Night Football, to chewing tobacco - from true love, to a field hockey ball ripping into the top right corner of the cage, Western Maryland College students share what thrills them in this Phoenix column titled, "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe. Share what thrills you by sending in a "I Believe" statement. Try to keep your statements to 100 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Decker and please put "For the Phoenix." I believe in having fun! I believe in love, the kind that can only be felt when you have met that special someone. I believe in high ballasts, change-ups, and the perfect swing. I believe that everyone has a niche; they just have to find it."

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I believe in love, happiness, and God, and freedom of speech. I believe that the field hockey ball will go in that top right corner of the cage if I really want it to. I believe music keeps us sane. I believe in rules - only exceptions, the soul, opinions, and the way you carry yourself. I believe in success.

Kim Mathias

FEATURES

Horoscopes for a fun and exciting break

LISA STANLEY

Phoenix

Libra (Sep 24- Oct 23)
Get in touch with your green thumbs this Spring Break, so visit some gardens, feel the growing life and let yourself be inspired. Your lucky break numbers: 9, 11, 16, and 24.

Scorpio (Oct 24- Nov 22)
Watch your trigger finger this Spring Break. While you'll be having a lot of fun in an arid climate, be watchful that you don't inadvertently sting someone. Your lucky break numbers: 9, 11, 16, and 24.

Sagittarius (Nov 23- Dec 21)
Warm weather is just what you need to see if you can challenge yourself or to get that stress out of your system. So this Spring Break just relax and enjoy all the time off. Your lucky break numbers: 2, 16, 17, and 24.

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 20)
Try something new this break - some thing you've never done before. I want to try. Remember that you are only this age once. Your lucky break numbers: 1, 16, 18, and 24.

Aquarius (Jan 21- Feb 19)
Spring break has finally come, and it's time to get your Spring Break on. So while your visiting an exotic lounge remember to bring your tempting humor with you. Your lucky numbers: 3, 7, 16, and 24.
Ask Kitty: advice on important and pressing problems

CATHY PENDORF
Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes there is a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 979, and maybe she can help you out.

Dear At A Loss,

There are some choices, but I don't know if you will like them or the results. One choice is just to talk to a friend and let her know you are worried about how serious she is getting with this guy.

I definitely wouldn't advise this guy of "playing with her head," she may feel like it's your relationship, and that may result in further alienating her from you.

Keep the lines of communication open, and let her know you are there to help, support, etc. Another is telling her you miss her and would like to spend some alone time with her, she probably misses you more than you do. Ok, so maybe I haven't always been the model student, but give me a f**in break, I'm in college now.

Dear Rebellious in the Past,

You do seem frustrated, but maybe you should give them a break too. Possibly they just worry about you or miss you. Don't assume they call only because they don't trust you.

Why don't you talk to them and let them know how you feel? (In a nice way.) Remember, they're in college now (or that you're an adult) and you need some more space.

If they don't understand, well, perhaps with time they'll get used to you not being home as much or needing more space.

And if you think your parents don't trust you, then show them how responsible you can be.

Use good judgment, be mature, and share what you've learned with them, they may see that you have changed and respect that or at least the fact that you're making an effort.

Dear Kitty,

My roommate snuck a guy on campus and keeps it under his bed. It's some sort of rodent and it stinks!

I told him to get rid of it or else. It is now February and the damn fur-ball is still living under my roommate's bed.

I'm debating whether to kill it, my roommate, or just turn him in. I guess I won't kill anything because I'm a pacifist, so that leaves turning him in.

Do you think I should do it?

Stinky Room Hater

Dear Steinky Room Hater,

Yes.

Sharkey & Sorensen to bike cross-country

MATTHEW MCGOWAN
Staff Writer

"Who doesn't know what I'm talking about? Who's never had a way? Who's never struck out?" So begins the Dixie Chicks' hit song, "Wide Open Spaces," an anthem for following one's dreams. Two WMCC students will be expressing the spirit of this song as they journey cross-country with nothing but bicycles and camp gear.


The road less traveled. These will be home to juniors Steve Sharkey and Shelley Sorensen starting on about May 20, when they will embark from Ocean City, Maryland on a fifty-day biking trip designed to provide new sights and faces for them, and a windfall for Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

"Steve and I like doing crazy adventure stuff," explained Sorensen, "especially when it's outside. So we were thinking what to do, and we actually suggested we ride cross-country and it became a reality. We've been planning it since September.

Sorensen, who is currently president of the WMCC Student Government Association, added, "Shelley's really done all the organizing and everything... I guess I got the idea, but mainly because I saw someone walking on the path, probably going faster, then I thought, 'man, that's cool.'"

To do more with their trip than simply leg 3000 miles, the couple has decided to solicit sponsorship, to raise money for JHCC. Said Sorensen, "we don't want this just to be us biking. We want this to be a community thing. So we're getting donations from organizations, from small businesses to large corporations.

Of the latter, she said, "we have about three who are interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us. They're interested in sponsoring us.

The funds raised, mainly flat donations by those who choose to support the effort, will go towards research and improvement of the facility, she explained, "though we'd like to take some of the money before we handed it over and buy some new toys for the hospital for the kids to enjoy while they're there."

Sorensen noted that her relationship with Sharkey has been characterized by their mutual thrill-seeking. "Our backgrounds give us the urge to live every day - why not do the things you can while you can? And we really enjoy the outdoor, adventurous stuff that makes people say 'wow, cool idea... I wish I could just up and do that.'"

One of the first things the couple ever did, in fact, was a complete surprise to Sorensen. "Steve told me to be ready at a certain time, with a bathing suit, a towel, shoes, [and a few other things], and to meet him there. He totally surprised me and we went cliff-diving." This would not be the last such adventure.

The one taking place this summer will be the most intense of any they've done, though, as both expressed, Sharkey and Sorensen will be biking by day, stopping mainly to eat along the way and sleep by night in tents they'll carry with them and set up in the parks they've determined to stop in.

"It'll be great," commented Sorensen exuberantly, "I want to see the beautiful sights, to see, to talk to people from all over the country, to talk to people from all over the country, to talk to people from all over the country, to talk to people from all over the country, to talk to people from all over the country.

The charitable portion of the endeavor, once the rest was decided, fell naturally into place. "JHCC does a lot of good for kids," commented Sorensen of the institution's reputation. "It's just like nature, it's something you, as a kid, you want to be.

And we definitely wanted to do something for children. So we went there, and toured the hospital, and we were completely blown away by the things they've done, and the way they've set up the facility, she explained, "though we'd probably never expect it, we feel like, something that makes people say 'wow, cool idea... I wish I could just up and do that.'"

Both Sorensen and Sharkey encourage any members of the WMCC community interested in getting involved with the cross-country trip to raise money for JHCC to please contact either of them.

CATHY PENDORF
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Harley Newman
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Wednesday, April 11
Movie: "Rules of Engagement"
8:30 pm, Hill, Rm 108
Lamentations of a Maryland basketball fan

Craig Johnson discusses March Madness and the Terps' futility in the big dance.


For those not familiar with March Madness, it's the NCAA Division I men's college basketball tournament. 64 teams, virtual

They have the talent, they have the athleticism. What could possibly go wrong?

And every year they fall hopelessly, agonizingly short of those expectations.

I fill out my brackets for the basketball pool, with a proud gleam in my eye, put Maryland as going deep into the tournament. And then they lose early, I throw things at the wall, and life goes on.

It has become sort of an annual ritual.

First it was the Joe Smith era. He was supposed to be the star to take the Terps to the promised land. But they never made it past the Sweet 16. Smith left college early, and that was that.

Then came the next big thing, a transfer with a game like he game there are a number of play.

But then something happened. The Terps futility in the big. And every year, the expectations go deep into the tournament. A transfer with a game like he game there are a number of play.

I'll look down at that paper, and I'll fill out my tournament brackets, and that was that. There is still no doubt an immense amount of talent there. Yet no one is stealing the headlines. Every game there are a number of players who can step up and lead the team to victory.

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around-the-clock coverage, and an awful lot of drama. To put it simply, it's the basketball equivalent of heaven.

This used to be one of my favorite times of the year. Wake up in the morning, there's basketball on TV.

Come home from school, more basketball.

Stay up late at night doing work while...you guessed it, watching basketball.

But then something happened to me. I was born in Maryland, and I have lived here all my life. Both of my parents went to the University of Maryland. So, whether I wanted it to happen or not, I did it. I became a devoted Terps fan.

Now this doesn't sound like that big of an issue. There's nothing wrong with rooting for the home team. What is the problem? Well, for anyone out there who has followed the Maryland basketball team at all, you know the source of my pain.

Every year, the expectations going into the tournament are huge. This is gonna be the year that they break through.

This is going to be the year they live up to the hype and make it to the Final Four.

balled out in the round of 16. And once again, the star left for the pros early.

Well, you would think after all this heartbreak, all the wondering what could have been, I would have learned my lesson by now. But I'm not giving up.

The Terps are on a roll right now heading into the ACC tournament, and like so many poor fools in the past have said, "This is gonna be the year." Now, I am probably setting myself up for yet another disappointment, but I have a funny feeling things are gonna take a turn for the better. The reason: there are no real son of ups and downs for Maryland and their faithful fans. There was the 1-3 start. Then there was the devastating home loss to Duke in the final minute (which actually gave me nightmares).

But now, everything seems to be coming together at the right time. Recent wins over Duke and Virginia have expectations soaring once again.

So in a week or so, when I go to fill out my tournament brackets, I'll look down at that paper, and with that proud gleam in my eye, pencil Maryland into the Final Four. Just remember...pencils always have erasers.

Ask the Question Marquis

Q: Dear Question Marquis: My sister's boyfriend broke up with her over a year ago. But his voice is still on her answering machine. Should I tell her how pathetic this is? - Stephen in Annapolis

A: My advice here is going like this: It is not a problem, it is an opportunity. There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You must simply play your cards correctly. I recommend a subtle approach to win her trust. Perhaps you can tell her about Questia.

About how much more free time she will have when she's writing research papers if she does the research online. Free time that the two of you could use to, je ne sais pas, get to know each other better? If you know what I...wait—you said your sister's boyfriend? This is a terrible misunderstanding. I have got to stop skimming these questions. 

Q: Dear Question Marquis: I am very interested in Questia. Could you please give me some more information about its exciting features? - TW in Houston

A: Zut alors! I think my employer has slipped this one in. But just by chance this is not how the case is, I will answer it briefly. Questia will have an expanding scholarly collection, and the full text of each book and journal article is all online. You just enter your topic and then you can instantly search through any book. And many of the author's own sources are, how you say, "hyperlinked." So you can follow the writer's train of thought, if you like. Also, quotes, footnotes and bibliographies are all done automatically. And, in a few months, Questia can be used to more efficiently groom racehorses. Or such is my understanding. That may be confidential information, so don't go gossipping it about like a bunch of Montesquieu's corncobs. Now I wish I hadn't told you.

"There is no truer friend of passion than the vulnerable rejected lover. You simply must play your cards correctly."

Q: Dear Question Marquis: Well...why did you tell us? In both of your answers, you could have corrected your mistakes by using the delete key.

A: In life, there is no such thing as a delete key. O.E.D.; there is no delete key for writing my column. What's done is done, what's said is said. Vive moi! (Long live me!)

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Well, it is March, and that means that towns such as Clearwater,Vero Beach, Mesa, Tuscon, Bradenton, and Dunedin are the center of the baseball world right now. That's right, spring training is underway. After a busy winter of trading and free agency signings, who are this season's strong teams leading the pack in the National League? In the NL East, I predict a interesting the guard with the Mets edging out the Braves for top honors.

The Mets come into the 2001 season boasting a strong offensive threat once again. Mike Piazza is the best offensive catcher in the game today (even though his defensive game is lacking).

Expect Piazza to see some time at first base in the near future, especially if something happens to Todd Zeile. Robin Ventura is a perennial Gold Glove award winner at the hot corner, along with being a strong left-handed hitter.

Meanwhile, in second baseman Edgardo Alfonzo, the Mets have one of the most complete players in the game today. Their stable of outfielders is still up in the air right now; however, there is a good chance that will add potent power hitter Gary Sheffield to the mix. Meanwhile, Jay Payton was promising last season, hitting .290 with 17 homers and 62 RBIs.

However, they need to find a better leadoff hitter than Benny Agbayani, who appears to be the number one candidate for this slot. The leadoff hitter is key in setting the table for the rest of the offense. Maybe some options will open up for them as the season progresses. Is there a chance the Mets could break from their minor league system, or maybe a trade with another team.

Their pitching staff has been knocked down a peg with the loss of Mike Hampton, but they have a chance to get it right now. Glendon Rusch along with newcomers Kevin Appier and Steve Traschel. Backing them up, Bobby Valentine has the luxury of one of the best bullpens of the game. In the NL Central, the best bet for first place are the Cardinals. The Cards boast a still potent offense with Mark McGwire as its centerpiece. Will McGwire be felled by back or other injuries as he was last season? If he is, the Cardinals better think of a plan B as they did last year when they acquired Will Clark from the Orioles. He is definitely vital for their chances.

If McGwire is healthy, and as long as left-handed hitting Jim Edmonds can continue the success he had last season, and JD Drew and Fernando Vina can provide some punch, the Cards should be successful this offensiveseason.

If things fall into place, St. Louis should not need much offense though. That is because their pitching rotation contains Daryl Kile, Andy Benes, Dustin Hermanson, Rick Ankiel, and Mike Morris.

Benes and Kile and Hermanson have been consistent performers for a number of years, while Ankiel has showed a great deal of promise while battling mechanical problems (while being a good hitter to boot). Morris has hit right strong after suffering surgery in '99.

Beyond these pitchers, the Cards also possess 16 game winner Garrett Stephenson, who will be on the shelf with injuries awhile, but could return later on, and Alan Benes, who is not quite full strength yet. Nevertheless, while there are many teams in the NL Central, I do not foresee any of these four teams being able to challenge the Cards. None of them are deep or confident enough.

If the Astros regain their composure after a poor 2000 season, they should be in good shape. The Braves have been major players in the bullpen. Their marquee hitter is the switch hitting Chipper Jones, who can be counted on to hit over .300 with 120 RBIs and 30+ home runs every season. They also have solid bats in Barry Bonds. tings, which will be coming out after Spring Break.

Additional information about the baseball preview and other topics can be found on the Campusfundraiser.com website, which can be accessed at www.campusfundraiser.com. For more information, please call 1-800-466-7665 or visit the website.

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The Sideline View: A lesson in trying new sports

Jeff Greer discusses his new found interest in hockey along with the future of Mark McGwire.

Hockey Sucks. Who wants to watch a bunch of barbarian jocks who are missing teeth skate around and try to score a goal for 60 minutes? Hockey, who wants to watch a game for that long when it could end up in a tie? That is a complete waste of time.

That is what I thought when my friends first asked me to go to a Philadelphia Phantoms minor league hockey game last month. But I figured why not give it a chance. After all, I should try everything once.

When we got to the game we asked one of the fans of the opposing team who the Phantoms, the Flyers' farm team, were playing. The Portland Pirates, who are the Caps' farm team, were scheduled for that afternoon. So immediately I was pleased that a home team was being represented in the game, so we decided to root for them.

During the game I found myself really involved with what was going on in front of me. I was pleasantly surprised with the amount of action and suspense involved in a hockey game. Everyone said that this was the best part of a game, but I had never played in a game even though there weren't any fights at all.

To my surprise there was a great deal of strategy involved, of which I was not aware. Hockey players must be in incredible shape to remain competitive throughout the game and they also must be very smart on the ice to produce scoring opportunities. Trying to complete a pass through the defense is much more difficult than it looks.

Just going to a hockey game didn't seem like enough to change my perspective on the sport; evidently, that was far from the truth.

Story behind famous Mario Lemieux cannot be ignored. Lemieux started in the middle of the season and has managed to set a pace that would put him at the top of the leader board in many offensive statistical categories he had begun at the start of the season. He has played in 31 games and has scored 55 points compared to his 17-11. This past weekend, the Blues are one step away from being the punching bag of the last few seasons in good shape. During the earlier years of the Blues, he was frequently hampered by injuries that forced him to miss a substantial amount of playing time.

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Men's Lacrosse wins out of the gates fast with a 3-0 record

Early spring is always an exciting time for many young athletes. However, this spring is particularly enticing for both fans and players of the WMC Men's Lacrosse team. The squad is coming off of a school-record tying 11 win season. This comes after winning only ten games in the previous two seasons combined. The Terror's goals are set even higher this year: Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said, "The conference title is our number one goal. A goal that could see fruition this year for the first time in WMC history.

This season also marks a first for the Terror. This year they play
two new teams, the Penguins and the Phantoms. The players met a challenge of both games three times.

The Terror defeated Villa Julie 23-8, then rallied to beat Cabrini 17-11. This past weekend, the Green Terror thumped Widener 15-6.

On the ice, the Terror's 3-0 start is not surprising. Second Team All-Conference Joe Ellis, two time WMC scoring leader Tom Brown, and honorable mention All-American Brett Sweeney are the same attack unit that was 10th in the nation last year in scoring offense.

Midfielder Dave Riley returns as the team's only two year captain during Coach Reitenbach's tenure to lead a fairly solid midfield core. Junior Michael Coleman, sophomore Jason Wiles, and senior Alex Tolj are a returning starting. Senior Vince Hackler, Junior Steve Mason, and Junior Scott Armstrong do return with some playing experience from the previous season.

All of these players have contributed to the fast paced 3-0 start. The most recent of the three victories was a road win over Widener. The Terror had a bit of revenge on their minds going into this contest. Widener has defeated the WMC in the previous two seasons. Brown leads the offensive attack with five goals, and Ellis posted three. Nottingham also recorded 15 saves and only gave up 6 goals. The Terror were scheduled to host Cabrini last Tuesday, but rain forced the game be pushed back a day and be moved to a more weather-friendly turf field. The Terror bowled Loyola's field in Baltimore for their "home" game.

Ellis was the offensive leader in this game with four goals and four assists. Brown added four goals and two assists. Nottingham, who had 11 saves, spoke of the momentum of the team this season. "We are feeling good. We are getting better and better." The opener for The Terror was a 23-8 win over Villa Julie. Sweeney was the man in this contest with eight goals and three assists.

Ellis had seven goals, and midfielders Riley and Tolj each contributed a goal and an assist.

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Solid Winter Track season predicts big things for Spring

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The Western Maryland College Track team is preparing to begin its outdoor season, and they should be confident after their strong finish to the indoor season. At the Centennial Conference Championships, the Green Terror women took second, while the men took fifth. “We only took 13 men to the conference, a team like us wouldn’t normally take, so it was a pretty good effort on the guys part. As for the women, we’re getting closer and closer to winning this thing, I think we’ve got a real shot outdoors.”

One of the women who will be attempting to move the Green Terror into first is senior sprinter Jamie Falcone. Falcone automatically qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track Championships in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. “She’ll probably be an All-American indoors,” Renner said. In addition, Diana Pool and Jill Krebs finished second and third, respectively, in the 3,000 meters, and Sophomore Christine Johnson’s jump of 16'5" won her a gold medal in the long jump.

“We’re excited about the women’s chances outdoors,” Renner said. “We don’t have many sprinters, distance runners and good hurdlers, it’s pretty much a complete team on the women’s side, and we’re getting there on the guy’s side.”

Helping the men to get there is junior shot putter David Huse, who has never lost a shot put competition. In three competitions since transferring from Hagerstown Community College, Huse has three gold medals. Sophomore Ifeanyi Ani won his second consecutive gold medal in the long jump with a jump of 21’11”, and the men’s 4x400 meter relay team won a bronze medal and set a school record of 3:31.64 despite having only one true 400 runner, Christian Hamilton. (Freshmen Calvin Woodward and David Maskoroni were moved down from the 800, with senior Jeff Groff, a decathlete, rounding out the squad). Groff also took bronze in the 55 meters, with a time of 6.18.

Coach Renner believes the men have a chance to succeed in the upcoming season, although the competition will be formidable. “If you look at the dynamics of the conference, a team like Haverford is so strong in the middle distance events, you have to beat them on the field events and sprints and hope someone else takes away some of their distance points. We’ll be a much stronger team outdoors with more athletes joining the team. I think we’ll do no worse than third outdoors, maybe even second.” Renner added that he envisions the team improving on last year’s outdoor finish, which was 13th.

The first home meet will be the Jekyll Island Invitational on March 17 at the Washington and Lee Invitational in Lexington, Virginia. The first home meet will be March 27. The men’s and women’s golf teams definitely have their work cut out for them. Both of the golf teams face adversity entering the spring 2001 season.

Falcone automatically qualified for championships in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. “She’ll probably be indoors,” Renner said. In addition, Melissa Merson (along with April Brown, Thea Bayly, and Melissa Merson) that set a conference record with a time of 1:46.24. Maskoroni were moved down from the 800, with senior Jeff Groff, a decathlete, rounding out the squad. Groff also took bronze in the 55 meters, with a time of 8.18.

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This victory earned the entire team a place in the Western Maryland Hall of Champions last spring. “It was an experience I’ll never forget,” said sophomore Patrick Pulliam.

For the women’s team, there are no lofty expectations to live up to, since this is the first year the Centennial Conference has had women’s golf recognized by the NCAA.

The women face an uphill battle due to inexperience and a lack of players.

Head Coach Michael Diehl feels that, “Our women will be as good as the men within a few years.”

This expectation may be justified due to the fact that WMC has two highly regarded golf professionals directing their recruitment efforts.

The first challenge the women will face is the Dickinson Invitational on March 28th at the Mayflower Links.

Senior Jill Bex, and sophomores Julia Richardson and Stacey Roach will be representing the women in Carlisle, PA.
A celebration of music on the hill in Levine

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Staff Writer

The day after the inauguration of new President Devlin Coley, Sunday, April 22, the Hill will still be alive with the sound of music. In honor of this memorable occasion, the music department will be bending a hand, and several voices, to welcome our new president and to dedicate our new music building, Levine Hall.

The celebration is on behalf of the new section of Levine Hall and all of the renovations in the older part of the building, as well as to celebrate the music department’s growth, said Margaret Boudreaux, chair of the music department.

The celebration kicks off at 3 p.m. in Big Baker Memorial Chapel. Gracing the stage with their presence will be several WMC ensembles, including the Flute Choir, College Choir, and Gospel Choir.

Listeners will also be delighted by WMC faculty including Dr. David Kreider and Don Horneff as they amaze the crowd with their stunning piano duets. Eric Byrd’s skillful tickling of the ivories, and Ted Dix’s accomplished organ playing.

The ensembles said that at one point in the program, the College Choir and Gospel Choir will combine into one choral mass to raise their voices in the “Hallelujah Chorus,” where alumni are encouraged to join in and sing along.

College Choir will also be singing a peace mission for this event by Baltimore composer Lorraine Whittlesby. Here the choir will sing the piece “Sing a New Song,” which is taken from the Book of Psalms in the Bible.

This should be very appropriate, considering the changes and new beginning that we are approaching with this upcoming weekend, said Boudreaux. (For those who cannot wait until inauguration weekend, Whittlesby will be presenting a lecture and concert on Tuesday, April 17.)

This weekend is not only a celebration of the present, it is also the music department’s celebration of the past, as well as the future, as the department has grown significantly in the last few years. “Celebration of music on the hill is a recognition of the growth and accomplishments that has taken place in the music department in the last decade. It’s really great to sit back and watch our accomplishments and celebrate them,” said Boudreaux.

Within the last fifteen years, the music department has grown by leaps and bounds. Having only one major in 1989, the department now has over thirty students who major in music, music history, music theory and composition, and music theatre.

Boudreaux said that there are also now well over twenty performance ensembles, from the singing Madrigals to the Percussion Ensemble, compared to the four groups the college had in 1989.

Private lessons are available to students in 23 different instruments, and approximately a dozen classes are offered by the department each semester, teaching performance techniques, history, and theory, as well as current topics in music, such as Dr. Armstrong’s upcoming class “Rap Music.”

But, the music department does not only affect majors. Well over a continued on page 2

220 meal plan still a hot topic

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WMC’s 220 meal plan has led to some dissatisfaction among students.

At last SGA Open Forum, Jeremy Kell, a junior physics major, voiced complaints about the system that forces students living in a residences hall to buy 220 meals per semester.

According to Dining Services, the average student uses between 170 and 180 meals per semester.

Kell feels that students who have to pay for 220 meals but are only using about 150 are breaking even. If a student uses less than 175 meals, boy or girl is therefore subsidizing the meals of those students who eat more meals than their 175 meals.

According to Kell’s calculations, a student who uses about half of their meal plan would have spent about an hour and a half working for a minimum wage job to pay for one of those wasted meals.

They’re forcing cash-starved students to work and extra 10 hours a week,” Kell said.

Kell has worked to inform the college population of the issues surrounding the meal plan, by creating his own campus wide mail list, or what he calls “renegade phone mail.” Using the distribution lists on his and friends phones, he has been able to reach out to about two-thirds of the campus without going through continued on page 3

Greek housing decisions not too popular

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Staff Writer

At least two fraternities were sanctioned for the next academic year by losing their campus housing privileges, while other Greek life organizations are unhappy with the housing assignments made by Residence Life.

The Alpha Gamma Tau and Phi Delta Theta fraternities, known more familiarly as the Bachelors and Phi Delts, respectively, were both denied the privilege of occupying an entire floor of a residence hall for the 2001-2002 school year.

Both organizations have appealed the decision by Residence Life and decisions will be announced this week.

The Alpha Nu Omega sorority, better known as the Omegas, were granted housing, but not on the floor they had occupied for almost 15 years. Rather than being assigned to the traditional first floor, back half of Blanche Ward Hall, the Omegas are being relocated to the fourth floor in Blanche, while the Phi Alpha Mu sorority will replace them on the first floor.

According to Elizabeth Towle, assistant dean of Student Affairs, several factors went into assigning floors to the different organizations.

While the fine was higher, individual members have taken personal responsibility to help lower the group’s cost. However due continued on page 3

LaFayette discusses peace & nonviolence

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A friend of the late Martin Luther King Jr., a participant of the Civil Rights Movement, a former Freedom Rider, a co-founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and an international figure, Bernard LaFayette Jr., a lifelong advocate of nonviolence, came to speak on Thursday, March 29 in McDaniell Lounge for the Administration Program Lecture.

Around 7:30 p.m. President Devlin Coley introduced sophomore Bob Caswell, who gave a brief speech about the many accomplishments of LaFayette.

As he concluded his speech, Coley praised LaFayette as an unsung hero who “has breathed the message of nonviolence. He stands as a hero and mentor to anyone who serious about justice, about love, and about freedom.”

LaFayette went to the podium and announced that musical group “Sangmele” would perform a song called “Preaching Lord” before he began his presentation. “Sangmele” consists of Walt Michael, Henry Reiff, and Lea Hurff.

LaFayette is no stranger to the WMC community. Last semester, he gave a presentation on the history of the Civil Rights Movement for the Senior Seminar of Patrick Reed, associate professor of history, and Walt Michael, artist in residence and executive director of Community Ground on the Hill.

He also made an impact on a tour led by Charlie Colyer and Daniel Sappardino, both professors at University of Rhode Island, who led a tour for their WMC Jan-term “Nonviolence and Nonviolence and Nonviolence and Nonviolence and Nonviolence.”

There was no rush to exit McDaniel Lounge after the presentation, as LaFayette discussed current issues in Literature: Idealism and Practicality class. LaFayette has other strong ties to the college.

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Seven newly formed clubs means more fun

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Looking for a new interest, more involvement on campus, or a chance to meet some new people? One of the many new clubs that has begun this spring may be the perfect opportunity.

WMC has seven new clubs that have gotten off to an impressive start this semester. The clubs have had successful starts because of their student involvement and initiative.

The Photography Club, which was previously inactive, has around twenty-five students currently involved and meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in Gold Room B of Decker Center.

The club is run by freshman Courtney Federoff and sophomore Allisha Miller. The club has many upcoming events planned such as going to Front Royal, Ferry and Annapolis to take pictures, and a guest speaker is planned in the near future as well.

According to Miller, the club members hope to display some of their best photographs at an exhibit in Enser Lounge at the end of April.

Another new club formed by sophomore political science major Ryan Sorenson is Hero's Helping Hopkins.

The club is brand new, and not yet official, but will begin meetings once a week starting this week.

The club will do trips twice a month to the children's center at John's Hopkins University where they raise money for sick children, said Sorenson.

Some of the children in the center are fighting cancer, others have heart disease, cystic fibrosis, and psychiatric needs and the money being raised is put towards making life in the hospital more enjoyable.

Callender says that, "the money raised will be put towards research and keeping up the organization."

Sorenson said "A few of the Acabellas perform at the AIDS Walk, competed in a Pennsylvania State Tournament, as well as playing Towson University and UMBC."

The team meets four times a week to practice, and hopes to go to sectionals in the spring. The next practice is held at Salisbury University where teams get ranked against other schools.

The fourth group is interested in starting up a new fraternity, however this is a three to four year process to develop.

Additionally, a power lifting club led by Scott Yard and Jason Hartman just began this semester, as well as a Greek access group, "Lincoln, Lawrence, and Acabellas run by Julie Keough."

Mitch Alexander, director of college activities, feels that the addition of these new clubs is a very positive thing for the students and the college. "It think it's a good thing to start new groups. As long as they keep it going, I'm very excited about adding new groups," Alexander states.


Wednesday, April 11th
5 p.m. in McDonnell Lounge and sponsored by the Honors Program, any questions can be addressed to Dennis Lacey at x 8218 or dml1003@wm.edu

Meet the 2001-02 SGA Candidates on Tuesday, April 17 and then elect them on Wed-Fri, April 18-20 from 11:00 a.m.: 2:00 p.m. outside Glar.

Common Ground on the Hill's Annual spring concert: World-reknowned
Guy Davis
April 18 in Baker Memorial Chapel

***Free to campus***
Residence Life and Greek representatives try to compromise

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largely in part to garbage removal fees, the fines still exist over $300. "The Phi Delt were on thin ice coming into this because they are not going to extreme damages and behavior issues last spring, they knew they had to be careful," Rose said. According to the Phi Delta Theta president, Chris Kinda, their behavior has calmed down immensely this year and it seems unfair to close housing over a garbage issue.

"To eliminate a group of people for mostly trash and not physical damages seems ridiculous," agrees Phi Delta Theta member Dan Belove. With the loss of housing, it is going to be "a lot tougher to recruit new members because they are not going to see us as a whole, but as individuals. We are our strongest as a whole," Kinda said.

The Phi Dels have appealed the decision by Residence Life and met with Towle to argue their case. Decision is pending by Residence Life.

Furthermore, when WMC and Phi Delt alum Gunnar Burdt heard about the Phi Delt losing housing, he said he had "no long-term impact on any money to Western Maryland because of the school's attempt to control the dormitory floor will allow the organization to offer housing to new members, where in McDaniel they would have been only enough room for current members. However, according to the Omegas, this advantage does not outweigh the disadvantages of the move. "We feel like we are being punished, and we didn't do anything wrong," Campbell said.

The Bachelors have also lost housing for this coming school year. Unlike the other groups though, this is their second consecutive year facing physical damages and behavior problems resulting in loss of housing.

Last year, the Bachelors were also not granted housing and appealed the decision to Residence Life.

According to Amanda Rose, after losing the appeal they appealed again, this time to acting President Joan Coley. Coley heard their case and granted only seniors housing on the fourth floor of Blanche.

This year, they are following the same path. After receiving word that they were not given housing, they have appealed and met with Residence Life. Decisions for the appeals case are pending.

The last Greek organization to not receive a definite decision on housing is Gamma Beta Chi, or the known as the Baches.

According to Liz Towle, the Baches have general problems including the struggle to find new hands-on advisor after their former advisor, Keith Reitenbach, resigned.

"The Baches have general problems including lack of community service; they will decide their fate," Towle said.

According to the Damien Turton, president of Gamma Beta Chi, they have already started doing some of the community service that they are lacking and have made plans to finish the requirements. If all goes as planned, they should be able to receive a floor in McDaniel.

With so many organizations losing or having their housing changed, the attitude of many Greeks is verging on hopelessness.

Kelly Ward, a member of Alpha Nu Omega, says that she has "noticed a huge difference in the whole morale of the Greeks" as changes like this happen. In fact, many feel that the school is trying to eliminate Greek life on campus, said Ward.

Laura McKenna, a member of Alpha Nu Omega, feels that by putting so many Greek organizations into Blanche, "it is a prime example of the school trying to get Greeks kicked off campus."

"They are splitting us up little by little, it is unfair," said Phi Delt Chris Kinda.

Amanda Rose denies such allegations reminding that "it's a privilege to live together, it is not a given."

"Losing housing poses a challenge, but there are all kinds of organizations on campus that don't live together. Living together is not always a guarantee for success. Challenging groups to grow is important," agrees Towle.

Campus Safety Blotter

The Department of Campus Safety reported the following cases which include:

3/1/01 at 12:00 p.m. complainant reported that someone had keyed the passenger side of his vehicle from the passenger side front quarter panel to the back passenger door. This incident is logged as a suspicious condition.

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Campus Safety encourages everyone to please buckle up

Matt Warehime, Department of Campus Safety Contributing Writer

You are driving down the road and in the mini van traveling ahead you see a middle-aged woman driving. Sitting behind you are three small children in the back, roaming around about the interior of the van, unattended by any seat belts or car seats. Suddenly, the van is struck on the side by a car traveling from a side street. The next thing you see is something that you will never forget—three small children thrown from the van.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) there is a motor vehicle accident every three seconds. There is an injury every sixteen-teen seconds and there is a fatality every thirteen minutes in the United States. One of the ways that we as citizens can help make these statistics lower is to start wearing our seat belts.

In the 1940s and ‘50s, seatbelts were not a necessary device in many of the automobiles. As a matter of fact, they were considered a luxury. In the state of Maryland in 1999, there was a fatality every six-seventeen seconds. There is a fatality every nineteen minutes. The state government has even passed a law that says you must wear a seatbelt when you are in the front seat, whether you are the driver or the passenger of an automobile.

Even though it is a law, some people do not wear this lifesaving device. (A driver can be pulled over for not wearing their seatbelt, even if there is no other reason to be pulled over, such as speeding. The violation results in a $25.00 fine, but does not add points to one’s driving record.) At times you see adults who know better, not wearing their seatbelts. The state of Maryland had 1,282 adult fatalities for every 100 million miles traveled in 1999. Last year’s seatbelt survey showed that 85% of adults wore their seatbelt, but 25% of people who wore a seatbelt only did so part-time.

A study done by NHTSA showed that wearing a seatbelt reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 45%, and it also reduced the risk of a serious injury by 50%.

In the state of Maryland in 1999, there were 593 children under the age of 11 seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents, and seven children under the age of 11 were killed; all because their parents did not make sure they were wearing their seatbelts or were secured in a car booster seat.

Another study done by NHTSA showed that child safety seats, when installed properly, reduced the risk of a fatal injury by 71% for infants up to one year old, and 54% for toddlers up to 4-years-old.

During the months of April and May, the Maryland Highway Safety Office is sponsoring the Maryland Chief’s Challenge. In this two-month time period the law enforcement agencies of Maryland will be conducting surveys to find out what seat belt use rates are. The current use rate is 85%.

The Maryland Highway Safety Office is looking to expand this number to 87%. Maryland drivers can help by buckling up any time they drive or ride in a vehicle. Law enforcement agencies will also be conducting surveys documenting seatbelt usage and will be engaging in an informational campaign demonstrating the proper use of seatbelts and child safety seats.

The Department of Campus Safety hopes you will join in what we call “working together for a safer campus” by remembering to buckle up!

Welcome guest speaker Gene Cassidy to campus

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- Christine in NY

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- Kara in DC

A: First of all, thank you for being beautiful. It takes courage. Now, I once overheard Descartes saying that it is not so much that men think beautiful women are stupid, as that beautiful women make men stupid, and then they just try to talk to them on their own level. But Kend would say anything to the girls at those singles salons, so who can say if it is true. I know nothing of such things myself. In honesty, I have never been able to get past a beautiful woman’s...eh...beautifulness...to even notice her intellect. But I will try to answer your question.

To begin with, anyone who insults your intelligence you must challenge to a duel. That goes without saying. But I must ask, was this stranger an American? If so, that makes no sense for him to consider you stupid — it is as the pot calling the other pot a kettle, or however that goes.

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Quirks: messages of Battle Royale

Anne Butler compares the film's extreme violence to issues in the US.

Forty-two young people are exiled to an island. After a few brief instructions and a video they are let loose. Several students band together, and eventually killing will fall. There can be only one left standing.

So what is this? A description of the next season of Survivor? Fox's new "reality TV show? Actually, it's a description of one of the most popular movies in Japan, Battle Royale.

The film is set in a world very like our own, where society has broken down. As a final resort to the problem of school violence, the government holds a lottery to choose one junior high class in the country. They and their teachers are then transported to an island.

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Every week on Survivor. It's just a competition that survival of the fittest. But what would happen if that competition was life and death?

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In the summer of 1976 I had just been hired as a computer programmer-analyst for a small consulting company located near Washington, D.C. On this particular Tuesday, I was helping the president of the company prepare a software package that we were writing for an important client.

As the client wanted to be shown to children, we had to make sure that the software did not yet work.

The president, who was on vacation, was visiting the demonstration, trying to make enough of the program work well enough that he could satisfy our client. So he said that we should do that by looking at the problems of society, not by blaming the media.

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Eligible juniors deprived of opportunity.

When I returned from spring break I did not have an application. I spoke to my mailbox. On Tuesday, March 27, I called Dr. Seidel's secretary again.

I was told by Dr. Seidel's secretary that I should be in ODK, and they have yet to receive applications.

This matter has yet to be resolved and inductions are coming up at the end of April.

I'm truly not condemning alcohol use. Because once we all leave college and have to make it in the real world, I bet you will be in for a rude awakening when you can't drink five nights a week and still hold down a job. When some people can't even make it to class at noon because they are still sleeping off a hangover after that. But I bet that's only because you got drunk.

Chris Taughier reveals the history of beads, and how they enhanced his spring break this year.

It's hard to believe that spring break has already come and gone. Even though my tan has started to fade, I would like to reflect on my spring break this year. I'm not going to talk about long car rides, overcrowded beaches or hangovers. I'm going to discuss a newer spring break tradition. Beads.

You got love beads, especially if you are a guy. Beads can be the difference between an average spring break and a great spring break. Beads are the currency of spring break.

In case you've been living in a cave for the last few years, girls, and guys too I guess, go crazy for beads. People are willing to do all kinds of crazy acts to get beads. The better the color and more exotic the beads, the more outrageous the stunt has to be to get them.

My newfound love for beads got me thinking, "Hey, where did this great American tradition come from?" After many hours of research, I found the answer. It started in New Orleans.

As you know, The Big Easy is known for its annual Mardi Gras celebration. The real Mardi Gras is a festive family affair.

Letter to the Editor: students' alcohol use

seven days a week did bad, I am just making a generalization of what I have seen.

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Chris Taughier is a junior Physics major.
Online registration: a process WMC needs and deserves.

COMMENTARY

Meeting with advisors, talking to professors. Reviewing course descriptions. Double-checking requirements fulfilled. What do these actions all have in common? They all signify that registration time is just around the corner. While some might be looking forward to registering for courses, perhaps others are dreading the whole registration process. Why? Unfortunately, there are numerous disadvantages and inconveniences with the current registration process. Students come to WMC, a private liberal arts institution, expecting to be able to get into the courses of their choice to fulfill their graduation requirements. These are not minimal requirements I am talking about. When a student has double/dual majors and/or double minors, it is essential to take certain core courses at certain times. At WMC, they would expect to have much fewer dilemmas than they did when they attended a larger, public institution. The current process fails to meet that expectation by falling short in three main areas: assignment of appointments, requirements, and wait-lists.

Assignment of appointments: Registration times are supposedly determined by a student's earned credits. In the same manner, every student is given a time that does not conflict with a class. Achieving both of these goals is impossible. What happens when a student's earned credits equals his/her assigned time to fail during class? Is that student moved to a later time before his/her class begins, with the possibility that he/she will register before other students who have earned more credits?

Long Lines: Although the 15-minute 'divided evenly,' there exist times when the forum is much more crowded than others. After performing a survey, I found that the average longest wait is 38 minutes, and the average wait is 20 minutes, longer, but it could also be better.

Wait-lists: In theory, the idea of Wait-lists has much potential. Ideally, it would allow a student to have a chance at getting into a closed course. In practice, however, the way that Wait-lists are used at this time is not ideal.

Upon being wait-listed, it is crucial for the student to know whether he/she is first, third, or sixteenth on the list. Ask any student; there is a very big difference! Unfortunately, that information is not available to the student in the current registration process.

I would like to propose a new registration procedure which eliminates the problems explained above. What I am proposing is online registration. How would this new process work?

Whether a student is at school, work, or home, he/she will be able to register at any computer with online capabilities.

There will be a registration period of one week. Each student will be assigned a time, much like the current system, according to the number of credits he/she has earned.

It will not be necessary to work around class conflicts when assigning these times because the time actually spent registering will be much shorter. I feel that it should be left to the student's discretion whether or not to leave class for a few minutes to register. The time will be spaced every 15 minutes throughout each day. A student may register online anytime on or after that appointed time.

What are the costs? The initial set up of the websites will be the largest portion of the costs. Once the initial websites are set up, maintenance will be possible for maintaining the system. That will include updating students and courses before registration week each semester. Maintenance should be done only after the initiation of the process. Online registration benefits a wide range of people. The registrar's office will not be wasting as much paper. The office will not have to close down and transport computers, printers, etc. back a forth to and from the forum during registration week.

The offices staff will have less overall work to do during that week.

This new process will be able to allow students to have their wait-list position immediately upon registering for a course. Registering will be quick and convenient.

Students will not have to stand in long lines. They will be able to register at a time that is based solely on earned credits.

On the campaign trail, Bush repeatedly stated that he will work with grass roots organizations to set aside the Tongass in Alaska - the nation's last remaining roadless forests. But President Bush needs to be clear on why he undid Clinton's progress.

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**Commentary**

**Pro-Con: should the US continue to support Macedonia?**

Matt Hurff discusses the importance of designating support for Macedonia.

Imagine being in a place where sniper shots and mortar explosions could kill the closest people to you at any moment. What environment would you expect these happenings to occur in?

Certainly not in neighborhoods where families live and try to create a happy lives for their children; however, that is just the situation that has been occurring for the past decade in the Balkans.

At this time, nations that were once part of Yugoslavia have been battling over religious and territorial reasons that have been festering since the time of the Ottoman Empire. We have seen ethnic cleansing courtesy of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the Yugoslavs along with chaos in the towns and cities of this region of the world.

Now that the somewhat stable former portion of Yugoslavia, Macedonia is now experiencing the same Slav versus ethnic Albanian problems that their neighbors have, the United States has decided to pull out its support.

In fact, the Bush administration has decided to withdraw 720 peacekeepers from Bosnia, even after the Secretary-General of NATO asked for more support, especially for Macedonia.

The problems in Macedonia are rooted in the newly formed National Liberation Army, which consists of ethnic Albanians. Their claims that they do not have equal rights as the Slavs in Macedonia. These problems stem from the fact that, "both (as) project open-mindedness, yet similar beneath the surface of declared respect for the other group and each contains a well of suspicion," according to Peter Finn of the Washington Post, who reported on the issues brewing in the war torn region on April 4, 2001.

Brad Widner expresses how he feels the US should continue to support Macedonia.

The recent crisis in Macedonia has sparked my interest. I know there are a lot of you out there who probably do not care about politics, or do you care about America's foreign policy?

But, I am one of those 12 percent of young people that do take an active interest in politics. Our country has reached the point where most Americans, especially young people do not care about politics.

The United Nations decided to send peacekeeping troops to this area. Many of these troops just happened to be American soldiers.

I feel that President Bush made the right executive decision withdrawing American troops out of this hostile area. Why should we spend our American tax dollars to finance military action where America has no jurisdiction?

America is not the world's babysitter and doesn't have to try to settle every little dispute that pops out all over the world.

Someone could say that there have been problems in this area of the world before the Ottoman Empire, if this is true then how can we expect America to step in and magically solve these deep-rooted problems. What makes us think that we have an answer to the problems that have lasted so long?

Hey let's face it. America isn't perfect. I believe that we should first solve the problems in America before we start solving these international problems that don't concern our country too much. America has a great deal of concerns right here within our borders. There are people living homeless in the streets, people dying of horrible diseases, and being dumped down in our schools. The problems may be entirely different in nature, but nonetheless they exist and we should try to use some of the money we spend on foreign affairs to solve these problems first.

Don't take me too seriously here. I'm not trying to come off as a conservative or ethnocentric jerk here, I just believe that our military and tax dollars should stay out of foreign affairs and focus more on domestic issues.

I don't feel that we should be an isolationist country; just only take an active role in foreign affairs that are absolutely necessary to our country's well being.

Such issues would include saving the lives of American airmen being held captive in China, or preventing our US Embassies from being bombed by rogue terrorists. Well that's all I have to say about that.

-Brad Widner is a sophomore history major.

**Is there a topic you would like to see debated about in the Phoenix?**

If you would like to write or submit a topic call BJ Shorb at 410-756-2955 for more info.

**ADD as a result of a competitive nature.**

Amy Bittinger expresses why she feels individuals have characteristics of ADD.

In a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report, Amy Bittinger wrote a one-page commentary asking the question: "Does America have ADD?"

The commentary suggests that due to the information overdrive that individuals are more prone to ADD-like characteristics.

Well, I think that expectations and the need to be competitive have lead to people being constantly preoccupied.

I may not have gotten into Western Maryland College if I wasn't a good student. I had to be a good student while participating in numerous extra-curricular activities.

It was no longer good enough for a student. I had to be a good student while participating in numerous activities.

Nothing changed in college. I quickly fell into the rhythm that one of the items it or would make my resume stand out from a pile of resumes. More importantly than what was on the resume may have been how much had influenced on me the past.

Being on the lacrosse team, working two jobs at a time, tutoring, being an executive member of several organizations shows that I can handle an active and busy lifestyle. Because I was maintaining my academic level, I was handling the stress well.

In college I had to compete for admission into college, or for a job in the work force, you have to show that you are better than the competition. So many people have outstanding transcripts making it difficult to get into school. It does not pan out and innocent people continue to be harmed maybe sending troops would be the next step.

I feel that our government is doing a good job in that area; it would be a shame to let democracy fail in that a place that genuinely seems to want democracy to work.

-Brad Widner is a sophomore English major.

**Is there a listening?**

Jeremy Keil tells encourages all students to voice their opinions in order to get someone to listen.

During my three years on this campus the issue which seems to pop up most in the pages of the Phoenix is the food service on this campus. So many people seem to dwell like the situation, yet nothing seems to get done.

There are only a handful of people, including myself, that being concerned. However, I think if a few more people complained about this issue something might get done. In fact, if I think if a few more people complain about anything, something about that issue may get done.

I have had over two dozen people come up to me and tell me they agree with my articles. They think it is ridiculous that the college is forcing us to pay for meals we don't use. Yet when I ask them if they are going to complain they say, "no, my opinion doesn't matter." If only half of these people would actually pick up the phone and complain, I think something would get changed.

So stop complaining to your friends. Start complaining to the people that are behind the counter. Start calling Dr. Seidel (202). Start calling Dean Sovay (244) or President Cole (220). Start showing up at SGA meetings (Tuesdays 8:00 to 11:00).

Start using this campus and let the administration know what you think should be done on this campus, because until we get more than the same 3 or 4 people complaining no one is going to listen to us.

-Brad Widner is a sophomore mathematics major.
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Have You Been Tested?
Annual Race for RAINN to be held April 22 at WMC

MATT McGOWAN
Staff Writer

In 1994, singer/songwriter Tori Amos founded the Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), which operates America’s first and only national hotline for victims of sexual assault.

From anywhere in the country, the hotline offers free counseling and support twenty-four hours a day.

In 2000, a WMC Honors student, then-freshman Stephanie Knight, founded the Race for RAINN, annual, 5k run to raise money for RAINN, an organization which Knight had supported for some time. Commented Knight, “Some of my friends were sexually abused as children, so it’s an issue close to me.”

This year, the Race for RAINN will once again take place on the WMC campus, starting at the track on the morning of April 22, 2001.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and the race itself will begin at 9, with participants divided into six age groups.

Knight, a dual-major in Biology and Spanish with a minor in Chemistry, came to WMC from Glen Burnie. As a high school student, she organized two 5K runs benefitting those who suffer from diabetes.

“When I got here, to the honors program,” she said, “I felt that it was really lacking a group service project that everyone could get behind and be involved with.” So, with help from both the SGA and College Activities, Knight organized the race, which last year raised $1300 for distribution between RAINN and more local support facilities for victims of rape, incest, and abuse.

The 2000 race received about 120 registrations, though snow on the day of the race, according to Knight, cut the number of participants down by almost half. “This year, the race will occur slightly later in the season,” said Knight, “so the personal issues. “But this needs to be acknowledged, and awareness needs to be raised. I don’t care if we make no money, if the hundred participants have learned something, gone home more aware than they came, then it was worth it.”

The issue has been pressed increasingly on college campuses, by administrations desperate to stem the tide of increasing sexual assault statistics. “I really wish more women, especially, get involved. I know nobody likes to get up early on the weekends,” commented Knight, “but it’s just one Sunday, and for a cause that really needs more support.”

Participants get free T-shirts, which SGA allocations allowed the group to purchase.

The money, which Knight estimates to be around $1500 this year, will be divided evenly, with half going to RAINN and half going to the Westminster Crisis Center.

“These issues are often so easy to look past,” Knight said, because they are very personal issues. “But this needs to be acknowledged, and awareness needs to be raised.

Weekend Events:

Friday, April 20, 2001
* hosted by WMC Trustees; (by invitation only) 6:30 p.m. cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m. in Englar Dining Room.
See Ad on page 3 for Saturday Events.

Sunday, April 22, 2001
* Gala Inaugural Concert; performances by WMC choirs, musical ensembles, and faculty musicians; 3 p.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel. * Reception: 4:15 p.m. in plaza outside of Lewis Science Center; followed by open house and tours at new Levine Music Hall. (Rain location: McDaniel Lounge).

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FEATURES

What type of things do you believe in?

Note: From the smell of rain, to watching sunsets - from beat boxing and breaking, to old school hip hop before it was rap, Western Maryland College students share what thrills them in this Phoenix column titled, "I Believe."

Each week learn more about your peers by reading what they believe in. Share what thrills you by sending in your own "I Believe" statement.

Try to keep your statements to 100 words or less. Drop them off at the information desk in Dockerr and please put "For the Phoenix" across the top.

I believe that sleep is not to be wasted on the other side, but I'll be just fine if I can't describe it. It's too in-comprehensible. Go visit.

I believe happiness comes to all those who wait. I believe I will be worth looking up to.

-ANGELA KELLY

I believe in friends, love, scenic drives, crisp air, the sun, and watching sunsets. I believe in keeping in touch - talking, writing, listening, reminiscing, crying.

I believe in working hard, vacations, watching the news, and watching the clouds. I believe in reading to children, following dreams, reaching goals and setting more.

I believe in painting toenails, wearing funky socks and comfortable PJs. I believe in stuffed animals, phone calls, rented movies, and a good stroke.

-STEPHANIE GULBIN

I believe in turntables, uncommercialized hip-hop, baggy jeans, and Timberland boots. I believe in street basketball in 90 degree heat, a good stroke and a swish from the 3-point line, and an old smelly gym.

I believe in passion - not just any passion, but crazy, violent (but harmless) passion.

I believe in fine styling, beat boxing, breaking, graffiti art, and old school hip hop before it was rap. I believe that there is no better word than unity.

I believe in supporting others - one love, one heart, and feeling all right.

I believe in knowledge and knowing that only a Philadelphian can make a true Philly cheese steak and an Italian hoagie.

-ADAM CARTER

Courtesy of Lisa Bretzin.

Rat's Web: A look at weird websites

Janes Dance
http://www.janesdance.com
Get down with the Messiah himself! Watch the savior dance the night away to incredibly odd music. Or if you swing toward the darker side, try:

The Satan Dance
http://home.fuse.net/online-aquarium/satandance.htm
The Prince of Darkness can boogie too. Who can dance better? The face of the universe hangs on the balance!

Caution: The Phoenix does not endorse any particular religion.

The Inflatable Reindeer
Puzzle Page
http://www.xydexx.com/inflatable/reindeer.htm
Kids, during the holidays drinking and inflatable reindeer do not mix. Remember, don't drink and blow. Need more proof? Then visit.

Caution: The Phoenix is not responsible for any guiding caused as a result of using the phrase "blowing reindeer."

Shirt Ninja
http://www.meddazzaland.com/shirt ninja/
A secret clan of cotton-coated martial artists have arisen. But are their intentions good or bad? Caution: Real shirt ninjas only use cotton.

The Really Big Button that Doesn't Do Anything
http://www.pixelscapes.com/spatulacity/button.htm
One of the first and most popular questionable sites, it is still one of the most useless unless you're into Zen riddles. Actually, I've met the creator of this site. It didn't solve any of my questions though...

Caution: If a button doesn't do anything, how many fools will still push it?

http://www.safetyalerts.com
Incredibly Useful Site of the Week:
Safety Alerts
http://www.safetyalerts.com
This site lists product recalls as they occur. It's a must for parents and a great idea for others to out this site. One of the few sites that may actually save your life. I'm seriously not kidding.

To the right, Ilaria Brun del Re (right) and Lisa Van Auken prepare a sign for the registration table for Sunday morning's AIDS Walk. Teamwork was very important to insure smooth running for ASAP, Circle K, and the many other volunteers.

To the left, Mohindra Rampal (right) is busier than ever with his work on the AIDS Walk. Mo is the treasurer for ASAP and he wants to make sure all funds are handled correctly. Matt Winner stands out of the way while he waits patiently for another assignment in the setting up for the first annual AIDS Walk of Carroll County.

Madrigal Singers to present annual concert

The Western Maryland College Madrigal Singers will present their annual concert on Tuesday May 1 at 7 p.m. The concert will take place in Little Baker Chapel, and the fourteen-member en- semble will present a variety of pieces including traditional Renaissance Madrigals, World Music, 20th Century Music, and two pieces by the group Sweet Honey in the Rock. The concert will be done entirely a cappella (without music), with the help of some percussion instruments for interest and effect. This event is free and open to the public, and is sure to be a spectacular evening of delightful harmonies and stirring music that generates the heart, soul, and mind.

Courtesy of Brandi Crawford.

Thursday, April 12, 2001 - Page 11
Ah springtime, time for long days, cool nights, and ... rain. Lots of it. April showers ... well you know the rest.

As all Maryland residents well know, we should be prepared a few weeks of the wet stuff followed shortly by the only worse lime of the year to be on campus than finals week: manure season. You would have to agree with me that both of these occurrences are excellent reasons to spend some time inside, especially the second. For those of you anxious to get out in the rain-and the stench to follow, good luck to you.

For the rest of us it is going to be a long few weeks-unless we find ways to spend that time constructively. Always looking to improve society in some small way, of course I have some ideas.

The most common sense plan would be to sit down at your desk and figure out a plan for world peace, a cure for cancer, or a way to block Ernie Ogle messages from your phone; you know, a great service to humanity.

But since most of us have no ideas how to do that again and again envelopes for a month now waiting to be mailed. Remember, the quicker you get some of these petty tasks done, the sooner you can begin procrastinating about something new.

Look around your room, take a sniff if you dare. Unless you are Ann Landers or Martha Stewart, there is probably something that needs to be cleaned, be it your carpet, your windows, a pet, or a roommate.

Grab a vacuum and some cleaning products and take care of this! You won’t have to clean again ’til move-out day if you’re careful. And while you’re at it, do the dishes and take out the garbage.

Okay, how about something less work-like? There’s always the typical stuff like watching TV, playing video games, or renting a video. But who wants to be conventional? How about watching the laundry spin in the dryer? This can provide hours-okay seconds of fun!

When you are done with that, do something else. Alright after all this, you will probably do anything to be outside and end up going outside anyway. My advice to you: grab a jacket and sunglasses and pretend it is sunny and beautiful. Don’t forget to hold your nose.

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60 SECONDS

What do you want to see at Western Maryland College?

compiled by Brad Widner

“Satan. Or More student bands.”
-Nick Valentine ‘01
Philosophy, Psychology

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“More Vegetarian entrees in Glar”
-Fallon Bauer ‘03
Biology

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“I wanna see a varsity polo team.”
-Matt Michael ‘03
Math (Secondary Ed)

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“More of a family type atmosphere”
-Sam Gordon ‘01
French

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Choirs combine for concert

BRANDI CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

For the first time in history, the Western Maryland College Choir and the Children’s Choir of Carroll County will be combining to present an original piece by a local composer.

Sunday April 29 will bring the College Choir’s annual spring concert, but this year there will be special guests present to lend their voices.

This massive 150 voice choir will be presenting the piece “The Gift of Song,” which was composed just for our choir by Baltimore composer Lorraine Whitley.

The Children’s Choir of Carroll County, under the direction of Ms. Joyce Hongsemeyer, will be joining our choir to create a unique sound of younger and more mature voices joined together in unity as well as harmony.

“We all believe that it’s really important for people to continue singing their entire lives,” said College Choir director and music department chair Dr. Margaret Boudreaux.

For this reason she hopes that the two choirs will be able to do more performances together in the future.

As choir concerts usually have a theme, this year’s concert will feature a wide variety of folk songs done in many different settings. The concert will also be the premiere of the WMC music department’s own Garth Baxter’s original Appalachian folk song entitled “Wild Mountain Thyme.”

In addition, the choir will be singing a setting of the Irish folk song “Danny Boy,” as well as many others.

As with all College Choir concerts, there will be a sing-along throughout the performance to allow for audience participation, and several instrumentalists will lend their skills throughout the evening to present a diverse and interesting sound.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday April 29, in Baker Memorial Chapel. The event is free of charge and is open to all.

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Kathy and Moshow

Martha Tudor (left) and Erin Owen performed in the two-person play, “The Kathy and Mo Show.” Both played a variety of parts, including these two old ladies. The show ran for two nights, and had the audience roaring with laughter.
Baseball uses strong offense and pitching for eight wins

GREG LEIDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite dreary conditions so far this spring, the Western Maryland College baseball team is off to a strong start to their 2001 campaign with a solid 8 wins already this spring. Coming off a stint in Florida, the team is looking to have a great season in the Centennial Conference.

Looking to continue their strong play after an opening win against Lincoln University, the team traveled to Cocoa Beach, FL for a nine game slate over spring break. In their first game, WMC received another strong pitching performance from Elbaz and more hot hitting to post another 12-0 shutout.

Griffith continued his spectacular spring with a perfect 4-4 at the plate with 2 RBIs, while senior first baseman Kacy Jenkins also went 3-3 with 2 RBIs to lead the offensive attack that slugged out 16 hits on the day.

The victory took Elbaz’s record this spring to 2-0 as he shut down the opponent with 10 strikeouts and no runs, while only yielding 2 hits. In the second game of the night, the team looked to stay undefeated against Brandeis College.

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The American League Playoff: Is there a sure thing?

EDWARD K. SCHULTEH
Co Editor-In-Chief

Even though baseball season has just started, it is not too early to predict the winners of the American League. This season looks to be very exciting, with Alex Rodriguez going to the Texas Rangers in exchange for a deal worth over the $250 million. Carlos Delgado looking to become the first Toronto Blue Jay to win the Triple Crown, and Mike Mussina donning a pin-striped jersey in New York. Are things going to be any different from last year? Will the Chicago White Sox win the AL Central title again or will the Cleveland Indians make a run at the title? Will Texas surprise everyone and overtake Oakland and Seattle in the race for the West? Only time will tell.

In the AL East, the Yankees are once again the front-runners, with the Boston Red Sox and the Blue Jays close behind them. The Yankees have three number 1 starters in Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, and Andy Pettitte; they have had good enough to lead them to yet another division title. Their offense is average with David Justice and Tino Martinez, and they will not win too many slugfests with Jorge Posada. A career year and a knee injury may have limited last year. The Blue Jays are in a bad position. They need Billy Koch to be a closer and be a team with no pitching. Carlos Delgado, Tony Batista, and Matt Stairs had a career year last season and Esteban Lozada, who is at best a number five starter, would have a couple good outings to start this season, but the rest of the pitching staff is a bunch of question marks. The Boston Red Sox have three key players; John Olerud, he is the one bright spot in an average bullpen. Despite their greyhaired staff they are not going to win all their games, and certainly not the one-run variety.

In the AL Central, the Indians are hoping to make a run at once again becoming the team to beat in the division. They have a decent offense headed by new acquisition Juan Gonzalez and anchored by veteran Jim Thome.

In addition, Russell Branyan is looking to have a career power year after playing in limited time last season. The question, like with many clubs, is whether the pitching will hold up.

They are led by Bartolo Colon and the team was impressed by C.C. Sabathia during spring training. So impressed that they awarded him the number 5 slot. They will look to hold back the White Sox from repeating in the Central.

The Texas Rangers are a team that dealt away their ace, with a serious injury, to pick up a proven postseason pitcher in David Wells. They also picked up Sandy Alomar Jr. and Royce Clayton to help their potent offense consisting of Magglio Ordonez and Frank Thomas who returned to form last season and having a few off-seasons. The rest of the staff is solid, but not spectacular, and after surprisingly winning 95 games last year, they are in a repeat in the Central race. Keith Foulke is a solid closer, but he seemed to tire down the stretch.

It will be interesting to see how he deals with fatigue this year. Hopefully, with Wells’ health and a solid offense, they can make a run for the playoffs.

The AL West is going to be one of the closest races in the league. The Oakland Athletics were the race last year, winning a total of 91 games and they also lost last year’s MVP Jason Giambi. They are going to be even better this year after acquiring Johnny Damon. Their rotation is phenomenal and led by 20 game winner Tim Hudson with Barry Zito and Mark Mulder following suit. Jason Isringhausen is a decent closer, but he has a tendency to allow quite a few runs, which could hurt the A’s in some close games. Look for the A’s to try to repeat in the West.

In the AL West, the Seattle Mariners are looking to their pitching staff to carry the team into October. They are led by starters Freddy Garcia, Andy Sonnanstine, and Jamie Moyer and closer Kazuhiro Sasaki, who was last year’s Rookie of the Year. Edgar Martinez and John Olerud, who drove in 145 runs and 103 runs respectively, lead the offense. However, without the huge power threat of those years past, look for the team to be involved in quite a few one and two run games. Despite their lack of power, the team should be able to win a good majority of those games. With their above average pitching, especially with all of their home games at the picturesque Safeco Field. I just do not see the Texas Rangers’ pitching holding up for the whole season. They may make it, but they may also stumble across the finishing line, even while bolstering a potent offense led by Alex Rodriguez, Andruw Jaramaraga, and Rafael Palmeiro.

The starting rotation is sub-par, and the team held the second-worst ERA in the league last season. The bullpen is even worse and none of the relievers are proven closers. The team may have to rely on their pitching staff during the winter, and it may help the team win a few more games, but in the end, a major overhaul of the pitching staff would help even more.

I predict the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Oakland A’s winning their respective divisions - but not without a fight from some other contenders like Boston, Chicago, and Seattle.

The AL Wild Card will be a highly competitive race this year. It is filled with questions such as will the Blue Jays launch 240+ homers again this year? Will the Red Sox rely on Pedro to carry the team to October? Will the Mariners still make a postseason run without A-Rod?

When it comes down to it, I do not think that the Red Sox will be able to rely on just Pedro to make it to the postseason. Their starting rotation is solid, much like many staffs in the AL, but I think that because Nomar is going to be out for a bit, it may hurt the Sox in the long run.

I see the Mariners being serious contender, but I have to wonder if their lack of run production will hurt the team’s chances of winning the Wild Card.

I could be wrong, but because of other team’s reliance on runs and not pitching, they will come up short.

The teams I see with the biggest chances of winning the Wild Card are the Toronto Blue Jays and the Chicago White Sox.

Both have tons of power, and if their pitching staffs hold up, it could be huge season for either team, including possibly winning their division.

Either way, I don’t see that many teams competing with the Yankees due to their tremendous pitching staff. Whether you like the Jays or not, the team with the pitching wins the big games.

Sideline View: Happenings is the world of sports

Jeff Grever and Matt Hurff look at some of the unnoticed things in the world of sports

Could there be a greater time of year? The weather is becoming much nicer, the days are becoming longer and the world of sports is heating up. Without a doubt, much like many staffs in the AL, but I think that because Nomar is going to be out for a bit, it may hurt the Sox in the long run.

So now that you’ve been updated on all of those things, you can go back to your academics, or whatever else consumes your time.

PHOENIX SPORTS TRIVIA:

Which current Seattle Mariner started playing in the major league straight out of college and has never played a single game in the minor leagues in his 10 year career? Answer: John Olerud
Softball team in pursuit of 6th straight 20-win season

CRAIG JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

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Men’s Lax battles two 

nationally ranked foes

MICHAEL JENKINS
Snail Writer

The Green Terror Men’s Lacrosse Team split a pair of matchups with nationally ranked teams this past week. They were successful against the Washington College Shoremen 15-14 last Wednesday, but were defeated by the Gettysburg Bullets 14-10 on Saturday.

Last Wednesday, the Terror defeated Washington College, who went into the game ranked 13th in the country. The win was huge for the team, as was echoed by both players and coaches. Senior Attack and Co-Captain Brett Sweeney said “it’s the biggest win in my career, ever. Definitely our biggest win.”

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach took it a step further. “They’re a national power. This is a huge win for the program, the team, and myself.” The Terror didn’t exactly cruise to this victory. The Shoremen scored the first four goals, and kept the lead the entire first half. But the momentum switched in the 3rd quarter. Down 9-4, the Terror mounted a comeback.

This past Saturday the Terror were defeated by Gettysburg, who were ranked second in the country. The Terror were able to hang tough with Gettysburg in the first half, and actually held the lead by one goal at the break. But things fell apart in the second half. The Terror were outscored 3-8 in the second half.

Ellis did score five goals, and Sweeney added two goals and an assist. Hopefully The Terror will get to play Gettysburg again this year. For the first time ever, the Centennial Conference Champion will face a 4-team playoff this year. Despite the bad second half, The Terror have learned that they can play with Gettysburg.

The previous Saturday the team traveled to Harrisonburg, VA for the Bridgewater Invitational. Although team scores were not kept, the team had a very successful meet. Diane Pool set a meet record in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:55.73, and teammate Jill Krebs finished second.

The women’s 4x100-meter relay team took first with a time of 49.76. A member of the 4x100 team, Melissa Merson, also won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 11.32. The 4x400-meter team won with a time 3:35.16.

The men’s 4x400-meter relay team won with a time 3:15.36. Rounding out the day for the Green Terror men was Jamie Falcone, who won the discus throw with a throw of 44 ft, 10 in.. and teammate Jon Groff set a meet record with a distance of 44.50.

The team will be attending the meet’s Outstanding Performer award for her part in setting three personal bests.

A total of 148 points was scored for the Terror.

The Terror opened their season on March 17 at the Washington and Lee Invitational in Lexington, VA. The men took second place while the women took second.

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The Terror Track Classic on April 28.

The women’s 4x400-meter team won with a time 3:15.36. Rounding out the day for the Green Terror women was Jill Kurzejewski, what won the high jump with a jump of 5 feet.

David Hovey placed second in the shot put with a throw of 47 ft, 5 inches.

The men’s 4x400-meter team won with a time 3:29.58.

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The team will be in action home with Twilight games on April 11 and 18, followed by the Terror Track Classic on April 28.

The Twilight meets begin at 4:00, and the Terror Track Classic starts at 11 a.m.
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Joan Coley inaugurated as WMC president

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WMC trustees, alumni, faculty and staff members gathered on the WMC campus Saturday April 21 to celebrate the inauguration of President Joan Develin Coley. Coley, the first female president in the college's history, was elected unanimously in April of 2000.

Concern over the increase in unsupervised children on campus

MIKE JENKINSON
Staff Writer

Already crowded due to an increased enrollment, the availability of student facilities is facing a new challenge—an increase in use by unsupervised children from the surrounding community.

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Freshman Stephanie Gulbin explained an incident she had with one of the children. Gulbin recalled seeing a group of children running across campus from Baker Memorial Chapel to Gill Learning Center.

The official inauguration took place in Gill, where welcome speeches were given by representatives from each facet of the college and community.

Each speaker addressed both professional accomplishments and personal experiences that left strong impressions by President Coley. Coley paused as she announced Alice McDermott's (r) award.

During her speech Amanda Choe, vice president of the Student Government Assembly, praised the enthusiastic involvement of President Coley with the student body and said, "She is a leader who is approachable, dedicated and sincere.

Sophomore Erin Collins, a member of STAY, said that the students who are seen loitering on a daily basis are not here with STAY, nor do they have any affiliation with the student-run mentoring program.

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Technical difficulties: Computer science faces challenges

NICKY TEYSEN

Is it true that a computer science major at WMC is too vocational and inappropriate for a liberal arts education? Is the college disinterested in securing such a major?

It turns out that neither of the above questions is valid.

In fact, Henry Reff, associate dean of Academic Affairs, commented, "Some may believe it [computer science] is too vocational but I think with the right kind of planning and structure we can have a program that results in a well-rounded and educated individual."

In addition, Dr. Linda Edelman, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, rejects the notion that WMC has abandoned the idea of obtaining the major. "I would love to have the major...however, presently there is no way WMC can have a computer science major," said Edelman.

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Edelman explains that professors are key in providing the computer science major, and that WMC needs additional courses in that field.

"We can talk about additional courses but if we don't have teachers then it isn't possible," said Edelman.

Endless WMC parties—highlighted from Inauguration weekend and previews of Spring Fling festivities

In his Sideline View, Jeff Greve discusses the surprise of the Twins' season and Mariner's outfielder Ichiro Suzuki.
The campus is alive with the celebration festivities to inaugurate its eighth president to one of the colleges that "changes lives."

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and the community's vision.

The first focus will be on the continuing commitment to a diverse campus community, student living, and the learning community, including "quality residence halls, a more functional pub, state of the art athletic facilities...and meaningful student activities" among others.

"These are crucial elements of campus life," Coley said.

The second feature is the encouragement and support of excellence among the faculty--accomplished through endowed professorships and chairs, increased strength in the sabbatical program, and expanded use of the WMC/Budapest campus.

The third feature President Coley dedicated herself to is her goal to triple WMC's endowment by 2010.

"The endowment is like a savings account," Coley said. "It gives you the freedom to think beyond the current year and plan for the future."

Mangan discusses her poetic symbolism

She has been published in the best literary journals, including Shenandoah, Ploughshares, and The Gettysburg Review. Her first full-length collection of poems, "Above the Tree Line" (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 1995), earned her much praise. Last year, she was awarded the first, five-year Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities at Western Maryland College, where she has taught creative writing and American literature since 1977. And still, Baltimore poet Kathy Mangan was nervous about writing a poem to commemorate the inauguration of Joan Develin Coley, the college's eighth president. Her reading of "The Light-Gatherers" was a featured part of the inauguration ceremony April 21. While Mangan tells her students that writing is "creative work" and warns them not to wait for ideas to strike them like a lightning bolt, she also says that writing a poem for a specific occasion is tricky, because it puts a poet under pressure to create and breaks two important rules.

"An occasional poem is a distinct critter because you have to acknowledge the significance of the event and you want to have some kind of profound expression in the poem," she says. "Yet, I didn't want the poem to be weighted down with heavy, abstract language. Because that's what I always tell my own creative writing students, that you've got to pack a poem with concretion and specific images."

Secondly, Mangan says, "the callings of a poem bubble up" when something strikes her as significant, whether it's a daffodil or some snippet of overheard conversation. "It would normally just follow that natural thread of inspiration, but with the occasional poem, you start with the event and work backward from there. Poets often look to the skies for inspiration, so Mangan chose a celestial theme for the poem. "The Light-Gatherers" refers to telescopes, which are light-gathering instruments, and to the College's motto, "I Call You Out of Darkness Into Light."

Knowledge is illumination and light, and those of us who have devoted our lives to the liberal arts experiment try to shed light where there has been a darkness of ignorance," she explains.

"So using that whole light and dark theme, and knowledge and ignorance theme, I employed as my central, concrete image the idea of a telescope."

The poem begins, "Let us affix our lens to the evening skies, and sift from the funneling darkness star-glitter, so our telescope clarifies."

"My biggest fear is that people won't show up who said they will come and those who haven't told us they were coming will," Lightner said.

Despite initial worries and stress about the event, each part, including the unrehearsed procession, went smoothly.

In addition to the inaugural speech of President Coley, WMC also presented honorary degrees to authors Alice McDermott and Loren Pope.

McDermott is a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, as well as winner of the 1998 National Book Award for her "Charming Billy." Pope, a former education editor of The New York Times, writes on higher education and the benefits of a liberal arts education.

Western Maryland is highlighted in his 1996 book, Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even If You Are Not a Straight-A Student.

In addition to the inaugural ceremony, the day and weekend was filled with dinners and luncheons for the many guests of the campus, concerts performed by student bands and guest musicians, and a display of fire-works.

Events include:

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Unattended kids continue to be problematic to WMC community
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kids of the faculty, staff, and gradu- 4/8/01 at 1:12 a.m. over-capacity ate students. This might alleviate party and loud music in ANW. a small part of the unattended kids problem, but it will not solve it 4/8/01 at 1:12 a.m. underage en- entirely, as it does not apply to those teral student was drinking alcohol in the kids from Westminster who have no staff area near ANW. affiliation with anyone in col- 4/4/01 at 2:36 a.m. an undergraduate aging community. student was drinking alcohol in a 4/8/01 at 3:00 a.m. a student was part of the unattended kids drinking underage in Blanche. problem, but it will not solve it 4/8/01 at 12:14 p.m. an undergraduate entirely, as it does not apply to those student was serving hard alco- kids from Westminster who have no hol in a public area in Decker affilia- affiliation with anyone in col- tion center. aging community.

An attempt to question a large 4/8/01 at 2:17 p.m. an un- group of kids proved unsuccessful. derage student in pos- When a handful of kids were approached sion of alcohol in a and asked simple questions like if they dryer dorm, students with their parents work here at the col- Whiteford. lege, if they were here with STAY, 4/8/01 at 11:00 p.m. a non-student or if they felt like they belong on another student in pos- campus, the children responded in sion of alcohol in a the rude manner. Their answers were dryer dorm. inappropriate for print in this pa-

On the other hand, two young 4/4/01 at 3:00 a.m. three stu- children, that were very polite, dent and two non-students were also were behaving themselves in the game room while their mother was in class. lighting fires. Works out the window of the

The game room attendant at the time, 4/8/01 at 2:23 a.m. unknown sub- freshman Rob McGrain, mentioned that the two particular cedents wrote graffiti on the ele- kids do behave, but others do not. vator door in Rouzer

She also said that Glar’s services are open for everyone, and 4/4/01 at 3:47 a.m. A student carved into the ele- that she cannot stop them from terator door paint

touching the children. “One time I had to stop them from “Don’t wait for the interviewer leaving the beverage line.” says McGrain. 4/4/01 at 3:00 a.m. three

She says that the students behave most of the time, 4/8/01 at 2:20 a.m. a student students and two non-students were in possession of eight bottles of were lighting fires. beer in backpack in Rouzer Hall. 4/8/01 at 2:29 a.m. student was found carrying hard alcohol near McDaniel Hall.

Webster says that he does not see the issue as a problem, but if a student does have an incident with any such kids, they should call Campus Safety.

Campus Safety Blotter

The following events were re- 4/8/01 at 1:58 a.m. several stu- corded by the Department of Dents were throwing trash on the Campus Safety.
ground and kicking it around in the front of Peterson Hall.

4/7/01 at 2:00 a.m. a male student was carrying a bag filled with beer.

Students can now find WMCR online while they surf the Internet
continued from page 1 from www.real.com. The station had to buy new servers, software, and Internet service also.

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hertz. Before WMCR could go online, the website had to be approved by the Board of Trustees. Then, the students had to wait a month and a half for the DSL installer. And fi- nally, telecommunications manager Ernie Ogle installed an extra phone line from the copy center to WMCR office, to accommodate the radio station.

But the work was all worth it for the radio station according to the station’s advisor and commu- nication professor Tony Kirschner. Kirschner says this has turned out as "the best new development for the future of the station. It’ll al- low us to reach a global audience with no licensing restrictions."

WMCR’s annual WMCR Fest, planned for Friday, April 27, is canceled for this semester. Check out the website for updates.

The Allegis Group offered great insight on its internships

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Staff Writer

Looking for a way to become more marketable, experienced, and to establish an opening into your career field? An internship may be the perfect opportunity.

On Thursday, April 19, Western Maryland College’s Career Services held an internship and job placement information session for students to become more ac- quainted with the steps by step process for internships.

The session included tips on in- riverview, and advice on how to get started with internships.

The company present was Allegis, a staffing company which has offices in every major city in the United States. The worldwide headquarters is located in Colum- bia, Md. where the group supplies temporary personnel to any company who needs or expresses inter- est in an employee of theirs.

For example, if Coca-Cola or

Nike want to create a new web page, and need some assistance they will contact Allegis to receive some employee references to rid them in their current or upcoming projects.

According to Jack Chadwick, the recruiter of the company, he feels the best advice is, “to start early with looking into an intern- ship. Freshman or sophomore year is not too early. Go to the career service events held on campus, and take the initiative yourself to look into opportunities as well.”

Pam Rhoades, senior manager of operations support, stressed the importance of research and feels students should not be afraid to sell themselves.

“Don’t wait for the interviewer to ask questions, volunteer infor- mation. Throughout the interview, show your character and work ethic and you will portray yourself as a strong candidate,” she said.

Similarly, Chadwick feels strongly that “character and effort are more important” when it comes to interviewing for a job or intern- ship. The company is open to bring- ing in students of all majors be- cause they believe that even if it is not your field, they can mold you into a leader or expert over time despite the lack of experience in a particular field.

While business majors are the most common within the company and have a slight advantage on oth- ers as far as knowledge and back- ground experience, there is a lot to learn for anyone new coming into the group.

Chadwick also emphasized the importance of being prepared for your opportunities by “knowing your strengths and weaknesses, having an idea what you want to do following graduation, keeping an updated resume, and sharing what you do outside of work that promotes you as an individual.”

The session drew a roomful of WMC students, and offered stu- dents the chance to sign up for an Allegis internship interview which took place on Friday, April 20. By the student turnout, interest among students regarding internships is quite apparent and increasing with each year.

Rhoades feels internships have grown much more popular due to the competitive nature and de- mand for jobs, and because the job is your’s to lose and the opportuni- ties are endless with internships,” she explained.

In fact, WMCR graduates and current students are deeply rooted in the company. The vice presi- dent of the company, Bill Buttes, graduated from WMC. Addition- ally, there are quite a number of WMC students who interned with the group last year, as well as about 20 alumni ranging from as- sistants to vice president level em- ployment involved.

“Western Maryland College clearly has the best participation of any other school in Maryland, due to WMC alumni drawing a lot of WMW graduates,” Chadwick said. Furthermore, Chadwick added that, “WMC is also the premiere school to recruit from, with Towson University and Penn State University falling behind.”

One of WMC’s very own graduates advises students to “seek out any internship opportunities,” and this year’s 2000 WMCR gradua- te holds the position of Business Operations Assistant at the Allegis company.

“I definitely recommend taking advantage of the availability of in-ternships. It puts you a step ahead and above in the field of industry in which you are in, and gives you work experience as well as be able to work, learn, and interact with others,” Rider said.

Perhaps some WMC seniors will find that, they too, will ben- efit from their prior internship ex- periences, while some may start with an apprenticeship and work their way up.
Common Ground on The Hill marks its 7th anniversary

The fourteen-day event is filled with varied instrumental, music, singing, dance, acting, spoken word, the fine arts, whether the traditions which interest you are Native American, Celtic, African-American, Latino, or Appalachian in origin (to name a few), you will find courses that will inspire and renew you," continues the introduction. Margaret Bodenreuther, associate professor and chair of the music department, Eric Byrd, lecturer of music and director of the WMC gospel choir, Gray Davis, Larry Eisenberg, Bobby A. Little, Bear, Mike Manford, Rick Smith, professor of music and chair of the chemistry department, Linda Van Hart, visiting instructor of art and art history, and Susan Williamson, lecturer of art history, are among the list of instructors for this year's workshops.

Also included in the list are two professors from the University of Rhode Island, Charlie Collyer and Pamela Zappardino, who have strong ties to WMC and Carroll County. Collyer and Zappardino recently taught a nonviolence class during Jan-term 2001.

For the second year, they will be teaching a workshop on nonviolence at CGOTH. “Nonviolence Now” will feature various cultural perspectives and its role in our personal lives will be explored via hands-on experiences, group discussions, music, and media, said Zappardino.

For those who may have missed his visit two weeks ago, Bernard LaFayette Jr., a life-long advocate of nonviolence and director of URI's Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, will be back on campus again to visit and talk with the nonviolence class, as well as partake in other CGOTH events. Ending week one and kicking off week two, the American Music & Arts Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

The Common Ground on the Hill schedule includes:

**WEEK 1 (July 1-6):**


**WEEK 2 (July 8-14):**

Stepping, Native Flute, Paraguayan Harp, Woodworking: Tree to Bench, Roots & Rhythm, World Flute, West African Rhythms & Dance, World Song, Flute Construction, Calligraphy, Shape Note Singing, Pine Needle Basketry, Oil Painting, Yoga, and the Children's World Village

The music festival's talent lineup features Pete Seeger and Tao Rodriguez-Seeger, Tom Chapin, Step Afrika, Footwork, Sangoeme, and many more.

Pet Seeger, America's best-loved folk singer and untiring environmentalist, and Toshi Seeger will be awarded the Robert H. Chambers Award for Excellence in the Traditional Arts at the festival, said the CGOTH 2001 catalog. CGOTH is not geared toward a specific age group, but is designed for everyone. All participants are encouraged to register before June 10. Upon registering, there is a $50 deposit for tuition and $35 for room and board (unless you are commuting).

For more information on festival and registration fees, contact either Michael at extension 771 or the Web page at www.commongroundonthehill.com.

While there are no day care services for children under five, there is a workshop titled, “Children's World Village,” said Michael.

This workshop features music, dance, drama, crafts, recreation, and children's drumming. The children's program is $170 for one child and $120 for the second.

CGOTH does not discriminate against people with disabilities. Please be sure to contact the CGOTH office to make them aware of your needs.

In addition to receiving a wealth of cultural knowledge, WMC undergraduates and graduate students can also receive credits for participating in Common Ground, said Michael.

Undergraduates can elect to receive 1-4 credits by paying the comprehensive curricula plan which costs $360 for week one's workshops and/or paying $300 for week two's workshops, in addition to $100 per credit hour.

While working with a WMC professor-advisor, the student can earn Independent Study credits in the following disciplines: art, English, humanities, English, humanities, or music.

Contact the Registrar and CGOTH offices for more information.

Graduate students may elect to receive 1 credit by participating in the comprehensive curricula plan for $360 and paying $37.50 for the credits.

Those interested should contact the CGOTH and WMC Graduate Department offices for more information.

Common Ground on the Hill would not be what it is without a little help from its friends.

The catalog lists several people, as well as groups and organizations it would like to thank for their support.

Included in the list is the Maryland State Arts Council, Carroll County Arts Council, Carroll County Office of Tourism, Access Magazine, Western Maryland College, "We Shall Overcome" Fund at the Highlander Educational Center, One Tree Productions, John Rosenwald, Christina Collins-Smith, and several others.

As Van Hart said, CGOTH is one way she tries to make “this world a better place by recognizing, cherishing, preserving, and celebrating the cultural diversity of all our brothers and sisters, through communication in the arts.”

Hope to see you at CGOTH 2001!
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College questions whether or not there is a need for a computer science major

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marked Eshleman. According to Eshleman, not only is the administration in favor of obtaining the major, but there is also support from the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Sam Case, provost and dean of the faculty, said, "We have been trying to add personnel, because they [professors] can get higher at larger colleges or in the industry, it has been rather difficult."

In fact, last year WMC had 23 applications for the computer science job of which none of the applicants were from the United States. This year only 13 applications were received and we advertised more this year than last year," said Eshleman.

All of these applications have gone through WMC's hiring process yet still they have not been successful in obtaining anyone. WMC had a checkered past in its attempts to expand its computer science curriculum. However, both the administration and the Board of Trustees have said they are persistent in the pursuit of such a major.

The mathematics and computer science department is conducting an on-going search for additional computer science professors, according to Eshleman.

Dr. Robert P. Boner, professor and chair of the mathematics and computer science department, reiterated that WMC has been trying to hire professors who are qualified but has been unable to hire anyone as of yet.

Although all efforts by the administration to obtain professors with a computer science background have failed, Boner commented, "We will just keep trying until someone decides that they want to teach at a small liberal arts college at our paying scale."

Recently the mathematics and computer science department is struggling to keep computer science as a minor, in which Eshleman is unfortunately the only professor able to teach the required courses.

Furthermore, the administration has recognized the importance of having such a major and Reiff said that if students really would like to major in a field the school has not fully implemented into the curriculum, "students design their own major."

Though the design of the computer science major is a nice suggestion, it is an unrealistic one because WMC's limited resources. "We don't have the facilities. We aren't enough professors to teach the required courses to even entertain the idea of designing the major," Eshleman commented.

During his college selection, sophomore Marcel Spears, believed he could obtain his bachelor's in computer science at WMC but later found out that he couldn't.

"I was very much disturbed that I was led to believe I could do my major here [at WMC]. But I didn't know who to talk to," said Spears. Any prospective student that WMC does offer a computer science major, replied Eshleman.

Spears said he will be transferring to Bowie State University this fall in pursuit of a computer graphics major.

Asked how he felt about students being disappointed about not being able to major in computer science, Reiff commented, "I think students need to better develop their research to find out more about what the college has to offer."

Currently schools that do offer the major include Haverford, Bryn Mawr and Gettysburg College.

Additionally, Eshleman expressed her frustration about her continuous pursuit of attaining the major. "I have to say, I will be disappointed if we don't have the major by the time I graduate," she said. She emphasized that WMC lacks the major not because "we [administration and faculty] don't want to have the major but because of the lack of professors wanting to teach [computer science courses]."

Later, in a separate interview, Eshleman expressed a somewhat different opinion of the colleges pursuit in obtaining a computer science major. "We have never tried to offer this major because it has never been part of our curriculum plan and has never been an issue that has come to appropriate committees."

On a scale of one to 10, Case said he would prioritize having the computer science major between a seven and eight, adding, "We're not going to fold if we don't have it."

Asked if she thought computer science would be a helpful addition to the curriculum, O'Connell answered with a yes and a no.

"I think whenever we can add something that is attractive in a positive thing but we need to look at the implications," O'Connell said. She also said there are all kinds of implications and money and willing professors are just two.

While some WMC students might like the option of such a major, others believe the administration would like to provide a computer science major as a "not just something to say that we have it, but a major with a long term effect because we want our graduates to be successful," said O'Connell.

"I don't want people to think we are never going to have the major," said Eshleman. "We just need a little luck and interested professors..."

"Editor's note: After writing this article, the math and computer science department hired a computer science professor, concluding the search for a professor this year. The addition of a new professor is only a small step toward realizing the department's long-term goal."

Drug policy in questioning by legislators and Sean Heller

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Approximately 80 WMC students and faculty members, as well as Westminster community members met in McDannel Lounge to hear a talk entitled, "The D.A.R.E. Generation Speaks Out: THE WAR ON DRUGS HAS GONE TOO FAR!" on Wednesday, April 11. Sean Heller, national director of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), was the evening's guest speaker.

One person, surprised by the large turnout, was overheard saying, "I believe this is the largest non-mandatory lecture at WMC in recent history."

The event was sponsored by the Honor's Program, with Dennis Lansing, the current honor's program and president of the Honor's Program. He credited the planning of the event.

Lansing felt the need to bring Heller to campus because, "the war on drugs is an issue relevant to students everywhere," said Lansing.

Heller, 22, opened the talk by giving his extensive background gained while serving internships in the offices of Sen. Bob Graham and in the White House. While working in these government offices he wondered if alternatives to the "Drug War" had been explored. He soon found out that alternatives were never explored, and the only option offered to solving the drug problem was more incarceration or keeping the current levels.

Heller believes alternatives to the drug war should be explored so he founded the second chapter of SSDP at George Washington University.

During his talk, Heller elaborated on the racist and failed policies of the drug war. He noted that, although blacks are 13 percent of drug users in this country, they comprise 35 percent of the drug arrests. It is so bad that in his own city of Washington, D.C., half of all blacks are currently a part of the prison system.

He also pointed out that the United States has a prison population four times that of the European Union, even though the EU has 100 million more citizens. Even with this increase of prison population in tended to stem drug crime, the U.S. has more drug users than Europe.

Heller's main concern related a story emphasizing the vast power the police are given to fight drugs.

Shaun Spearg, a senior business administration and economics major, said, "Heller's most potent comment was that one of his friends, who was the victim of an unsanctioned attack by police, had expected it all the time and was waiting for it to happen to him. The ironic thing is that his paranoia turned into an addiction."

Another topic of the night was the Higher Education Act of 1998, which prohibits convicted drug users from receiving federal financial aid. He believes this is racist and biased against classes for two reasons. It only effects those who need financial aid in the first place.

It also effects minorities disproportionately because they are convicted at a higher rate than whites.

Another argument he used against this policy is that education should be used as a tool for betterment and not as a punishment for those who need it most, which are the poor.

Heller also addressed questions from the audience. Nancy Palmer, Honor's Program director and senior lecturer of English, asked if drugs were a public health issue.

Heller responded, "Yes. We need to deal with drugs using the methods which work. We can only learn these methods by studying what has worked in our country and in other countries."

Heller thanked his audience for their attentiveness and encouraged them to visit the SSDP Web site at www.ssdp.org.

Girl flown to shock trauma with injury

MICHAEL JENKINSON, MICHAEL WILES, AND JOAN FAULAN
Staff Writers

A relaxing, sunny afternoon on the WMC campus drastically changed for some students when freshman Jon Ballard sustained serious injuries during an intramural softball game and was flown to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center on Monday, April 23.

Senior Jonathan Bear, who was present at the scene, explained that Ballard was chasing a fly ball that was hit into right field. She then collided with senior Chris Selmer around 6:20 p.m.

"Obviously, I feel really bad about it," says Selmer. They were both "just taking her for observation, so she could get treatment for the injury." He added Ballard fell unconscious for the brief period of time, but regained consciousness before the helicopter left, according to Mike Menze, director of Campus Safety. During the accident, Ballard also injured her back.

While at the center, explained that Ballard was in stable condition and hoped that she would be released later that same evening.

Freshman Kate Hartman, who hit the fly ball, said that despite the emergency and trauma, Ballard held onto the ball throughout the whole ordeal.
**Revelations on the advantages of single life**

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**Commentary**

**Edward K. Schultheis**

does not go through so much paper? There are several reasons for this. First, off-ice computers and printers on campus, or the printers in the various computer labs at WMC. OK, OK, WMC is an academic institution, and it needs to use a lot of paper to get done everything it has to do. Students have to have syllabi, handouts, and tests on paper. This is true. But consider for a moment everything WMC could be doing without paper.

In one week during the month of March, students received in their mailboxes upwards of 15 mass mailings, up using a total of over 5,000 sheets of paper, of various colors and stocks. Students have also recently received two mass-mailings of considerable size: the listing of items available at the recent auction, Student Government 2001 Catalogue, get a slap (20-sheet) document. This latter document alone consumed 30,000 sheets of paper.

All of the above uses of our greatest commodity have been made obsolete and unnecessary by technology. Why, then, does WMC go through so much paper? There are several reasons. First, however, let's look at why we should be concerned.

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Inside tips to care and feed your professor

Dr. Becky Carpenter, a professor from Venus, gives tips to students from Mars.

Students often regard professors as an odd bunch. They are, of course, correct. Professors are the kind of people who think reading is "fun," solving problems is "cool," and research is "interesting." We have been known to pump our fists in the air and yell "Yes!!!" when our research is going well or when we get an article accepted for publication in a scholarly journal. This is not normal behavior.

It is therefore not entirely the fault of students that they sometimes manage to irritate these wildly, unpredictable creatures. Nonetheless, since professors are the ones handing out the grades, it behooves students to try to make these relationships as smooth as possible.

Here, then, are some beginner's tips for the care and feeding of these pen-wielding animals. Style never to say...

1.) "Hey, I wasn't in class today. Did I miss anything?"

This statement tends to make professors sarcastic, tempting us to say things like, "No, today we just spent lots of time practicing, and an actor spends lots of time rehearsing, newspaper staff members do not even get to involve. They want to serve the campus in some way."

It is not easy putting out a newspaper. How many students spend lots of time editing and laying out the paper? It is such a relief when the paper is completed. We all anticipate its arrival from the printer. Then we think things like, "I can't believe they did that," or "Let's see what they goofed up this time."

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What do I mean? It is an interactive process. First of all, consider the student: currently a group of people that are here to teach and encourage us to find ourselves and get involved. How are those words an encouragement?

3.) "This (fill in the blank: book, assignment, lab) is due tomorrow. (Fill in the blank: hard, long, boring, weird)"

Yes, sometimes we will make you read books that are hard to comprehend or long. Sometimes, they may even seem boring or weird.

Professors cling to this odd notion that one of the points of college is to challenge you, to stimulate you, and to stretch your horizons.

We also are sometimes deluded enough to think that it is our job to improve your critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. Often, these goals are better accomplished by assigning stuff that is hard, long, and weird, than easy, short, and normal.

4.) From a student who has a C-at midterms: "Tell me what I need to do to get an A in this course."

Answer: Rewind time and do a better job during the first half of the semester. Recognize that you are not in a strong negotiating position here.

I would go in with something more along the lines of "I'm concerned because I seem to be struggling in this course. Do you have any suggestions for how I might improve my skills?"

5.) "Why don't you give me... (fill in the blank: a multiple choice test, a matching test, no final, a shorter paper, no homework on Fri-days)"

Has that ever worked?

Dr. Becky Carpenter is an Assistant Professor of English.

Criticism without contribution?!?

What is The Phoenix? Having nothing to do with the city in Arizona, The Phoenix is a bird. Legend has it that this mythological creature "consumed itself by fire every 500 years, and a new, young phoenix sprang from its ashes." It is that very legend that has lent itself to the name of WMC's campus newspaper when it rose up in success from the Scrimshaw.

You may be saying: "What is the point? My point is many times as humans we hold on to perceptions of something, or someone, not realizing that our perceptions aren't of the norm.

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Early this semester, I received an e-mail from my old roommate. As it would turn out, he had opted for a last minute school transfer in the fall, but did assure me that there was a story to go along with this decision. Knowing him as I did, and having always been a fan of his stories of adventure, I awaited the latest installment in the story of his life.

I received just that last week. Appearing as if from nowhere, my old roommate and friend finally caught up with me. We proceeded to catch up on old times, although I must admit about 50% of our conversations involved remembering all the pranks we played on our next-door neighbor. Those were good times indeed.

At the end, my old roommate spoke of how he was currently, as a baseball player, being scouted by the majors while keeping up with his studies. And, basically, just trying to get by like everyone else. And, although my theories of his were good times indeed. The Phoenix serves the entire WMC community and fully welcomes staff, faculty, and administra-

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There is a justified purpose for capital punishment.

Amy Bittenger describes the purpose of the death penalty, which deserves it, and why it is good. "After May the 16th, man can never, ever, to any degree, bother me again."

Those are the words of Dan McKinney concerning his upcoming execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, whose wife died in that blast. This is the exact, and only reason, the death penalty is a necessary element in America’s criminal justice system. Our criminal justice system has several functions. They include punishment, deterrence, rehabilitation, and protection of society. Of these, one of them provides a convincing reason to employ the death penalty. That is protecting society.

If a person does not respect the law, he will try to avoid a law enforcement agent, and kill on a mass scale. I’m talking about the people who are on death row. They have to be executed. They are too dangerous. They are too expensive as a result of funding the criminal justice system is doing what it is supposed to do. Knowing that Timothy McVeigh will be executed is the fact that many times these are the innocent ones.

In the process of finding rehabilitation, he or she would continue to be a threat to society. This poses a danger in and of itself. It is because of the punishments society deems dangerous to society that I support the execution of such persons. This includes the legally insane. If a person is insane and does not know right from wrong then he or she is a danger to society. If he or she has gone so far as to murder, then such dangerous behavior has been displayed.

Also, looking forward to May 16, 2001, because I, too, will know that at least one more person will not be a risk of bombing a building when you or I may be inside of it. Knowing that Timothy McVeigh will be executed makes me feel safer and that the criminal justice system is doing what it should do to protect society.

On the other hand, I am satisfied that Richard Spickiegall did not receive the death penalty and will spend the rest of his life in jail. I am confident that him being behind bars will prevent him from hurting anyone ever again.

On the contrary, I do not think that Timothy McVeigh or Richard Moore behind bars will be as safe a measure as necessary because of the crimes that they committed.

- Amy Bittenger is a senior mathematics major.

No one has the right to kill

Joan Faulkner argues that under no means should capital punishment be enforced in the US.

In the Oklahoma City Bombing, the biggest US mass murder and a time of sadness and tragedy. Timothy McVeigh was found guilty of killing more than 260 people. Now, as he awaits his execution, he has become one of the most hated men in the country, innumerable.

While McVeigh might assuredly be guilty, how can Americans be justified in executing him? If he is executed, aren’t they the people who did the crimes just as guilty as McVeigh? Sure he killed hundreds more than they did, but who gives them the power over everyone else to say which people die? You can say that McVeigh did it out of vengeance of human kind.

But where does that leave us when we kill McVeigh? Are we justified because we are only killing the crazy sick one who deserves indirect death? He killed many innocent ones? The human being deserves to live.

We as a society may think we’re doing right by taking out the one who is evil, but because we are taking him out, we in turn are the evil ones.

By taking control of the killing we are shutting out the way the world was meant to be, at the hands of Mother Nature. The core of the problem is our society. We see, are doing nothing to stop this kind of senseless killing we claim is legitimized. It is almost too late to change anything, because the core of our society’s problem goes to our morals and values, which have been in decline since TV showed us that murders, but in fact, by creating such a double standard, we are sinking below it.

By administering the death penalty we are claiming authority and stepping in for God. This shows to me that we have no respect for mankind anymore. Having the power to kill another human being is an individual's wish to be in charge of a power that belongs to God. This shows to me that we have no respect for mankind anymore.

- Joan Faulkner is a junior communication major.

The Simpsons: what continued to make it so popular?

Michael Jenkins expresses his reasoning for why the show has remained so successful.

I feel it’s time for people to realize a cultural phenomenon that has gone unappreciated for years. I’m talking about the people of Springfield, specifically “The Simpsons” and their hit TV show. Remember this is the show that challenged “The Cosby Show”’s well established 8:00 Thursday night time-slot and forced the show right off the air.

Back then, Fox had the courage to challenge Cosby’s Springfield, and what is considered the number one time-slot for networks. And make no mistake about it, “The Simpsons” drove Cosby off of network TV. The show has now lasted for 12 years. No small feat by any means. This time period means that the show lasted longer than "Cheers," longer than "Seinfeld," and yes, even longer than "The Michael Richards" show. Why is the show so popular and successful? The original plan of the show was to feature Bart Simpson as the troublemaking youngest. It didn’t take fans long to take their eyes off the shorts eating young boy and start paying closer attention to the true star of the show, Homer.

Homer defines a true man. He’s fat, stupid, has a large fiery mouth (and a large fiery mouth he is). He has a short side for his wife and kids on occasion, but Homer is at his best when he’s relentless.

Homer has a salt following which is especially popular on college campuses. More then once I have enjoyed the better part of a Friday night sitting with friends and recanting out favorite Homer-isms.

Homer has help though. From the entire town of Springfield, the fictional setting of the show. Over the last 12 years the show has created 100’s of characters. A large number of these characters (from Krusty the Clown to Chief Wigm, to Moe Szyslak) have developed their own personal history and in depth characters. However you don’t need to watch the show every week to get a chuckle from watching a new episode.

I think the greatest strength overall has been those that we don’t even see. The writers do a job a lot of writers can’t do, they create characters. But sometimes the little details and sometimes the little details is what makes a great show that fills our laugh and cravings.

An example of this being the portraiture of the evil Mr. Burns. Once on the show, they were starting a scene with Burns and they played the “March of the Empire,” the evil music from Star Wars used to indicate the presence of Darth Vader. It was subtle, yet extremely funny and very memorable. Plus it helped to solidify the fact that Burns is considered to be evil.

Another aspect of the show’s greatness is the people who do the voices. Dan Castellaneta, Hank Azaria, Harry Shearer and others have all been well known for the show for it’s entire run. The continuity helps keep the show special. And their timing in what they do is incredible. No one can make the words do D’oh sound funny like Castellaneta.

It’s amazing to see how a show that started as a set of vignettes on The Tracy Ullman show has turned into one of the longest, most successful TV shows of all time. Thankfully there doesn’t appear to be any end in sight. The show remains popular.

- Michael Jenkins is a junior sociology major.
New band Georgia Avenue scheduled to perform for WMC

PHIL VOIGT Staff Writer

When Virginia based rockers Georgia Avenue take the stage in the Forum on Thursday, April 26, pinning a label on their energetic musical style may prove to be a difficult task.

“It’s really hard to describe,” said freshman class president Jenn Flannery. After a pause, she added, “It’s like rock with a little bit of jazz and country.”

The band’s own website, www.georgia-avenue.com, claims them to be simply a “mainly acoustic rock band with an emphasis on having fun.”

Perhaps a bit more tellingly, comparisons have been drawn between the musical styling of Georgia Avenue and fellow Virginian native Dave Matthews, however their influences include a number of different bands and styles.

Since the formation of Georgia Avenue in 2000, their upbeat attitude and enthusiastic performances have garnered the group a rapidly growing fan-base across the East Coast.

Their relatively continuous touring will likely only increase their popularity.

The SGA-sponsored free concert will feature the five-member band, made up of students from Virginia’s Bridgewater College and James Madison University, who released their debut CD independently in February.

The nine-track disk is called “Streets Divided” and can be ordered through their website.

In support of the release, they have been touring clubs and campuses up and down the coast, including recent stops at University of Maryland College Park and Frostburg.

Following the stop here, Georgia Avenue will return to Virginia for a pair of shows before venturing out to Chicago and Cincinnati in early May.

The show is at 9 p.m. and is free for WMC students.

Western Maryland College Department of Art and Art History presents the Kathryn E. Wentz Student Art Show showcasing sculpture, painting, drawing, and other media by WMC art majors April 24 through May 11 The Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall For information and gallery hours, call (410) 857-2595

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Van Hart inspires WMC with art

Since 1994, Van Hart has been working with Common Ground on the Hill, which is “a traditional music and arts organization whose purpose is to offer a quality learning experience with master musicians, writers, and craftspeople while exploring cultural diversity in search of a common ground among ethnic, gender, age, and racial groups,” states the website, www.commongroundonthehill.com.

Seven years ago, Dr. Ira Zerphey, then a religious studies professor, and Van Hart were the first two people in Carroll County that Walt Michael, founder and executor, didn’t let being on guard bring you down either. Maybe in the next life you’ve been late a lot lately? Check ‘siastic. optimistic, funny, arid ere- start to remember that life is easy

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Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

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Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Gem-em-Gemini, you are wild this month! Two sides of you are battling for the spring, one wants to be naughty and the other nice, you may rendezvous with someone new, or find a new friend in an unlikely place.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The winter has left you crabby and restless. Fortunately the spring stimulates the senses, but unfortunately you have no time this month to let spring fever take over. Oh well, at least you can watch the squirrels getting grazy while you walk to yet another class.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Giraffe Leo! The spring puts you on the prowl, and trouble is waiting for you! Those rams know where it is, get in touch with your inner sun child and let it shine!

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sep. 23

Stressed? Tired? Do you feel you are up to all your responsibilities? Maybe you forgot to take your clocks! Maybe you forgot to turn your time up, remember spring forward, fall back!

Libra

Sep. 24 - Oct. 23

The scales of harmony are swinging, and you are dancing along with music, art, dance, and the lead way, the other signs will follow, and admire you for it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Spring is not the time for your dark emotions. Lighten your warm passionate nature, and go swing with those Libras! They’re fun, and maybe the party is what you need to revitalize the energy.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

This sign, the archer, is enthusiastic, optimistic, funny, and creative. Spring should help you become less restless, but be sure you know what you are aiming for. The sun can be blinding and all those “green thumbs” are in full spade after a while!

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This spring the weather will remind you of the past, bikes and adventures. Let it help you enjoy some downtime and get away from the race. There are beauty to be other goos places go gazing...join then, the grass is fine!

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

Water Bearers, winter really dragged you down this spring, but bring out the blooms! Party with Aries, Libra and of course other fellow Aquarians. You will appreciate their playfulness, and you will start to remember that life is easy to enjoy. So you get out there and play frisbee with a work-aholic Taurus.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Hello fishes! The frozen waters are beginning to defrost and begin to blossom. This month, Pisces is the feeding season for fish-eating carnivores. Whoops. Just remember to stay on guard at all times and you should be fine. Just don’t let being on guard bring you down either. Maybe in the next life you won’t have to get hails.
JSU Seder attracted people of all religious backgrounds

Students were not the only people present at the JSU Seder. Pictured here at the dinner table are Mr. And Mrs. Alleck Resnick seated beside student Melissa Grimmer (left).

(l-r) Professor Becky Carpenter joins students Evan Desatnick, Brianne Bray, Jessica Mufarreh, Erica Colton, and Katherine Briggs for the meal. For the full story see page 12.

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Joan Develin Coley inaugurated as the eighth President at WMC

The Inauguration: 1. Shaded by an umbrella, Dr. Joan Develin Coley makes her way towards Gill Center for the inaugural ceremony, held Saturday April 21, 2001. 2. Trustees of the College, Board Members, Professors, and many others came out to WMC to march in the procession towards Gill Center to witness Coley’s inauguration. 3. Philip Vogt was one of the many student volunteers helping with the celebration. Other students were flag bearers in the procession, ushers, decorators, and spectators. 4. The pavilion was set up in the Quad (between Daniel McLea Hall and Albert Norman Ward Hall) for the snacks after the ceremony. Hundreds of people turned out to witness the event, and a lot of them were gathered around the pavilion.

60 SECONDS

What is the best thing about Spring Fling?
Compiled by Brad Widner

“Hanging out with friends and having an awesome time.”
Amanda Cameron ’01 English

“Nothing. I’m bored.”
Bill Deavers ’03 Music

“When Campus Safety comes out and maces everyone.”
Jed Spencer ’01 Biology

“What’s Spring Fling?”
Sue Leso ’03 Physics

“Fun, fun, and more fun.”
Emily Scott Parizer ’02 Psychology

“Baseball... just baseball.”
Eddie Smith ’03

“Everything... But I wish Room 402 would play at Spring Fling.”
Bill Deavers ’03 Music
Ask Kitty for help and advice  

CATHY PENSORE  Staff Writer

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes to operation, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do. Write a letter; send it to Kitty box 979 and maybe she can help you. She was not professional counseling, but certainly a way to look at your problem, and completely anonymously!

Dear Kitty,

I really, really like this guy. I don’t know how to talk to him. In fact, I’ve liked him since freshman year. The problem is every time I see him or go near him I freeze up, fearing that he won’t like me. I really want to know him and I can’t wait any longer! Should I just call him out and ask him out, or warm up to him first and be friends?

Laws in Love

Dear Laws in Love,

You might feel better if you take the plunge and ask him out, but if he says no, then it may be feeling very bad, and the reason he said no may only be because he doesn’t know you well. I would suggest that you “warm up to him first” and get to know him.

If then you still like him, because there is a good chance that once you get to know him he will be nothing like you expect, it will be much easier for you to be comfortable with him. If you two will get along or not. Besides, if he did say yes and you went out, then you both may feel very pressured and awkward, and it may even be harder for you to talk to him.

But it’s your decision, there’s the chance that the future may hit off right away, and have loads of fun.

Dear Kitty,

My friend and I have been friends for a long time. The other day we shared a moment. I can’t really describe this moment exactly, but it was surprising and very positive for me. The problem is we haven’t talked about it at all. Do you know what that means? I know this sounds very vague, but it is important the situation is not the same way and I’m just really looking for general advice. What do you think?

Confused

Dear Confused,

You’re right, that is vague, but this situation obviously means a lot to you. I don’t know what the dynamics of the relationship are exactly, but you say you two have been very good friends for a long time and a “moment” may have changed something, at least for you.

You seem to want to talk to your friend, but worried about the reaction you may receive. You say you are looking for general advice, but I think you know what you want to do. You really don’t need my comments or approval, you know the situation better than I do. Do what you know is best for you and your good luck.

A Spring Fling full of pizzazz  

PHILIP VOGT  Staff Writer

Nothing says “spring” like April snow showers. Nevertheless, Monday, April 23 saw the official arrival of spring with the kick-off of CAPBoard’s annual Spring Fling celebration.

This year’s week-long event, which started Tuesday night with a concert headlined by Matchbox 20 and featuring Everclear and Lifehouse at the Baltimore Convention Center, culminates in Saturday’s Spring Fling Day.

This carnival-like affair on the Quad features a variety of activities, a variety of booths set up by more than a dozen campus organizations, and an outdoor concert. Additional activities, however, are free.

Schedule of CAPBoard Events

Thursday, April 26

Karaoke Night from 7-11 p.m. in the Pub.
Friday, April 27

Forum Party and Concert: Top 40’s cover band Bigger Better Faster More, free food and drink from 9-midnight
Saturday, April 28: Spring Fling Day

Events begin at 3 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. in the Quad.
Concert: 80’s cover band: Reagan Years and Funk Rockers
Betty in Black

Note: If it rains, events held in the Quad will be moved to the Forum

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Annual JSU Seder full of lessons and traditions for all  

MATTHEW MCGOVERN  Staff Writer

Glar may have seen a bit empty on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 and the reason was found in the Forum, where the Jewish Student Union celebrated a Passover Seder.

Over a hundred people including JSU members with their parents, and almost three times as many students from other religious backgrounds attended the event.

The Seder is an annual event for JSU, which this year took off, in terms of attendance, due to co-sponsorships by several fraternities and sororities - particularly Gamma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Alpha Chi Omega. JSU president Amanda Cline believes - which pledged support in several ways, including food, free activities, a variety of booths organizations will be selling or giving away a variety of items on Saturday. The events and activities, however, are free.

For photos, see page 10.
Women's Lacrosse

Western Maryland

Men's Lacrosse

Baseball, continued from PG 16 team looked to keep things going in a doubleheader against Franklin and Marshall College. In the first game, WMC struck first when Jenkins continued his power surge with a two-run home run in the first inning, but the opposition came back in the bottom half with two runs to tie the score at 2-2.

The Green Terror responded with two more runs in the fourth to take the lead, but F&M scored three runs in each of fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to grab a 5-4 lead. WMC built up rallies in the fifth and seventh innings, but hit into two double plays and the opposition held on for a 5-4 victory.

3 in the ninth inning against Washington College. The opposition responded with a offensive barrage early. The opposition was able to grab four runs in the first inning. Their record their conference record were dropped.

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Frisbee solid in first season

Desrosiers sets WMC victory record

It has been a tough season for the Western Maryland College Women’s Tennis team. With many different faces from last year’s team, the squad has experienced growing pains as they have had a subpar 4-7 season. Despite the changes, the team has had some special moments and they are still making positive strides for the future of the program.

On April 7, the team hosted tough Ursinus College in a conference home game. The experience of the Green Terror came out on top in this one as seniors Alethea Desrosiers, Becca Lyter, Jami Maxcy, and Jamie Connelly all won their single matches to take an early lead. Desrosiers continued her solid play from the number position by dominating her opponent in straight sets 6-0, 6-1. Lyter was also very impressive as well as she won in straight sets 6-1, 6-2. A critical match in the game was in the number three position as Maxcy lost a tough first set to the opposition 7-6, but she fought back to win the next two sets 7-6, 6-3. From there, Desrosiers-Lyter and Maxcy-Connelly teamed up to win two critical doubles matches and lead the team to a 6-3 victory. The win ended the team’s five game losing streak and raised the team’s record to 2-5, 1-4.

Coming off their first conference win, the team looked to keep it going against non-conference opponent Goucher College. The Green Terror got off to a good start with victories by their top three positions of Desrosiers, Lyter, and Maxcy, but lost the next three singles matches to tie the score at 3-3. Unfortunately for the team, WMC lost the three doubles matches and fell on the road 6-3.

The Green Terror looked to return to the win column against conference foe Bryn Mawr College. The match was tightly played throughout, as the doubles teams of Desrosiers-Lyter and Maxcy-Connelly both secured victories, but the opposition won a doubles match and also won the number four, five, and sixth position matches to take the lead. In the clutch, the senior contingent of Desrosiers, Lyter, and Maxcy all won critical matches to win a squeaker 5-4 road game. Lyter took the first set of her match 6-4, but lost the second set 2-6. In the critical third set, Lyter dominated and swept her opponent 6-0 to win a pivotal match in the contest. Maxcy also had a tough match, but she also outlasted her opponent 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

A historical moment for Green Terror women’s tennis occurred during a contest against Dickinson College on April 18. In front of the home fans, senior Alethea Desrosiers set a school record with her 41st victory of career. The old mark stood at 41 wins, and it was a special moment for the Cape May, N.J. product. “I was really excited, it was my goal for the season,” said Desrosiers. When number one player Laci Henderson graduated last year, Desrosiers stepped into the number one spot and has been undefeated in singles competition this season. She continued her strong play with a singles victory 7-6, 6-3 and teamed with Lyter again in doubles to win 8-4 and lead WMC to a slim 5-4 home win. The Green Terror also got wins from Lyter and Connelly in singles and Maxcy-Connelly won another match in doubles.

Looking to continue their late season surge, the team hosted their tough conference rival Gettysburg College. Desrosiers and Lyter both secured wins in the number one and two positions, but the team lost the next four singles match and fell 6-3. Desrosiers-Lyter also combined for another doubles win, but the team was outmatched by the depth of the opposition.

It has been a long season for the women’s tennis team, but the future looks bright for WMC. WMC freshman Jill King and Katie Kalbaugh learned on the job this season and while they weren’t very successful in the win column, they gained lots of experience that could serve them well in the future.

Men’s Tennis trying to make winning a habit

The term "rebuilding year" is often the butt of jokes for a team performing poorly. It’s often something a coach or another team official will say to explain a team’s disappointing results. However, the old cliché is actually valid, for the men’s tennis team so far this season.

This was a team that was getting close to not having a program any longer. It was only a year ago that flights were disrupted on the walls of Gill Center asking members of the campus community to come out for the tennis team. There’s nothing really wrong with a walk on, but when a coaching staff starts asking random members of the community to come out to help the team, it’s probably a sinking ship.

Head coach Michael Coleman has helped turn things around this season. The team picked up their first conference win since 1997 when they defeated Ursinus a few weeks back. The team also picked up a win over York College that same week.

There are reasons to be optimistic for the team’s future. Young players like Scott Mahoney and Jerry Sabo could be the core of a foundation that could turn WMC tennis back into a winner. Another star of the future sophomores 2nd singles and first doubles David Johnson, is happy about the team’s performance. He said, “We’re definitely getting better.”

With one match and the Centennial Conference Championships the only dates left, the men’s tennis team is close to reaching the end of their season.

Their record stands at only 2-8, but hopefully the team can make a splash at the conference tournament. Perhaps being a few matches at the tournament will garner some respect for the future of Green Terror Tennis.

Phoenix Sports Trivia

Now that Barry Bonds has broken the 500 homeruns mark, who is the next closest active player to 500 HRs?

José Canseco w/446

(He is currently working on a minor league contract)
The Sideview View: A few unexpected moves in sports

Jeff Grever looks at the moves made by the Chargers, Ichiro Suzuki, and the surging Twins

San Diego on Draft Day

Good move San Diego. That is something you might not expect someone to say when they passed on the most hyped player in the draft, Michael Vick. When Vick wanted too much money, he became too much of a risk for San Diego because they were having Ryan Leaf flashbacks.

So what did they get out of the trade with Atlanta? The Chargers signed a guy that was running back in a game against the Seahawks. That is what they got in return.

Japanese player making an impact

Ichiro Suzuki, the Seattle Mariners' new right fielder, has the strongest arm in baseball. If you don't believe me, catch the highlight reels from a few of the Mariners' games. He threw out Terrence Long, one of the fastest runners on Oakland's roster, on a slow ground ball to right field when he was trying to go from first to third.

Baseball's biggest surprise

The Minnesota Twins. Where have you heard of first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz? He is hitting .373 with 10 runs, 3 home runs, and 13 RBIs. And he is not the only player that is tearing it up. What about designated hitter Jack Morris, who is hitting .365 with 12 runs, 4 home runs, and 13 RBIs? Had enough yet?

There is always third baseman Corey Koskie who is hitting .316, 4 runs, 3 home runs, and 14 RBIs, or shortstop Christian Guzman, .318, 13 runs, 3 home runs, 6 RBIs. Not to mention the catcher, A.J. Pierzynski, who is hitting .324 and has scored 6 runs.

But a team cannot last without good pitching, right? Well the Twins have a pretty good answer for that. Minnesota's ace Brad Radke is 4-0 with a 2.23 ERA. Joe Mays has a 2-1 record and an ERA of 2.86, Eric Milton is 3-0 with a 3.12 ERA, and Mark Redman is 1-1 with a 3.86 ERA. How is that for a starting rotation? Minnesota has finally finished rebuilding, and now they are enjoying quite an impressive first month of the season.

If the Twins can keep up this pace, or even a small fraction of it, they will be serious contenders for the AL Pennant and the World Series.

Probably never thought you would hear those words again after their 1991 World Series victory over the Braves.

This team has gone through a lot of changes since the days of Jack Morris, Kirby Puckett, and Danny Gladden. But even if you still aren't convinced, you might want to pick up some of these guys for your fantasy league...just in case.
Baseball falls below .500 in the Centennial Conference

GREG LEIDERER
Assistant Sports Editor

Hard times have hit the Western Maryland College Men's Baseball team as the team has slipped below .500 in the Conference.

On April 8, WMC hosted tough conference rival Gettysburg at Gill Field. It was a long day for the Green Terror as the opposition hummed WMC freshman pitcher David Skoczlas for four and five runs in the first two innings respectively and continued their hot hitting to a 17-6 Terror loss.

Sophomore first baseman Todd Huber had a great day at the plate with a three-run home run and also scored a run on the day for the Green Terror.

Looking to rebound, WMC played another fierce conference rival, Johns Hopkins, on April 14th. From the start, the Green Terror found the road tough and also scored a run on the day for the Green Terror.

The team looked to avenge their loss to Johns Hopkins in the rematch road game. In a tightly played contest, the game was a pitcher's duel as both teams found runs hard to come by.

Johns Hopkins struck first in the second inning with a run, but the Green Terror responded in the seventh inning when junior outfielder WMC hit a clutch home run to tie the score at 1-1. The two remained tied up until the top of the ninth inning when Jenkins hit a clutch home run to take a 2-1 lead.

WMC held on in the bottom of the 9th to beat a tough Johns Hopkins team. Jenkins's has had a big game with three hits in addition to the game winning shot to lead the Green Terror offense, while the team received a huge pitching performance from sophomores Jeff Starcher, Justin Raynor and senior Drew Hershner who yielded a total four hits to the opposition.

Coming off their big win, the Baseball Continued PG 13

Track optimistic about bids to Division III Championships

MARCUS HELTON
Staff Writer

The Western Maryland Spring Track and Field Team has continued its record-setting season, and they show no signs of letting up anytime soon.

At the Twilight Meet on April 18, the men's and women's teams each finished in first place for the third time season. It was the women's fourth overall first place finish.

The Terror set five meet records, bringing their total to 12 meet records set in the Twilight Series. In addition, the Terror have set seven school records this season. Among the meet records established on April 18 were: Jamie Falcone's 12.1 in the 100-meter dash, Diana Pool's 4:58.4 in the 1500 meters, Melissa Penson's time of 15.9 in the 100-meter hurdles, the women's 4x100-meter relay team's time of 4:15.1, and Ifanyni Ani's leap of 20'8 1/2" in the long jump. On the men's side, the 4x100-meter relay team took first with 46.6, Tyler Wright won the men's 400-meters with a time of 51.4, Sam Gordon's 67.0 won the 400 meter hurdles, and Jimmy Starcher, Justin Raynor and senior Drew Hershner who yielded a total four hits to the opposition.

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Thayer won the men's 5000 with a time of 16:58.2. On April 14, the team traveled to Lewisburg, PA for the Bucknell Invitational, where the Terror had two athletes place first. Jill Krebs finished first in the 5000 meters and set a school record with a time of 18:36.43. On the men's side, Ifanyni Ani won the long jump with a leap of 60'10 3/4", which also met the requirements for the professional qualifier.

The previous week, the Terror took part in the Lebanon Valley Invitational and was again successful, with the women finishing first and the men coming in second.

Overall, WMC Track Coach Doug Renner has been satisfied with his team's performance. "We haven't had very good weather," he said (The Twilight meet on April 11 was canceled due to bad weather). "Not every meet has been conducive to good performances. Overall, we're sitting with three sets of provisional qualifiers, and that's good for this point in the season."

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Next week is a big week, and it's going to be really competitive." The Terror will travel to the Penn Relays on April 26, and will be home for the Terror Track classic on April 28.
Returning to the Hill for Reunion Weekend

STACY L. GEORGE
News Editor

You may have probably seen some faces around campus that you did not recognize, but were sporting WMC's green and gold this past weekend, as they smiled proudly of their alma mater.

The Alumni Affairs office, President Joan Coley, and many others welcomed alumni back to the Hill for Reunion Weekend, held Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6.

This year's festivities were held to honor the class of 1941 and preceding years that ended in either a one or a six, as well as welcoming back the class of 2000, said Randy Rynier, associate director of Alumni Affairs.

Additionally, the classes of 1926, '31, and '36 were also honored in luncheon held at Harrison House on Friday.

President Coley joined the parade with the class of '51.

Robert Beglin, class of 1943, said that he and his tournament partners "Love golf. I played here 45 years ago for the first time as a freshman. At 82, I come as often as I can."

Berglin said that the best part of the game was playing with his classmates from the classes of 1942 and 1944.

The morning's activities also included a tennis match and alumni lacrosse games. A Martin Sk Race and Pan Ram was planned but cancelled after few signed up to participate in it.

At 10 a.m., President Coley opened up her state of the college address by saying, "The state of the college is great... you can now be dismissed!"

On a more serious note, Coley began to outline her four goals she hopes to obtain in a decade.

They include bettering the living space, enhancing the learning space, tripling the endowment, and increasing human resources.

"We don't want to be a Swedish or a Harvard, we just want to be recognized," said Coley as she talked about her vision that within in the next decade, WMC will have the highest honor of top delegation for the second time in a row.

The debates consisted of 15 different Maryland colleges including UMCP, Mount St. Mary's, and Johns Hopkins.

"Retireal Kelley, a junior political science major, was the Governor for this year's event. The Governor is the leader for MSLS who is in charge of organizing and structuring the event.

Kelley said, "It's the first opportunity to compete and debate serious issues. There's nothing like MSLS!"

Each school competes in debates over various political issues using the Standard Parliamentary Procedure. Late on Saturday, a special awards committee is selected to give out a number of awards.

Matt Burger, a senior political science major, received an individual award, the Williams (Troy) Simmons award for career achievement in MSLS. Burger received the award for service as the Chief of Staff, or right-hand man, for two years in a row.

Enjoy a taste of Asia

Junior Cathy Pendof enjoys a "Taste of Asia" on Tuesday, May 2. The event also included music and dancing.

What will WMC be like this summer?

TAMMI SLATER
Staff Writer

Summer is that time of the year where there is sunshine to be enjoyed, vacation to relax, and money to be made. However, for many Western Maryland College students the summer will bring them back to "the Hill.

All summer long, WMC will hold activities, from special camps and programs, to classes and work-shops. "Common Ground on the Hill" will be one of about fourteen class offerings held this summer. In its seventh year, this summer festival is a two-week buffet of music, art, heritage, and humanities workshops. It will be held from July 1-14 will include instrumental music, singing and song writing, dance, fine arts and crafts, children's programs, writing, storytelling and human arts.

The course allows students the opportunity to work with a faculty advisor where they will then develop a project worth one to four undergraduate credits.

For more information on the classes contact Walt Michael at ext. 5200.

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Class celebrates its 50th reunion: Party like it is 1951!

 Stacy L. George

Have you ever wondered what WMC will look like in 50 years? Or more importantly, how it will be recognized as the finest small liberal arts school.

Coley said, "We have to do something more than say 'we're great' and add a title." She explained that doing more would include more traveling for herself and other members of the administration, as well as writing letters to the members of the local community, and state.

After the conclusion of her speech, she held a question and answer session pertaining to campus life. She stated that the hill strengthens the community bond, how WMC is dedicated to ever-changing technology, and her favorite subject - the "very robust" graduate department.

Following Coley's presentation, the alumni had the opportunity to sit in on workshops. Such topics included "Mood, Memory, and Metabolism in Antarctica" with Provost Sam Case, class of 1950, "from pines to pins," with John Keeler, class of 1981, "Financial Planning Basics" with Russ Wehner, class of 1993, and "History of WMC" with Dr. Jim Lightner, class of 1959. I chose to attend Lightner's workshop, where he called his slide presentation, "The Way We Were." It started with the birth of the 1866 construction of a building, referred to as Old Main by the alumni of the class of 1951.

Lightner, who said that he has been interested in WMC's history since he began his matriculation here, presented a wide range history that included photographs of past presidents, samples of curriculum offerings, construction and renovation photos, social and athletic events - all which brought us up to the present day with our eighth president.

In his closing dialogue, he said the college has grown from a low enrollment of 70 students to its current standing of about 1600, and has emerged from one building to over 60, and room and board has gone from 30 to over $5000.

For this year's May Day Festival and picnic, they tried something new and encouraged alumni to bring their children, said Randy Ryter.

To get the festival started, each class took part in the class parade and marched from Baker Memorial Chapel to Red Square and met up with their family and friends. To top it off, they created, the Quad was set up with several activities for the afternoon celebration.

Alumni returned to Red Square later in the weekend to celebrate their reunion, where Coley once again addressed the alumni. Various members of each class were recognized for their hard work and devotion to planning their class reunion and donating money.

Six new awards were introduced this year to recognize those classes which made an extra effort to support WMC by either raising funds or working to create a great class reunion.

The first and second awards, the "Golden Greek" and the Whimzy awards were presented to the Class of 1951. The third award, known as the "Green Terror" Award was given to the class of 1976, which has the most classmates making a commitment to the Annual Fund this year.

"Carpe Diem," the fourth award, was also given to the class of 1976 because they have increased the number of donors to the annual fund.

The class of 1961 received the "Old Main" award because it is the class with the largest amount of commitments to the Annual Fund so far this year.

The final award, known as the "Top of the Hill" Award was given to the class of 1971 for being class with the highest overall commitments to WMC. This includes the Annual Fund, as well as building and special projects and the endowment.

Around 7 p.m. each of the classes went to their specified location for their individual class reunion. Ryter said that it was the first year that all of the classes held their reunion on campus, rather than selecting a place nearby in Westminster.

Reunions were held in the President's Dining Room, the Science Center courtyard, the dining porch of Englar Dining Hall, and the Ensor Terrace. The classes of 1981, '86, '91, '96, and 2000 had a "Flashback Cafe" on the Pab terrace.

The class of 1966 had What Linda Malaffy, class of 1966, called a "cultural Italian night" in McDaniel Lounge.

Trish Stahl, class of 1966, said, "It has been nice to walk around and see the buildings." Sunday's events included an alumni remembrance ceremony for those alumni who have passed away since April 2000, a Sunday morning chapel service sponsored by the class of 1951, and brunch held in McDaniel Lounge.

Alumni were invited to the Honors Convocation at 2 p.m.

While the alumni enjoyed their weekend exchanging stories with one another and "the press," there were many people involved in making sure the weekend went smoothly.

Ryter explained many class members were busy helping in the planned events of the weekend, including Alumni Affairs office, the Development office, and many others.

Ryter also pointed out the large help of volunteers gave. He believes that more than 100 students helped out with the weekend's events.

Many of the alumni commented on the well-planned weekend and how everyone was so very helpful.

Doris Mathis Hood, class of 1940, said that the "student volunteers have been great. A very nice young fellow drove me and others around in a golf court," she said. "They've been busy," she concluded.

Ryter admitted that the biggest challenge he worried about was the on-campus resources, which they were relying on heavily because the alumni and the alumni committees who help plan the weekend's events wanted to have their celebrations on campus this year in order to see the new changes to campus.

Planning for next year's Reunion Weekend will start soon, said Ryter, noting that the various committees of next year's honored classes, 1942, 1947, and on up have already begun their planning. Caroline Babylon, class of 1976, said her group was very excited because the alumni and the alumni committees are the ones who help support the school and see what is going on. [Afterall], we helped pave and pay the way for the current students.'
WMC news in brief: Greek Housing

Earlier this semester many Greek organizations were not pleased with Residence Life decisions about Greek housing for the fall. Both the Phi Delta Theta and Beta Chi fraternities appealed the Residence Life decision made earlier this semester. Neither of the appeals were granted.

The Gamma Chi fraternity was not given housing and did not appeal the decision made by Residence Life.

All three of these organizations went through the room selection process. Their members picked rooms individually throughout the entire campus.

—Source: Amanda Rosa, Residence Life Coordinator

The Lewis Hall renovations—
The $250,000 gift from the Helen Pompey Denit Charitable Trust is being used as general support to help meet the $7 million cost of the Lewis Project. The Lewis buildings should be completed by this summer in time for classes next fall.

Fundraising events are actively underway with proposals being presented to alumni, local businesses, and charitable foundations. It is anticipated that WMC will meet fundraising goals by the project’s end.

—Source: Steve Krahlung-Haas, director of corporate and foundation relations

New dorm status—
During inauguration weekend, WMC trustees, committees, and students met with President John Coley to continue discussing the need for new student living space.

The trustees agreed that there was evident need for a new building, or a series of buildings for the “mini village” idea voted on earlier this year.

Raising the funds for the plans will begin soon, said the trustees.

The site chosen is the area near the water tower and current Pennsylvania Avenue houses.

—Source: Dean Phillip Sayre

Common Ground on the Hill July 1-14

Call extension 771 for more information.

Summer time on the Hill is just around the corner

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Rick Dillman, professor and chair of the chemistry department, feels that Common Ground is a great experience for students.

“T will be teaching an offshoot of his first-year seminar course “Science of Wood”,

The four-day course is being offered during the second week of the festival and will be composed of pre-twentieth century woodworking techniques.

Additionally, Marilyn Smith, chemistry professor, will be working with Richard and four students on researching the development of a new anti-AIDS drug. Marilyn received $250,000 from the Department of Defense to fund the project.

Richard Smith feels that a research assignment during the summer is a great experience.

“Research is an opportunity for students to become a colleague. We work and learn together. It’s what research is all about,” he said.

Julia Richardson, a sophomore chemistry major, is one student who will be working on the research team this summer.

Richardson said that, “Although this will be my first experience working on campus this summer or being involved in an assignment such as this one, I am really looking forward to it, I think it’s an opportunity that more students here should take advantage of.”

Additionally, WMC’s Theatre will be continuing their productions over the summer, Ira Domser, professor of theatre arts and producer, will lead the professional summer company with three main productions. The company has also added a new show just for kids.

The upcoming shows include: The Mousetrap, Kiss of the Spider Woman, Snow White, and Stuart Little.

Furthermore, WMC will be hosting the Baltimore Ravens again

Campus Safety Blotter

The following events were reported by the Department of Campus Safety:
4/16/01 at 5:16 p.m. two students were harassing a third student for sexual orientation issues.
4/17/01 at 10:49 p.m. a homeless woman was lost in Decker Student Center.
4/17/01 at 9:54 a.m. a Rouzer resident had a case of beer in the building.
4/17/01 at 12:05 a.m. two undergraduate students were in possession of alcohol in a dry dorm, Whiteford Hall.
4/21/01 at 12:03 a.m. two students were complaining of a burglary in their room in Whiteford.
4/21/01 at 2 a.m. three underage students and one undergraduate student in Whiteford had open containers of beer.
4/21/01 at 5:30 a.m. a student was receiving prank telephone calls in Whiteford.
4/21/01 at 10 a.m. an anonymous call reported two white males in a black Jeep Wrangler striking the driver-side mirror of a white Toyota Corolla parked in Whiteford line behind Whiteford Hall.
4/22/01 at 1:20 a.m. a student was carrying alcohol in a dry dorm in Whiteford.
4/22/01 at 2:10 a.m. students were having a large party with hard liquor in Pennsylvania Avenue House 139.
4/22/01 at 2:45 a.m. four students involved in the damaging of three cars parked in the rear lot of Whiteford.
4/22/01 at 3:02 a.m. a student was lighting off fireworks in the hall.

Dillman retires after 20 years at WMC

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Instead, he’s “very interested in why the world behaves the way it does, how and why everything is organized (and disorderly) the way it is.”

In the mid-1980’s, the department’s majors were students who had come to WMC majoring in something else, or who were “undecided” and did not even know what “communication” was, said Dillman.

Today, says Dillman, 75% of communication graduates come in with that as their intended major.

Dillman further believes “that the study of communication is fundamental to the social sciences...you cannot define terms such as “society” or “politics”...without first having a concept of “communication.”

In retirement, Dillman plans to keep his “Happy Fun Communication Land” Web site up to date, which requires 15 to 20 hours a week to maintain.

According to Lemieux, the department has hired Christina Prell as a replacement for Dillman.

Prell will be teaching two public speaking sections and one class of communication research methods next semester.

Next fall, he will instruct an online course for the WMC graduate MPA program.

Theatre on the Hill 2001

The Mouse Trap: July 7, 8, 9, 15, 23, 27, 30, August 4, 5, 11, and 12.

Kiss of the Spider Woman: July 21, 22, 28, 29, August 4, 5, 11, and 12.

Snow White: June 24, 25, July 1, 2, 8, 9.

Stuart Little: July 15, 22, 23, 29, 30, August 5, 6, 12.
Researching, networking, and benefits of an internship

By STACY L. GEORGE

With the whole Monica Lewinsky saga a few years ago, the word "intert" became an American joke. However, internships are no laughing matter, but rather a steppingstone from the college community into the real world.

In 1999, VaultReports.com found that "81 percent of college seniors participated in two or more programs before they graduated. This represents a 30 percent increase since 1995, when 61 percent of college seniors had completed at least one internship program.

This shows that most colleges and universities continue to put a strong emphasis on student internships, Western Maryland College is one such school, said Joe Carter, senior lecturer of economics and business administration and coordinator of the WMC internship program.

"An internship is that off-campus opportunity." Plotkin said he has heard rave reviews of internships.com. When students access it, they find useful information which includes right how to do a student or intern a full-time job. The first tip, he said, is to "research, research, research" where by a student takes advantage of the career college's career services and seeks current, reliable sources on the Internet.

Although Erin Smith, assistant professor of English, characterizes herself as the "department computer guru, she said Karen Arnie, director of Career Services, would be a better source for students to research internships using the Internet.

Arnie and Alison Leister, assistant director of Career Services, and Herb Smith, professor and chair of the political science department, says that he and other department professors "strongly encourage...murphy to make the best of the advantages there are to the eight-week paid internship with Allegis.

Following the presentation, approximately 25 of the 30 students who attended agreed to go to Smith to find political internships, he said. While most of the department's students go to Smith to find political internships, he said, students are also encouraged to go to Professor Charles Neal for help finding judicial internships, and to Professor Christianna Leahy for help with an international, comparative government, or human rights internship.

The communication department also encourages its students to an internship, said Robert Lemieux, assistant professor and chair of the department.

Comm. munication majors can choose from a variety of internships within radio, broadcasting, journalism, Internet-based media publications, among many other possibilities, he said.

Jennifer Sirks, a senior communication major, who turn internships into full-time jobs. "I'm not the only one," said Boyle. "We've put ourselves in a good position to win it again." Boyle has an even more positive attitude, help in my mind. We've got it (top delegation) next year... We'll have the best delegates, because we do every year.

Do the WMC's internship program

Part of the Governor's job is to work with other members of what is called the Council State. Council State is a group of five elected students who work with the Governor in the organization of the event, said Boyle. "They've put themselves in a good position to win it again."

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**NEWS**

**President’s house receives an upgrade and renovations**

By Jackie Leazer

While the President’s House may not look different on the outside, don’t judge the book by its cover—it received a literal makeover on the inside and is now ready for WMC new president, Joan Coley.

Construction by the Patrick Construction Company began on the resident’s house in the second week of January and is just about wrapped up now.

A few unexpected discoveries were made as the same going around the bathrooms and basement deterioration in the structure of the back porch, which is the only thing left to be finished in the residence project.

“We decided to completely replace the porch,” Ethan Seidel, vice-president of administration and finance, explained.

Due to the porch’s old age, restoration would have been difficult. In fact according to President Coley, the floor, metal and papering of the house were 16 years old and had barely been attended to in that time.

“The house will be structurally strong and present WMC’s best face to the outside world,” President Coley said.

The purpose of the president’s house is twofold. The first floor is for the public and meant to host guests to the college, while the second floor is President Coley’s actual living quarters.

Offices on campus use the president’s house as a place to hold functions while welcoming visitors to the campus, though the first floor has been unavailable all semester for public use.

“If really hasn’t been a problem not having the use of the President’s house for functions because, fortunately, we have so many other areas on campus that can be used for dinners and so forth,” said Susan Cullison, executive secretary of the President.

“We now bring in many more people from the outside. These are often people who have visited other campuses,” President Coley emphasized. Frankly, the house did not show us to our best advantage.

Which is why in addition to the general maintenance of the exterior, the college also decided to make some other changes.

First, handicapped accessibility was a required addition as well as the installation of a second bathroom, in addition to the first.

According to Seidel with the amount of entertaining that is done in the President’s house these two changes were the most important. Also a garage was added which replaced an inadequate carport, though it won’t be accessible by President Coley until mid-summer.

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In fact, she does not plan on having enough time to completely settle into the renovation by the end of May.

“House certainly doesn’t feel like mine yet,” she said due to the disorder of any move, the unexpected discoveries from the renovation, she is still in the process of personal belongings during spring break in order to maintain the architectural integrity of the house,” said Seidel, who is also a faculty/staff representative on the committee.

Furthermore, Seidel commented that the committee did not have to discuss plans for the house renovation project at length.

“Because of the simplicity of the plans and the fact that all the changes were dictated by necessity,” Seidel said, noting that the committee spent their time mainly discussing new residence halls.

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President Coley said, though she did try to keep the furniture that was still in good condition.

Also, while trying to make the house plenty was sitting, Coley asked the designer to keep the house as uncluttered as possible, unlike the previous design.

The interior is finished but in the midst of the outside construction, President Coley is trying to adjust to a new home like any other.

“I miss my little house where I’ve lived for 20 years,” said Coley.

She has to leave in 2001 and, although she is very much believing that at a college like this a president should have a presence on the campus, Coley reflected. She moved in her personal belongings during spring break in March but basically her and her cats are only living in two rooms.

“I’m trying to relax and amid semi-chaos,” she said.

Not much more has to be finished on the house itself, after the porch is completed but construction will continue into the summer as a separate project begins.

The black asphalt walkways in the area of the President’s house, Lewis Hall of Science and McDaniel House are all temporary, soon to be replaced by the patterned brick walkways that line the rest of campus.


“We’ve waited in completing the walkway system because of the heavy trucks constantly going in and out of the renovating of [Lewis Hall of Science],” he said.

Once construction for the science building is closer to completion, the whole area will be regraded to level out the uneven areas of the ground from the construction.

When the walkways and re-grading are finished, the garage will be accessible.

The only other plans after that is to eventually replace the roof shingles, though this is not an emergency.

When the garage was built, an exact match with the old shingles of the house could not be found so according to Seidel, for aesthetic purposes, the new shingling will probably be worked into the general maintenance plans for the house.

By the end of the summer and the beginning of the next school year the construction equipment used in this project will be gone, the area regraded, and walkway system complete.

“President’s house is truly a home and will do the college proud as future functions are hosted there,” Cullison emphasized.

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**Several special seniors honored**

By Staci L. George

News Editor

This is the time of the year when a student’s year-long hard work and dedication finally pays off through the attention of the student body, faculty and administration.

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The senior leaders will be recognized for their service at an event that will be held on Friday, May 11, which will be held in McDaniel Lounge for the graduating seniors and faculty members.

Each senior is asked to leave behind a small momento to the college in order “to see [and preserve] the personality of the senior after they have left WMC,” said Almandrez.

A certificate is nice, but “Dedications” are better, says Almandrez, referring to part of the banquet when family and friends are invited to go up to the podium and say something about a particular senior.

In addition to these “Dedications,” guests are also reminded that they can bring a small gift or card to give to their senior during the night.

Almandrez said she is working with Alumni Affairs as they try to contact an alumni to invite them to be a guest speaker.

“I will miss my friends and seeing everyone around campus. It was a great year. I don’t want to leave,” said Werner.

**Spring: a time for handing out awards**

By Mike Jenkins

Staff Writer

The Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation is a celebration to honor graduating seniors with academic and leadership awards. The ceremony, which took place last Sunday in Baker Memorial Chapel, saw more than 25 seniors win awards for academic performance and saw more than 15 receive leadership awards.

Perhaps the two most significant awards, the Mary Ward Lewis Prize and the Bates prize, which are awarded to one male and one female student who shows excellence in all areas of academic life, went to Amanda Cline and Dan Toff.

After the awards ceremony, said the Bates award, “It was a very good, excellent surprise, being that it’s such an old award it was quite an honor.” The award was established in 1905.

The ceremony also recognized senior members of Phi Beta Kappa, Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Trumpeters, and the Honors Program.

The weekend before, the undergraduate Awards Ceremony took place in McDaniel Lounge. New members of Trumpeters and ODK were announced. The Trumpeters class of 2002 include Claire Adams, Kate Boyle, Christy Dotson, Jason Fitzgerald, Julia Keough, Kara Moran, Cindy Miller, Todd Peters, Huessein Samater, Steve Sharkey, Lisa VanAuken, and Susan Werley.

The new members of ODK are: Michael Baker, Boyle, Jeremy Keil, Jill Krebs, Moran, Peters, Sharkey, Stacy Starple, VanAuken, and Weryl.

The ceremony also included the Winners of the Mulhern/Ryter SGA Leadership Award, including Claire Adams, Staci George, and Mary Lee Pence. Departmental awards were given to individuals also.
The Student Government

The SGA president is Jamin Bartolomeo

Bartolomeo is a sophomore Psychology major, minoring in Elementary Education. Originally from Germantown, MD, Jamin looks forward to the next year of the SGA as he seeks to bring more communication between the administration and the students to the campus.

Like many of his fellow SGA members, Bartolomeo really appreciates the community atmosphere of the school, as well as the “close knit” relationships between students and their professors.

Along with SGA, Jamin serves as the Vice President of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He also enjoys hanging out and meeting new people, and jogging.

Former SGA President Steve Sharkey hands over the gavel to the newly elected Jamin Bartolomeo during a formal SGA induction ceremony held Tuesday, May 1.

The best moment of 2000-01 SGA: Helping to build the senior class float for Homecoming.
- Matt Burger, outgoing class of 2001 representative

Class of 2003 President is Stephanie Knight

Knight is a junior Biology/Spanish major from Glen Burnie, MD. She is also working on a minor in Chemistry.

Knight likes the college community at WMC, and feels that it helps students to get involved in what interests them. She also appreciates the interaction with the faculty and administration that is not always available at larger school.

Along with serving on the SGA, Steph will have a busy year serving as a Peer Mentor, a Biology tutor, and as the Public Relations and Motivation chair on Capboard.

2003 representatives are Sameer Chadha, Marcus Woods, & Staci George

Chadha is a sophomore Psychology major with a tract in Brain Biology. He is also working Philosophy minor.

Hailing from North Potomac, MD, Sameer found WMC’s scenery and natural beauty to be one of its assets.

Next year, he would like work on changing the admissions standards for incoming freshman in order to raise the prestige of the school.

When not serving the student body, Sameer is involved in multiple volunteer organizations, such as SERVE, and APO as well as the WMC Swim Team, The Asian Coalition Community, and Maryland Student Legislature. He also enjoys writing poetry.

Woods is a sophomore who hails from Union, NJ. He hopes to encourage the student body to rid itself of the apathy that often seems to appear around campus.

He also hopes to help everyone realize that they have more power to change things on campus than they might believe.

Woods is also involved in the Jewish Student Union, as well as the service fraternity, APO, and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

George is a sophomore communication major with minors in journalism and political science.

A resident of Kunkletown, PA (near Allentown), she is a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, STAY, SGA, and is the news editor of The Phoenix.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, photography, creative writing and hanging out with friends.

Her goal for next year is to have her class begin getting ready for senior pride, as well as keeping the SGA structured and organized.
it recently elected student delegates for 2001-02

Class of 2002 president is Claire Adams

Adams is a junior communication major from Severna Park, Md., who is also minor- ing in journalism and art history. She is the co-founder and co-president of the Outdoors Club, the former junior class president, co-editor-in-chief of The Phoenix, a member of the Trumpeters, and a member of the Student Alumni Council.

When not doing class work or being involved in extra-curricular activities, she spends her time enjoying the outdoors and traveling.

Her goal for next year “to improve class spirit and unity for our final year on the Hill.”

The 2002 representatives are Jeremy Keil, Steve Sharkey, & Hussein Samater

Keil is a junior Physics major from Glen Burnie, Md. He is a member of the Honors program.

Jeremy joins the SGA representatives hoping to change the school’s meal plan, making it student friendly. He hopes to discuss such innovations as a “Pay as you go” system, making 90 meal plans available for resident students, and making meals transferable.

Sharkey is a junior political science and international studies major from Babylon, New York. He is involved with activities such as ODK, Trumpeters, and Harvard Model United Nations.

He likes to watch wrestling and being outdoors. His goal is to help out with all the classes.

Samater is a junior political science and international studies major, with minors in sociology, women’s studies, and cross cultural studies. A Somalian from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Samater is involved with activities such as the International Club, Multi-cultural Student Association, Trumpeters, and Amnesty International. He is also a Residence Assistant. In his spare time, he likes to interact with fellow students.

His goal is to get more done next year. “We did a lot this year, but we can do more next!”

And once again, Dean Philip Sayre will be the adviser

Class of 2004 president is Mark Iwanowski

Iwanowski is a Sociology major from Fallstown, Md. He is also pursuing a Writing minor.

Mark is enjoys the “close knit” campus atmosphere are WMC, one of the many advantages he has found attending a smaller school.

In the upcoming academic year, Mark hopes to continue the improvements in safety (i.e. new blue lights and window screens) and convenience (i.e. the soda machines in Hill Hall) begun this year.

Class of 2004 president is Mark Iwanowski

The 2004 representatives are Stephanie Gulbin, Julie Ogrysko, & Tom Marshall

Gulbin is a junior math major with a Spanish secondary education minor. A resident of Gasonville, Md, Gulbin enjoys field hockey, ballet, and service to the school.

She likes WMC because it is a small school where she is able to get to know people. Her goal involves uniting her class next year.

Ogrysko is a freshman dual business/economics major with an accounting minor. She is originally from Poolesville, Md. Julie particularly enjoys meeting people from all over the country at WMC.

Ogrysko would like to promote campus unity in the upcoming year, one of her many goals for the SGA in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Julie also hopes to procure a “big name” band to come and perform at WMC in the upcoming year.

Tom Marshall is a freshman business administration major, with minors in Elementary Education and Spanish.

Originally from McSherrystown, Pa., Marshall will be joining the SGA for the first time.

Marshall explains, “My favorite thing about WMC is the people because they are down to earth.”

A member of the football team, Marshall is also active in the Photography Club, and the Ultimate Frisbee Club.

As a class representative, Marshall explained that he hopes to bring new ideas to the campus next year.

Stay tuned; freshman elections early next semester.
To whom it may concern:

What does the Western Maryland College mean to you?

For me, WMC is a place that has changed my life making me the person I am today: a better one than four years ago. The college is an extraordinary place with many great elements; it is a place that changes lives.

However, beneath this facade, I believe I am not alone in saying there are problems at WMC as well.

As a senior, and a leader of my class and this campus, I have seen both the good and bad of WMC. Unfortunately, many of the bad cases I learned about too late to fix or change.

Those squeal elements of WMC do not overshadow the things that make the college special; they are from the experience of a senior.

First, the college leadership society. The Trumpeters, a self-serving popularity club for a select few, does in no way distinguish leaders on campus.

The current members select those who will become their replacements simply based on favoritism creating an elitist society. This would not be so debasing if the organization actually did something other than hold a dinner to recognize their leadership.

Second, the college's policies towards Greek life. Greeks on campus have an irrefutable name and have had the stronghold placed on them by the administration.

College policy towards clubrooms and banquets were told the lab would be during the busiest parts of the day. Needless to say, 40 percent were unable to attend these mandatory cut and paste sessions.

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Therefore, I know that I have witnessed strength, faith, other virtues, friends, and memories I owe to WMC. I thank you for them.

-Anonymous

What does golf have to do with life?

Ahh, golf. Is there no better way to spend your weekend then hitting around a little, white dimpled ball with a club and trying to knock it into a tiny hole that you wish was two feet larger. I mean where else can you spend four hours of your day and experience so many emotions: satisfaction, anger, joy, depression, pride, and did I mention anger? Where else can you experience all of this, among others, besides the golf course? College, of course.

It was a beautiful Saturday, only about 70 degrees, a far cry from the 90 degree day we had earlier in the week, and I was playing golf at the Wakefield Valley Golf Club with my father and my friend. Not only was it a beautiful day for playing golf, it was also a perfect day for just sitting around, relaxing and just taking a load off before starting the final week of classes.

I'm sure there were a lot of people doing the same thing during this relatively cool weekend. But on the golf course something strange happened... and I am not talking about losing one of my precious NIKE golf balls in the water, although that did happen once.

After marking a four down on the scorecard and while riding in the golf cart with my father to hole number 11, I realized that half of my college career has already passed me by. What a shocker!!!

That is right, after this semester is over, I will be a junior. Whoa, what happened to those freshmen and sophomores of my college life? Did I just blink and say "bye-bye" to my freshman and sophomore years? I guess so. It scares me that I only have two more years before I have to go out there and get a real job, which can't be possible. I remember, like it was yesterday, going to my first day at high school. I mean how could I have gotten here so fast? That is probably the question most seniors are asking.

Golf is indeed a game of concentration and emotions, and college is the same, although some would argue it is not a game, school recognized Greek parties have restricted the groups, driving them to conduct their parties behind closed doors.

Third, the freshmen. Never have I seen a bigger group of apathetic, helpless, leaderless, slothful, uneducated, self-interested and disinterested scrapple of dorm room gremlins. In many organizations, there is either a complete absence of freshmen or a presence of a few incompetent freshmen. They didn't even have enough officers to run for the Student Government.

Freshman: WMC is a place to get involved and make a difference, not to sit in your room. An article printed paper earlier this year presented a criticism of class workload from a freshman.

I have one thing to say about all of this. This is life...Whenever you are set up for a Select few, does in no way distinguish leaders on campus.

The education department is the most disorganized, poorly run, and unethical department on campus. Sending out a notice for a meeting just the day before it, and expecting everyone to be there is ridiculous.

For example, Education 2240 has a medical lab that meets once. When the class first met students were told the lab would be during class time.

However, one week before the lab, a memo came around stating that students need to attend one of three times, of all which scheduled during the busiest parts of the day. Needless to say, 40 percent were unable to attend these mandatory cut and paste sessions.

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Edward K. Schultheis

It is your life. Golf is a game of ups and downs; a game of birdies, pars, and double bogeys. It is a cruel game where one day you can play a 79 and the next day shoot a 93 and have more balls in the water hazards then on the greens. Such is life, and such is life in college.

In one instance, you can be the leader of your high school team. All-American, All-Division, All-whatever, and then the next day you are just a lowly freshman trying to make a name for yourself on the college team. In another instance, a person can be the waiter of his high school senior year, then struggle through their first year of college with a B or C average.

Yet another instance is one that involves my friends who were roommates. They went all well after awhile, but soon their tenacies, rituals, and actions started to annoy each other, so they stopped being roommates.

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Edward K. Schultheis is a sophomore communication major.
Why the drug war is intentionally failing

Jeremy Keil discusses his thoughts on the drug war in this country.

The Drug War. The war ON drugs. It is a war against drugs, so I suppose we are fighting drug use. So winning the drug war would mean defeating drugs. Get rid of drugs and the drug war is won. That is the goal of the war on drugs, isn’t it? Then why can’t the greatest power on earth ever defeat drugs? Initially, you can’t use the US government defeat drugs and then pack up its bags and go back home after a hard day’s work of drug fighting? The answer is simple. It does not want to. The government does not want to win the war on drugs. It does not want to win the war because that would mean ending the war. Why does the government focus on policies that increase its power, yet do not defeat drug use? Well, I just said it. The war on drugs increases the government’s power. It increases its control over our lives. It keeps the same people in the government coffer. It keeps subservises under control. That’s the main one there. The war on drugs is the best way to subtly keep anti-establishment forces out. Instead of passing a law that disenfranchises blacks, the government passes a law that disenfranchises felons, and then convicts as many blacks as possible. Instead of raiding upscale clubs where executives share heroin needles and do cocaine in the bathroom, the government raids rave parties where kids who dress differently and listen to different music pop pills.

Instead of making a caste system where the lower class cannot get an education, the government encourages colleges to increase tuition by offering financial aid to poor students, and then takes away aid when the poor student breaks a law that the majority of people do not follow. And why is the government so concerned about raves where ecstasy and LSD are consumed and not about clubs where cocaine and alcohol are consumed? Ecstasy and LSD expand people’s mind. They make you think independently of the socially determined reality, which is dangerous to those with the power in that reality.

The war on drugs is not about fighting drugs; it is about fighting people. It is about jailing a higher proportion of blacks, it is about discouraging the poor to attend college, it is about discouraging free-thinking. A recent survey said 76% of Americans believe the war on drugs is a failing policy, and 70% of those people believe the current policies are the best way to go. The tyranny of the majority is ignorance.

This case is significant because of the fact that politicians use the war on drugs, NOT to defeat drugs, but to defeat dissent, free-thinkers and self-reliance. The crime, fear, and loss of freedoms associated with drugs will never end until the American public associates their loss, not with drugs, but with the failed policies of the Drug War.

—Jeremy Keil is a junior Physics major

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A special thanks before I resign

We are all either putting the final touches on our research papers or rereading everything we have read over the past few months in preparation for a week of finals. As the semester comes to an end, so does my position as Commentary Editor of the Phoenix.

While some of you are graduating and moving on to careers or graduate schools, others, like myself, are preparing for summer internships. There are jobs in anticipation of a return to WMC this fall.

Then, there are those of you who are just awaiting the end of finals-week to sit back and relax for a few months. I imagine there are even some of you out there who haven’t had enough reading, paper writing, and class participation this semester, so you’re signing up for some summer classes.

Whatever category you find yourself a part of, one thing remains the same... We are all looking forward to a different semester next year. As I resign from my current duty as editor of the commentary section, I would like to say a few words of thanks to the people who have contributed to my section and influenced my role. First of all, I want to thank my writers. I have had a variety of interesting and thought-provoking contributors to this section this semester from a wide variety of backgrounds.

I will definitely miss the paper and the people involved with it.

I would also like to mention that I appreciated you putting up with my many phone calls and messages (for those few times I woke up, I am sorry, my campus mail reminders and my comments in passing). Secondly, I would like to thank my editor, teacher, and good friend, Ed Schultheis, for double-checking my writing, teaching me layout, and keeping me company during my long Friday nights in the Phoenix office. Ed, I couldn’t have done it without you.

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Thank you all for your contributions. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer, wherever you go and whatever you do.

—BJ Shorb is a junior communication major

Spring’s stingy and sappy stigmas

Joan Faulkner compares the beauty of spring to the critters it brings with it.

Walking down the sidewalk by the quad, I’m enjoying the lovely spring weather and very happy that I can once again wear shorts and a sleeveless shirt. I love that sunny day at the guys playing soccer and frisbee, and the girls mingling and gossiping on blankets in the quad, and the beautiful nature surrounds them.

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And as I recall from past science classes, bugs in general help make our environment better and more ecologically sound. Perhaps we should find a way to help those pretty little bugs.

Consider the worms that seem to fill the sidewalks when rain comes, and fill my sneaker soles with dirt. Consider the bees that pollinate and nectar the flowers, so that would be if they were an infinite amount of trouble (or if they were an infinite amount of trouble that would take away the beauty of WMC, and consequently, probably some prospective students from this campus.

A more practical solution would be to have lid-covered trash cans instead of open ones. But I’m sure the lids would stay on, as students are too lazy (no offense, I’m one of them) to continuously remove and recover them. Or maybe there’s a bee-gone (get it?) bug spray that I don’t know about to get rid of the horrid hornets.

However, I shouldn’t complain, as without the bees, our spring would not be as gorgeous. They pollinate and nectar our flowers, so I guess I shouldn’t gang up on them too much.
Endorsement/Column

**Some pros and cons of being a “McDaniel House Girl”**

**Staci George reflects on living in the McDaniel house and wishes her housemates a safe summer.**

I awoke this morning to the sound of birds chirping and the all too familiar sound of banging hammers and buzzing saws. Oh, and there is also the sound of the white fan that is temporarily sitting on the futon. Yes, it is the start of another beautiful spring day here on this side of Campus—here in McDaniel House. When I woke this morning with all my covers kicked off and my body temperature a lot warmer than usual, I thought about how nice it would be to have air conditioning.

And that made my mind wander back to those 15 days my 10 housemates and I spent here and the McDaniel house and wishes of this commentary. For the first two weeks of classes and those dumb plastic keycards would only work two or three times before they became demagnetized.

Although we liked receiving clean towels and having someone else clean our bathrooms, the nice ladies and gentlemen of the housekeeping staff usually wanted to clean the room before 10 a.m. However, on the positive side, unlike campus, there was always a parking spot right next to the door of our building. We each had our own queen-size bed and the ability to turn on the AC and forget how hot it was outside.

As we all go our separate ways to live next year—five to live with their sororities, one back to Germany, one to live in the Garden Apartments, and the remainder return to Germany in mid-August. Happy summer to all, and to all a good day.

-The house is temporary, and the people who live here are the same.

-Staci George is a sophomore communication and religious studies major.
Marijuana legalization imminent once myths dispelled

Matthew McGowan sheds some light about the effects of legalizing Marijuana

In a 2000 interview with the Phoenix about recent marijuana busts at WMC, Director of Campus Safety Michael Grever noted that, by far, cannabis, the drug commonly known as marijuana, is the prevalent psychotropic substance on the Western Maryland College Campus.

Assuming Mr. Webster is right, if marijuana is our biggest problem, then our biggest problem is really quite small.

Marijuana, among both legal and illegal drugs in this country, is the safest and least detrimental. Unfortunately, the anti-drug movement, and specifically the second Reefer Madness Movement of the seventies, has produced many untrue and unscientific myths about cannabis, which are listed and dispelled below.

The main and most visible effect of marijuana is the high it produces. The fact of mind described as follows:

"It can get your brain into repetitive cycles, so if you start doing something, say rubbing your leg, you can aut莫斯 keep doing it. Since your sense of time is so screwed up, after a minute it feels like you have done it for so long and can't imagine stopping, because stopping would take away the sensation you think you have had for so long, so when you finally do stop, it feels as if a limb has been taken away. It helps you to relax and let go of your preconceptions about yourself and allows you to understand things better because over a century.

Many anti-drug campaigns have claimed that pot is up to three times more effective than any other drug. This is impossible, as it would require a TCH concentration of over 100%.

If marijuana were more potent, its users would want to start getting high, but because stopping would take away the sensation you think you have had for so long; so when you finally do stop, it feels as if a limb has been taken away. It helps you to relax and let go of your preconceptions about yourself and allows you to understand things better because you are not scared to allow certain things to be true. Sometimes it makes you feel like you are dreaming, but completely conscious, and as if you are watching yourself smoking.

Marijuana is, for its regular and social users, a way to relax, a recreational drug that produces the user an altered perception that is, the first time, somewhat alarming, but also refreshing.

It is a myth that marijuana today is more potent than it was used to be. The art of growing potent cannabis is an Eastern one, which has not been greatly advanced, even with all of today's technology, for detrimental effects of the drug. Pot users, unlike users of other drugs, learn in a short time how much it takes to get them high, and once this high is achieved, they stop smoking.

Such is the nature of the drug, according to www.cannabis.com. Because it is a plant and has metabolites that are not as harmful as the drugs that we are addicted to, it is very difficult to overdose on marijuana. It is very difficult to overdose on marijuana. Yet, in the seventies, according to the Los Angeles Times, it is up to three times more effective than any other drug.

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Also, if we do successfully eliminate the dollar bill, what happens to the great first leader of our country, George Washington? Don't you think we should mix something with something that works well in the first place.

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A coin versus a bill?

Jeff Grever believes that eliminating the dollar bill could be a big mistake.

What is with this new dollar coin? I wish I have never heard a good reason for switching to a coin from a bill. I cant tell you how many times I have lost change in my pockets from just sitting down in my car and having it fall out without me knowing it. But before the dollar coin, this wasn't a big deal. I would be losing maybe 75 cents in a worst-case scenario. I don't want to worry about dollar bills falling out of my pockets because they are made of paper and they don't fall out very easily.

If the dollar is changed into a coin, I could end up losing six dollars just by sitting down somewhere and not realizing that it fell out of my pocket into somebody else's seat cushion.

So if everybody is losing dollars, I don't think that we should worry about the dollar bill, for one reason: It is a harmless drug that serves better than tobacco to relax its users. It is much less harmful than tobacco and less detrimental than alcohol and less physically damaging than tobacco. Why, then, is pot illegal?

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**FEATURES**

**Evan Desatnick discusses his “diverse” new album**

**Philip Vogt**
Staff Writer

Hip-Hop isn’t what it used to be. As while many would argue that its current mainstream popularity is a sign of success, there are those who feel that what rap has gained in prominence it has lost in artistic value. Among those is WMC’s own, senior Evan Desatnick, whose newly released CD, Chill Rhymes 4 Il1 Times, recalls an era when rap was about more than selling records and catching hooks.

“Now, Hip-Hop is basically about the hook and the chorus,” said Desatnick, whose CD was released under the alias D-Ryme and is available in the bookstore.

He feels much of today’s rap aims for a catchy or funny hook, which draws listeners but misses the point. He feels that as a result, listeners only know the middle of the song and miss the importance of the words that surround the chorus.

Desatnick, who considers himself a long-time fan of Hip-Hop, wants nothing to do with that kind of songwriting. “I was trying to get people to listen to the words,” said Desatnick, who wrote all of his lyrics himself.

“It’s easy to make money off a quick hit. It’s a lot harder to do something artistic. ’’Hip-Hop has lost its general ability to communicate in many different ways,” he adds, fueling his desire to make an album that was not stereotypical rap.

“One of the great things about Hip-Hop is that you have many different kinds of expression,” he said, and he feels that his CD recalls that diversity.

“I don’t want people to buy the CD just because it’s ‘new’,” he admitted. “I want people who don’t know much about Hip-Hop to get it and learn something. I think there’s something for everyone on it. One song is different from the next,” he said.

The range of the songs becomes evident from a glance at the samples used. Desatnick borrowed from everyone from Carly Simon to Led Zeppelin to the Rocky soundtrack, as well as traditional loops.

The CD also features a number of special guests, including Carl and Raphael Tay- lor, John Lydon, and Eric Byrd.

Desatnick, who says he has been actively participating in Hip-Hop since sixth grade, began recording the CD last June, and finished production over winter break.

He worked with Glen Caldwell who helped produce the nine-track disc. He also owes a debt of gratitude to the WMC Music Department, who helped him constantly throughout the CD’s production.

He feels that considerable amount of time and dedication are absolutely necessary to making a good CD.

“You can’t just say, ‘Hey, I want to throw a Hip-hop album together’ unless you want it to be watered down,” he warns, citing classic Hip-Hop acts such as Public Enemy and a Tribe Called Quest as being among the best at making meaningful, creative albums.

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**Students see Matchbox 20, Everclear, Lifehouse show**

**Kate Esposito**
Features Editor

In lieu of the usual spring concert, a group of students attended a show at the Baltimore Arena.

The number one thing I learned from attending the Matchbox 20, Everclear, and Lifehouse concert on April 24 is that you are never too old to be a groupie, as made evident by the women sitting near us.

Rob Thomas, if you are reading this for some odd reason, I just want you to know that there are two 30-year-olds in tight clothing that absolutely love you. I know.

“Love Rob! He is so hot!” is the last thing I heard before I completely lost my hearing. Personally, I think the Jason Wade, the lead singer of Lifehouse could dance circles around him. I told him that I am not

**Matchbox 20**

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**Matchbox 20**

He promised to take some beautiful Maryland women home in his van. Too bad I had

in his life. “Sucks, doesn’t it?” he commented to a sympathetic crowd.

The band performed for almost two hours before Thomas finished the song with an acoustic cover of Cyndi Lauper’s “Time After Time” which he dedicated to 29 year olds.

This brought back sweet memories of childhood for all ‘80s kids in attendance, even though we were snubbed.

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Former student shares his tales of life in the Peace Corps

Claire Adams
Editor in Chief

After receiving a WMC degree, Jehovah Shacat left the quiet rolling hills of Western Music in 1996 to live in a mud house, sleep on a bed of bamboo, eat rats and learn about brutal reality in a completely for- eign land and by his own choice.

No, Shacat was not a "Survivor" contestant, but rather a Peace Corps volunteer.

He traveled to the third-world country of Gabon, on the west coast of Africa, where he made his home for two years as a Peace Corps worker. On Friday, April 27, Shacat returned to the Hill and shared his story with students and faculty.

"Initially, I was innocent and didn't know what I was getting myself into," Shacat said.

But, Shacat's plans to join the corps were not a last minute decision before graduation.

At the age of eight, Shacat was drawn to a commercial for the Peace Corps, he explained. The corps then stayed in the back of his mind and as a freshman Spanish major and journalism minor, he at- tended a career fair, in which he met with a corps recruiter.

Shacat got an application and held onto it until the summer after his junior year, when he could fi- nally send it in, he said.

But, while some things took a while for him to adjust to, many did not. "I was always really good at living simply," he said. Just as Shacat was completing his training, tragedy struck when a thatched roof in his training group was murdered.

So, for a week, plans were de- layed and the trainees went to coun- seling, he said.

But, Shacat was able to move on and traveled to Mbignon, a tiny village surrounded by dense rainforest and mountains, where he set up his permanent home and be- gan working.

Mbignon had no running water or even a water pump, Shacat said, explaining that he collected rain. His small mud house was covered with a tin roof and furnished with a bamboo bed and a piece of foam for a mattress.

Shacat found to be "really uncomfortable," he said, ex- posing that it set him apart from everyone else. He explained that during the dry season, droves of thousands of ants come through the villages and into the homes.

One night, as Shacat lay sleep- ing, he felt something on his face and awoke to find his bed and body covered by the insects, he said.

Looking back on his experi- ence, Shacat explained that while some aspects were trying, it was not all negative. "I think fondly of it all now," he said.

There was only one regret that Shacat explained he had while in Gabon. He took the maximum of 80 lbs. of luggage, equivalent to three suit- cases. "I realized that I wished I didn't have all that stuff. It made me uncomfortable," he said.

Bon Appetite: a tale about dinner

Hank's album features their unique style and trademark sound. "We think it's great and it was a last minute deci- sion," Palmer insists. "More shows are very important thing to a starting band," Palmer insists. "More shows mean more..." Palmer stresses. That's why the band is about their debut CD, they still put an obvious priority on live shows. 

"[Playing live is the most import- ant thing to a starting band," Palmer insists. "More shows mean more CD sales, which means more fans, which means more shows. More shows mean more money, which means more success!"

Most of the band's members have known each other for years. "We're going to take it as far as we can," Palmer stresses. "I see big things in our future. Everything has been going really well!"

The Hank will be performing at the 8:15 May 17, The Vault June 7, and Main Street Music in Westminster June 15.
Students and others share in the fun of Spring Fling

(Above) Sophomore Chris Hickle plays basketball while tied to another student on the other side in the One-On-One basketball game. (Below) "Lemonade Anyone?" ask students Shaune Greenwood (L), senior Lori Schenck (C) who enjoys a bag of popcorn, and sophomore Dave Trader who found the ultimate beverage container in his garage. (Center-clockwise from top left- Nancy Grossman, Lauren Harrison, Kristen Lagana, Martha Tudor, and Jeremy Trammelle sing and dance to help the band. (Below) Spring Fling attracts students and non-students alike, such as Dave who was here with several other non-students that stopped by to check out the festivities in the quad for the day. He is seen here strapped in preparing to spin upside down in the Gyro, just one of the many things to do. Others included wax hands, tie dyeing, pinata breaking, and water balloons. (Below) Ever wonder what it's like to be a bowling ball? It makes you dizzy. Sophomore Dave Trader finds this out the hard way.

Students give great performances in Impossible Marriage

Ellisa Morrison Benjamin played Floral Whitman and Mark Resch was Edward Lunt. Julia K. Keough portrayed the character Pandora Kingsley in the two-weekend show.
Ask Kitty: Good Advice and New Outlooks Given Here

CATHY FENONY

There is no quick answer to any problem, but sometimes a question, problem, or situation might come up where you just have no idea what to do.

Write a letter, send it to Kitty box 797, and maybe she can help you. She's a professional, but certainly a new way to look at your problems, and completely anonymous!

Dear Kitty,

My boyfriend of four years and I have been having some problems. I’ve been really stressed with my schoolwork and my finals. All he does now is whine about how he misses me, his job, and how he hates living on his own. I want him to grow up and stop whining to me.

I’ve been fighting with him constantly and even when I tell him that he’s whining annoys me, he won’t stop.

How can I make him see that he needs to grow up and stop whining to me about everything?

-Anoyned and Lost

Dear Anonned,

It’s good that you have been open and told him how you feel, but that’s pretty much all you can do.

You can’t make him see anything he doesn’t want to see or force him to stop whining. If you could, you probably would have done that already.

You can be honest, maybe tell him that you want to be there for him, but just don’t have time to bear the long version until school is over, (only two more weeks).

Hopefully, he will understand, but even if he does not, you should not have to sacrifice your schoolwork and final preparation time. When you do have some time again, maybe have a talk and find out what is really bothering him.

Students share what they believe

Editor’s Note: From afternoon naps to summer block parties, from 32-ounce steaks to the gift of vulnerability, WMC students share what thrills them in this column titled “I Believe.”

What do you believe? Drop off your statements (100 words or less) at the information desk in Decker. Write across the top: The Phoenix: “I Believe.”

I believe in doing what you want as long as it isn’t hurting anybody and I believe in other worlds and realities. I believe in running through the snow bare-foot and playing drums to burn off adrenalin.

I believe in lobster dinners, 32-ounce steaks, midnight street hockey games and summer block parties. I believe in taking afternoon naps by the “Pissing Rock.”

I believe in Jesus, Buddha, and being the world’s greatest bass player. I believe I am the world’s greatest bass player.

Eric Brind’l Amour

I believe in my main man Jesus Christ. I believe everything Mr. Rogers told me. I believe that we’re one big family in this big blue marble. I believe that if everyone followed their hearts, the world would be O-K.

I believe in raving until 8 a.m. I believe in blatantly breaking un-just laws. I believe that vulnerability is the greatest gift. I believe that betrayal is the greatest sin. I believe in a punk rock attitude in a world that champions mediocrity and conformity.

And I believe that someday, somewhere in this silly world I’m going to meet some girl just in- sànely beautiful and fall in love with a loser like me.

Kris Sevillna

I believe in the love of my family and friends and in giving to people because I have so much. I believe in warm weather and the life that was a way down on me.

I believe in walking, talking and dreaming about how a perfect life should be. I definitely believe that God is my guiding force in life. I believe in my grandparents, a clean room, and a good roommate.

Catherine Anderson

Your letter seems to imply that his “whining” is a recent development. Perhaps finding the root of the matter will help in finding a lasting solution.

Dear Kitty,

My roommate just recently broke up with his girlfriend and he’s way down on himself. He’s mentioned suicide a couple of times and he talks about how there will never be another love in his life.

I also think he might resent me for having a girlfriend and being totally in love with her.

I don’t know what to do. I feel bad about breaking up with him when the group of us go out. He’s always sighing and staring off into space.

What do I do to help him with-out overstepping my boundaries and without getting involved in something I don’t really care to get involved in?

Just a guy with a girl

Dear guy,

It sounds like your roommate is going through a time of depression. You may not want to get too involved, but helping him is important and necessary, especially if he is mentioning suicide. Talk about suicide is often a call for help, something that shouldn’t be taken lightly.

Being there for him, especially during this period of loss, is certainly important, but I would suggest that he go talk to someone, like a professional counselor.

Counseling is available free to students on the second floor of Smith House at ext. 243. You should encourage him and let him know that talking to an experienced counselor may help him sort out what he is feeling and probably help him feel better. And although it may “bring you down,” try to be empathetic.

Think about how you would feel if you and the girl you are totally in love with broke up.

Dear Kitty,

I’ve been dating this guy for 3 months. I’m 21 and he’s 18 (a senior in high school). The other day he asked me if I could see myself marrying him. I didn’t really want to, I didn’t know him well enough. He said I don’t need to know someone to marry him. I just need to love them.

I told him that made no sense to me, that I did love him, and that I just need more time. So he broke up with me and vowed to never get married. What’s his deal? Did I do something wrong?

-Why do I only date crazy people?

Dear Why do I only date crazy people,

I don’t think you have done anything wrong, and I do not think that you think that you have done anything wrong.

You were being honest with him and it looks like he just didn’t like your answer. What can you do?

I don’t know what his deal is, maybe he was scared, maybe he’s hurt and doesn’t want to deal with it, or maybe he’s just immature.

You can certainly ask him, but do not let him cause you to think that you did something amiss.

Dear Flustered,

A wise answer may be, “girl, you be trippin’” but since I don’t want to explain that, I’ll just go into the longer alternate version.

It is certainly advantageous to figure out how you feel.

Are you angry at your friend, yourself, the guy, are you worried about your friend, yourself, the guy, are you jealous, bitter, grieving, etc.

You could be feeling a lot of different things right now, in many different directions. Try to recognize the multiplicity of your “upsets.”

My advice would be, before making a decision on a course of action, try to understand your motivation.

What are you trying to accomplish? Would it work?

It sounds to me like your friend should know already what she is getting into. She did warn you after all.

Who knows what she is thinking or feeling right now. Why don’t you ask her, or let her know how you feel, after you figure it out. She might not even realize you are upset.

This whole situation is amuck. None of the three of you are cast in a positive light.

You were messing around with someone else’s guy, he was cheating on his significant other, and your friend is going on a date with someone she thinks is no good.

I’m going to end by saying these are all very unhealthy relationships, and everyone needs to stop and reevaluate what they are doing with their lives.

JSU Seder corrections

The story carried “Annual JSU Seder full of lessons and traditions over all” that ran this past issue, on page 12, about the Jewish Student Union Seder had incorrect and misleading information. Amenda Cline is not president of JSU, but Allison Kleinr and Carol Richles are co-presidents. Also, Kleinr’s father, Gilbert Kleinr, is not a Rabbi.

The story said there were 22 tables of guests, but in fact there were 23. Additionally, the staff from Sodexo Marriot served the food, but did not make the food. Instead, the food was prepared by the families of the students involved with the Seder.

Kleinr wishes to acknowledge some of the guests at the dinner: Provost Case, Dean Horneff, Dean Joynes, Bobbi Wood, In Zepn, Dr. Lemke, and Dr. Harlow. Dr. Beckly

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Senior reflects on experiencing four years on campus

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Well here it is, my very last article for the Phoenix. After spending countless hours in the cold, dark office, inhabited by who knows what, it is somewhat of a relief. However, it also sadly signals the end of my career at WMC.

Four years is a long time, but it's also a short time, I remember some random person telling me at freshman orientation.

Back then, in my day, we had 9:20 classes, the campus TV station showed movies, and there were napkin dispensers on every table at Glar.

I came here as a naive 17 year old, and I leave sagacious at 21. (See? I even know big words now.)

Do I feel old? Well, no. Every day I am told by someone that I still look like I'm 17. People see me at bars and ask, "How the heck did you get in?"

But I do feel ages older than when I got here, thinking college was like a big summer camp.

I'm just glad that I made every possible mistake my freshman and sophomore year, so that I could get them over with. I realized that going to class is not always optional, and it sometimes takes more than one night to write a 15 page paper. It may take two nights even.

Also, if you try to take ten ice cream bars out of the dining hall, someone may chase you.

But somehow I've made it. Miraculously I have passed all of my classes. Since I have become a pretty decent student, the powers that be have of course decided that I don't need to be in college anymore. I have gotten way too good at it.

But they can't keep me from going to grad school.

So inevitably, I've danced at my last formal, gotten flung at my last spring fling, and will soon see my last sunset as a WMC student.

I'll miss those endless talks in the quad on warm nights, putting my life in my hands trying to cross the street to Walmart (before getting a car), and struggling assorted food and non-food items out of Glar. (Good ones to try: entire pizzas or cakes, chairs, tables, the salad bar)

So what have I learned from all of the time I've spent at WMC? First of all, if you are between the ages of 10 and 35, you should not live in Westminster. Beauty is only skin deep after all.

I am reminded of another popular saying, "It's a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

I remember my letter from my first roommate, a Westminster native, telling me that I can cow-tip if I want, but that's pretty much all there is to do here.

I've also learned that Lawrence Grossberg has some interesting theories about communication, if only I knew what they meant.

I know how the Egyptians built the pyramids and that Michelangelo thought Moses had horns. I can write Chinese characters on rice paper and canoe in a swimming pool.

Will any of this help me in the real world? Probably not. But you never know when obscure knowledge may come in handy.

Maybe one day I'll get on that Who Wants to be a Millionaire show and show Regis a thing or two.

Besides, I am now officially a "liberally educated" person, which has always been my goal in life.

Speaking of life, that's what college is for in my opinion. It makes you see the world in an entirely new perspective. I don't need Loren Pope to tell me that four years here has changed my life.

But what have I learned about life? Hmmmm... let's see. I've learned that your friends are your greatest asset and will stay with you far longer than any facts you memorized for a history class.

I've learned that first impressions aren't always right, but you should trust your instincts. I've learned that there is a cure for a broken heart. It's called time.

I've learned that no matter what your efforts, you will not please everyone, but that shouldn't stop you from trying.

I've also learned that there is such a thing as overstaying your welcome, and as much as I hate to say it, I am ready to move on.

To everyone who has touched my life over these past four years, I would like to say thank you. Each of you has taught me something that I will be able to hold on to for the rest of my life, making me a better person in the process.

I will not leave this place the same person that I was when I entered here back in 1997. To quote the words of a timeless classic, the theme song from the WB show, Felicity, "I have become a new version of me."

Alright, this article is becoming way too sappy. Yea 2001!

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SPORTS

Interest in Soccer and lack of Intermural support sparks Quad Cup Soccer League

Michael Jenkinson Staff Writer

Without an intramural soccer league, WMC students who have a desire for organized soccer, yet don’t have the skills and/or time to play for the varsity team, didn’t have any options until recently. That is until the Quad Cup league was created.

Quad Cup is a league that allows all kinds of students to play organized soccer, while keeping a low key pick-up game feel.

Sophomore Ben Neely founded the league. He said, “My friends and I used to play soccer in the quad.

It started to become more organized last fall when I started to take down phone numbers and call people.”

The idea caught on, and more and more people became interested in the idea of playing relaxed format soccer. So Neely decided to promote the league, and started promoting year-round. When he started asking around, he was hoping to get five teams of five. He got six teams of six.

The league is all about fun, but there are some rules. Remember, there are no paid officials, so either Nelly himself or another unbiased person has to keep track and call all of these rules. The primary rule is that the ball has to cross the goal on the ground and not in the air.

Also, some rough play is allowed, just not too much. Neely said, “It gets rough sometimes. Which is cool.” Teams play with four players on the field, and the other two players are subs.

The regular season began in late March, and had each team playing 4 games. When the regular season finished the playoff tournament began in the last few weeks of April.

The team called Sexy Bitches FC defeated both Team 4 and Spida United to advance to the finals. Michael Jordan is Hot also advanced to the finals. They had to defeat the Elton John Fan Club and it’s the Water to make it to the championship game. Mrs. Wolf is Hot’s Andy Messmore said that the game against it’s the Water was “like Caps hockey: Always intense.”

The final will be held on Thursday May 10th at 4:45 in, you guessed it, the Quad.

There are plans to keep playing Quad Cup next year. Neely has decided to step down and let others take over the organization. Who will be in charge next year is undecided, but there are some ideas being kicked around for changes in the league. One idea is the concept of selecting a few general managers and letting them draft their own teams from a pool of players who want to participate. Nothing has been decided on for next year, except the fact that they want to play.

To help keep things organized and to help advertised, Neely set up a web-site for the league. It’s a very in-depth page with photos, stats, and other news. It can be found at www.geocities.com/quadcup.

The Sideline View

Who is going to be the NL Comeback Player of the Year? This is going to be one of the toughest awards to make a decision on when October rolls around. The decision is going to be between youth, experience, and flair.

The youngest guy up for this award is Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. Wood has comeback from surgery on his pitching arm to make a big splash in one of the league’s best pitching rotations. Wood has a 3.97 ERA and 53 strikeouts in only 6 games pitched. During his rookie season, Wood tied for the Major League record for 20 strikeouts in one game. It looks like he may be back to his old self.

When it comes to experience in the game, you can’t find too many guys with more experience than Tim Raines. Raines has comeback from lupus to play in the majors full-time for the first time since 1995. As a fan favorite on a young team, Raines serves as a role model for the young guys with more experience than him. Raines certainly isn’t the point. You need to understand that the reason he is continuing to play baseball is for rebuilding purposes.

You need to have a role model for the young guys. Someone who can show them how much hard work and dedication it takes to be successful at the major league level. Someone who can show them “the ropes.” And who better than a future Hall of Famer, to teach your young players how to blossom into superstars.

So, yes Cal has been “washed up” for several years now, but he is certainly not a waste of time. Just ask the young guys that are playing all around him in the Orioles lineup.

Michael needs to take his title of “The Greatest Basketball Player of Time” and be satisfied with it. He needs to give somebody else a chance to have the spotlight in the NBA. Just because he looks like a fool in the Wizards front office, does not mean he has to come back to prove he can still play basketball and win a championship. We already know what you can do on the court, it’s time to prove something else, show us what your recruiting skills are like and put together a winning team from the front office.

A championship team in Washington without a return by Michael Jordan, now that would be impressive.

Now what about Cal Ripken?

All of you critics of Mr. Ripken need to sit down, take a deep breath, and get a clue. Sure Ripken isn’t “as good as he used to be,” and sure he is “washed up,” but that isn’t the point. You need to understand that the reason he is continuing to play baseball is for rebuilding purposes.

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Jeff Grever Staff Writer

Even though the Western Maryland Softball team did not win the Conference title this year, there is one story this spring that cannot be overlooked.

Freshman superstar Samantha Abrams, a product of North East High School in Cecil County, has plowed everybody away with her performance this season.

As a freshman, Abrams led the team in 17 categories, including games played, batting average, at bats, runs, hits, homeruns, walks, stolen bases, and stolen base percentage. But hitting 405 in 116 at bats and scoring 32 runs was just part of her overall production.

Abrams also happens to be the team’s number one pitcher. She had a record of 18-5 with an ERA of 1.04 and 130 strikeouts. She hurled 23 complete games (every game she started), 10 of which were shutouts. Coach George Dix claims, “Sam is the best all-around player I have seen in the 13 years that I have been here.” She is a quiet leader on the field, who leads by example, and is expected to “lead this team for the next three years.” She also led the Centennial Conference in many categories, and she was selected to the All-Centennial Conference First Team for this season.

Abrams’ versatility is what makes her so outstanding. In double leaders, she would start the first game at pitcher, and then start the second game at third base. She even made one appearance in left field for the Green Terror.

She also excels as a defensive player, having made only one error in 34 games and boasting a .989 fielding percentage.

Abrams is up for the Centennial Conference Player of the Year, but she will have it tough because, “Nobody wants to give this award to a freshman.”

The voting for the award took place this past Monday, and Abrams was the “best choice for the award,” according to Dix.

Abrams, who could easily gone to a Division-I level program, decided to come to Western Maryland to play for Coach Dix because, “I realized that I wasn’t going to play softball after college, and I wanted to play sooner than Division I may have allowed me to.” Abrams enjoys playing here at WMC, and she recognizes that, “WMC has a very strong program for the Division-III level.”

Dix stated that she will be one of the team captains next season, which should give her the opportunity to harness her leadership ability and put it to use as a representative of the team.

Dix said that he hopes to be able to rely on Abrams’ leadership for the next three years to take them far into the playoffs.
Women's Tennis says goodbye to departing seniors

Matt Hurff shows that the surpises in baseball this year ther may happen every year

The Chicago Cubs are leading the NL Central...you may be asking yourself if that is a misprint or something else, but in actuality, that is quite true.

The Cubs along with the Twins and Phillies have been very successful in the month of April, beating out their high-payroll opponents such as the Indians, the Braves, the Mets and St. Louis. All of these teams have been successful by using young talent and solid pitching.

They have shown that it is possible to compile a strong group of players using a farm system, the way baseball teams would build pennant winners before free agency. So you may ask, what is the point?

Well, the whole problem is that with free agency, there can be no salary cap the major talented players such as Doug Mientkiewicz, Julio Tavarez, or Pat Burrell that the Twins, Cubs and Phillies have brought will be soon be lured away by the Yankees, Braves or Mets. So in essence, the small market teams seem to have about an one-year window to place a pennant winning team on the field before it will disintegrate and the large market teams will have full reign again.

The surprising phenomenon of this year like most baseball fans, you enjoy surprises in the game, this season has definitely provided plenty thus far. That is why I would recommend that baseball reverts to the impending labor dispute and implement the salary cap, so that the smaller market teams can keep their Doug Mientkiewicz's.

To see the benefit of such an agreement, one not need look further than the NFL.

The NFL has a salary cap, and I must say that the past few football seasons have been quite interesting, as teams that have not been competitive in the past such as New Orleans, St. Louis and Philadelphia have been able to put together solid teams to defeat the old guard of Dallas, San Francisco and Pittsburgh.

I would like to see the same sort of variety in baseball. Football has proven that it is possible and most importantly entertainin.

By the end of this season, there is a chance that there will once again be a strike over the salary cap issue.

I'm in my opinion, if you are making over 1 million dollars a year, you have no reason to complain, but clearly MLB players will still find a way.

Nevertheless, an agreement needs to be made so that the Twins, Phillies and Cubs will be able to pay for the players they have brought up through their system.

If such an agreement is made, who knows, in a few years we might see the Cubs finally win their first World Series since 1908. Probably not, you might say...but did you expect the Twins to be in firstplace in 2001?

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Sports:

The wrestling corner: Top WWF Finishers

Michael Jenkinson discusses the importance on a strong "finisher" for today's pro wrestlers

Any pro wrestling star knows that to be a popular and believable ring per...er you need a wide repertoire of moves. However, even the most important then a wide variety of moves is having that one killer-finishing move that lets everyone know the match is over. A good finisher is key to being a su...ector. Different wrestlers use different moves to finish their matches. Some of these moves are better then others. What makes a "finisher" better then others?

First of all, a finisher has to look exciting and realistic. Really, a punch to the face by a muscular 280-pound man is enough to knock anyone out, but it doesn't look like it would actually hurt. Secondly, the move cannot hurt people too much.

Something looks great, but is sending people to the hospital, then it's no good. This is the reason the WWF stars have been doing pleader. This move has caused several injuries, and is not worth the risk. A great move like the Undertaker's Tombstone has been replaced with the safer, but still good Last Ride.

With these factors in mind, the best finis...h in the business today is Triple H's Pedigree. The moves involves putting a wrestler head between his knees, jumping in the air, and driving the head into the mat, face first.

It looks like it would hurt a lot. Especi...er, and Sting's Sконter Helenius pulling it of. It meets the other criteria too because I have never heard an injury report involving a pedigree.

Terror Track tandem Groff and Falcone

The Western Maryland Track and Field team has had a successful outdoor season, and two of the members playing an integral part in that success are seniors sprinter Jamie Falcone and decathlete Jeff Groff.

A product of Glen Burnie High School in Glen Burnie, MD, Falcone is no stranger to the success he has had this season. She won both the 100 and 200, and qualified for nationals as an Outstanding Performer, and she holds Centennial Conference records in the 100 and 200 meters.

This Spring, Falcone will be competing in what will be her fourth Division III National Championships on May 24-26th at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. According to Coach Doug Renner, "She's the best female sprinter in school history. She's rewritten all the record books, and she's going to her fourth National Championships (three outdoors and one indoors). It's been rewarding for me to see how her hard work has paid off".

While Falcone has earned her success as a sprinter, Groff has gained his by doing just about everything. A product of Hampfield High School in Mountville, PA, Groff set a conference record with 5,914 points earlier this season, which is a testament to both his athleticism and his determination. "If you look at the top ten of the Centennial Conference, there are probably seven events he's in the top ten in," Coach Renner said. "He's pretty versatile." Groff's teammate agreed, "Jeff does whatever the coaches ask him to do," said junior sprinter Christian Hamilton. "It's always good to have a guy like him on your side.

The Green Terror Track program has been tremendously impacted by both of these athletes, and they will both be missed.

A salary cap is neccessary in Major League Baseball

A salary cap is neccessary in Major League Baseball
Baseball finishes strong for a 16-14 overall record

GREG LEBER
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been an up and down season for the Western Maryland College Baseball team as they have played well at times, but haven't consistently put together a streak of wins. The team finished the season strong to pull above .500 with a 16-14 overall record. Even though many seniors are graduating this year, the team has a strong nucleus for a championship season in their future.

In a recent game, the Green Terror hosted conference foe Haverford for a Saturday double-header. In the first game, the opposition jumped on WMC early scoring four runs in the second and fourth inning to take an 8-1 lead. The Green Terror picked up five runs in the seventh inning, but still took a 10-6 home loss. Senior outfielder Jeremy Merrell had a great day with two triples and a RBI to lead the offensive attack. In game two, both teams were matched up in a pitcher's duel as neither team could put a run on the board until the seventh inning. In the top of the seventh, Haverford finally got to WMC starter Brent Kahuda, as they put up four runs on the board. Down to their last three outs, the Green Terror responded by scoring five runs to take a come from behind 5-4 win. Sophomore second baseman Jack Griffith had a huge two run triple to start the rally and freshman outfielder Chris Seibert had a three run triple to start the rally and had come so close to taking the lead. Seibert had three hits on the night and Jack Griffith added two runs to lead the Green Terror attack on the night. Sophomore pitcher Justin Raynor took the loss.

Coming off a slim loss, the team looked to pick up a victory against another non-conference opponent, Messiah. The WMC offense had a great day as they pounded out 10 hits and took a 4-3 lead going into the eighth inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Messiah broke open a close game with a three runs of WMC sophomore pitcher Jeff Starcher and held on for a 6-4 win. The Green Terror played well throughout, but left 10 crucial eight men on base. WMC senior first basemen Kacy Jenkins had three hits, including a double and sophomore Todd Fisher had three hits as well to pace the WMC offense. The team also received a strong pitching performance from freshman David Skoczlaz, who allowed only three runs over seven innings, but the team couldn't hold the lead for long.

WMC put together a strong day when they returned for conference play against Ursinus on April 28th. Using strong pitching and hot hitting, the Green Terror took a home sweep of the bears. Game one was a pitcher's duel as both teams found runs hard to come by and at the end of the ninth, the game was tied at 1-1. It would stay that way until the 13th inning when the opposition made two huge errors to allow WMC to take a slim 2-1 win. WMC senior pitcher Drew Hershner pitched well in relief and picked up the win. In the second game, the offenses broke loose as both teams had big games at the plate. The game went back and forth until the eighth when WMC picked up a crucial run to take a 9-8 lead and received a strong inning of relief from Raynor to post a 9-8 win. Griffith had three hits on the night and scored two runs at the plate to lead the Green Terror on the night. The win improved the team's conference record to 9-9.

Coming off a strong performance against Ursinus, the Green Terror kept it going against Lebanon Valley on April 30th. WMC swung the bats well and used strong pitching to take a 6-1 win. Huber had a big day at the plate going 2 for 3 with an RBI and Griffith had two hits as well to lead the offense attack and Kahuda shut down the opposition only yielding six hits and a run in eight innings.

Riding a three game winning streak, the Green Terror finished off their season with a bang against Villa Julie. In a makeup game because of weather conditions, the team put an offensive hammering on the opposition, scoring a massive 17 runs on the day. Senior designated hitter Paul Qakes had four hits and 2 RBIs and senior Jenkins had a three run homer in the last game of their careers. Huber picked up two hits on the game, stole a base, and scored three runs to help the attack on the opposition. The win allowed the team to finish the season with a four game winning streak and 16-14 record overall.

It was a bumpy season for the Green Terror, but the team finished the season strong and fans should expect a lot in the future. "We finished up really strong," said Griffith. Although the team is losing many key seniors, the late season play of underclassmen like Haber, Griffith, Skoczlaz, and Starcher gives the program confidence that the future of the program looks very bright. "We are going to miss the seniors, but we have a strong core of guys returning for next season," adds Griffith.

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The women's 4x200-meter relay team set a new school record with a time of 1:42.78, eclipsing the previous record by more than five seconds.

On April 21 at the Widener Invitational in Chester, PA, the Terror had four provisional qualifiers. Jill Krebs broke the school record and earned a qualifier with a time of 1:00.00 in the 400 meters with a time of 1:37.55.

Jaye Karalow finished second in the 5000 meters with a time of 19:36.00, Jimmie Falcone and Melissa Merson finished first and second in the 200 meters with respective times of 25.09 and 26.24.

Falcone's time earned her provisional qualifier status.

The women's 4x100 team earned a provisional qualifier status with a time of 48.34, which was just two-hundredths of a second short of earning them an automatic bid to the Division III Championships. On the men's side, heavy Yami set a new school and Centennial Conference record in the triple jump with a leap of 47' 1/2", and David Hou finished third in the shot put with a throw of 46' 3/4".

The Terror will have a few more chances to gain more qualifiers before the end of the season. There will be a Last Chance meet on May 12 (at a site yet to be announced), where athletes who have come close to qualifying will get a "last chance" to do so.

Note: The progress of the track team at the Centennial Conference Championships on May 4-6 could not make this edition because of press deadlines.

Also, for clarification, provisional qualifiers are not guaranteed spots at the national championships. This term just means that they meet the requirements to race in the event. To automatically attend the championships, the runner must be an automatic qualifier.

Phoenix Sports Trivia:
Which current Montreal Expos player has recovered from lupus?

Answer: Tim Raines
Track heads into backstretch with confidence

MARCUS HELTON  Staff Writer
737 miles is the distance that separates Western Maryland College and Illinois’s Millikin University, where the 2001 Division III Track Championships will be held. With several strong performances in the final few weeks of the season, the Western Maryland Track team is closer to sending several of its top performers to Illinois.

As of May 1, the Terror had five provisional qualifiers and are hoping to add more in the season’s final meets.

At the Terror Track Classic on April 28, the men and women both took second place.

On the women’s side, Jamie Falcone met the provisional qualifier in the 100 (12.22) and 200 (24.99) meter dashes (with times of 12.22 and 24.99, respectively.) April Brown became a provisional qualifier in the 100-meter dash with her time of 12.41, Thea Bayly won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 66.6, and Melissa Merson won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.7. Additionally, the 4x100 meter relay team earned a provisional qualifier with a time of 48.74, and the 4x400 meter relay team finished first with a time of 4:13.3.

On the men’s side, Ryan Melhorn (10:25.6) and Jimmy Thayer (10:36.2) finished second and third in the 3000-meter steeplechase, Henry Ams won the triple jump with a leap of 45’2-1/4” and the long jump with a leap of 21’10” , the 4x400 meter relay team (Christian Hamilton, Teron Powell, Calvin Woodward, and Tyler Wright) finished second with a time of 3:27.8, and David Hone finished second in the shot put with a throw of 40’10-1/4”.

The Terror Track Classic marked the end of a hectic week for the Terror, who just one day earlier had competed in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

At the Penn Relays on Thursday, the women’s 4x400-meter relay team’s time of 3:58.22 set a new track record.

Men’s Lax finish strong in ECAC

MICHAEL JENKINS  Staff Writer
The WMC men’s lax team rebounded from a disappointing conference finish to win two games, including the ECAC championship.

The ECAC championship game, which is usually an opportunity for teams that were on the bubble for making NCAA postseason play to have another game, was contested here at Scott S. Bair Stadium between The Terror and The Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

The Terror were on the strength of the 18 saves made by Junior Goalkeeper and ECAC MVP Brian Nottingham. Of the MVP award Nottingham said, “It’s the first thing I’ve ever won. I’m happy.”

Nottingham wasn’t the only person excited about his performance. Junior Attacker Tom Brown said, “He played excellent. He saved us today.”

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach said, “Brian was tremendous. He’s been a huge part of our success.”

Also contributing to the game was Brown with four goals, Junior Attacker Rob Ellis with three goals and an assist, and Senior Attacker Brett Sweeney with two goals and two assists.

The team was excited about playing one more game before the season ended when they learned about the opportunity to play in the ECAC. Sophomore attacker Joe Ellis said, “It’s always great to play another game.”

Head Coach Keith Reitenbach also liked the idea of an extra game. Of the extra game, Reitenbach said, “We were thrilled. We just love the game, we just love to play. It’s not about winning and losing. It was an excellent opportunity to improve and practice.”

The game followed a 27-7 victory against York College the previous Wednesday. The individual standout of the game was Tom Brown who tied a school record by scoring 11 goals in the game.

The game against York was a makeup game from a rainout earlier in the season.

Softball’s stellar season ends on losing note in playoffs

CRAY JOHNSON  Assistant Sports Editor
Two losses. After a regular-season in which Western Maryland College rolled up a school-record 28 victories and a 15-1 league mark, the Green Terror softball team was bounced from the inaugural Centennial Conference Championships last Saturday with two consecutive losses.

No. 1-seeded WMC dropped extra-inning games to No. 4-seeded Gettysburg (6-5 in 10 innings) and No. 2-seeded Ursinus (4-3 in 9 innings).

In game one, Gettysburg’s Sarah Stokes and Western Maryland’s Samantha Abrams battled on the mound through 9 innings of with the score tied at 2-2. The tie-break rule came into effect in the 10th inning, as each team began the frame with a runner on 2nd base. Gettysburg’s Mandy Wilson roped a two-run double to right field to begin a four-run inning for the Bullets.

WMC rallied to plate three in bottom half of the 10th, but left two runners in scoring position as the final out was recorded.

This loss meant that WMC had to win its next game to stay alive. Unfortunately, things didn’t go according to plan, as the top-seeded Terror was eliminated from the tournament after a second extra-inning heartbreaker.

Ursinus’ Jody Smith hit a leadoff triple in the top of the ninth and scored on Denise Cook’s sacrifice fly for the game-winner. WMC tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom half of the seventh on Selena Smart’s sacrifice fly. Pitchers Denise Bozenko of Ursinus and Kim Camponelli of WMC both went a complete game without a walk.

These losses should not overshadow the enormous amount of success that the Terror enjoyed this year, as they finished with a 28-6 overall record. But for a team that had ultimately hoped to earn a berth into the NCAA tournament, it was a bitter pill to swallow.

Freshman pitcher Samantha Abrams consults senior catcher Courtney Wunderlich. Read the profile on Samantha Abrams on page 17.

Freshman Lauren Cramer takes a hack at the pitch offering of a Centennial Conference rival.

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